Southern Maryland School Psychologists’ Association

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Southern Maryland School Psychologists’ Association (SMSPA).

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the Southern Maryland School Psychologists’ Association shall be to:

1. sponsor and promote continuing professional development activities in the field of school psychology.
2. provide an opportunity for the exchange of ideas among members which would enable school psychologists to share resources, establish professional networks, and engage in professional collaboration.
3. provide input that is representative of the Association’s membership to the MSA Executive Board.
4. Share information received from MSPA with Association members.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

The Association shall have the following classes of membership: Active and Student

1. The minimum standards for obtaining Active Membership shall be:
   a. employment in one of the following public school systems – Calvert County Public Schools (CCPS); Charles County Public Schools (CCPS); and St. Mary’s Public Schools (SMPS).
   b. certification as a School Psychologist in Maryland or as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist.

2. Student Membership shall be open to:
   a. any student enrolled in a college/university program in school psychology and
   b. currently enrolled as a practicum or internship student in Calvert County Public Schools, Charles County Public Schools, and St. Mary’s Public Schools.

4. Active members shall have full privileges of membership including privilege of the floor, voting, and serving on boards and committees.

5. Student members shall have the privilege of the floor, but no vote. They may serve in any nonvoting capacity assigned by the President, with approval of the Executive Board.
6. All members of the Association are expected to maintain ethical standards of professional conduct as set forth by the Maryland School Psychologists’ Association (MSPA), National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), and American Psychological Association (APA).

7. Termination of membership shall be for:
   a. resignation or retirement from the Calvert County Public Schools, Charles County Public Schools, and St. Mary’s Public Schools
   b. resignation in writing from the association.

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

1. The Executive Board of the Association shall consist of officers, one representative from each of the three counties (Calvert, Charles and St. Mary’s Counties).

2. Active members in good standing are eligible to serve on the Executive Board.

3. The officers of this Association shall include: President, President-Elect, and Secretary.

4. Committees will be established as needed.

5. The SMSPA President and/or designee shall serve as the liaison to the Maryland School Psychologists’ Association.

6. The Executive Board will be designated on a rotating basis so that in a three year time period a representative from each county will serve as president for one year.

7. All officers shall be selected or designated for a 1 year term by May 30th via a process to be determined by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS: DUTIES

1. The President shall be the Executive Officer of the Association, preside at the meetings, call special meetings as necessary, appoint committee chairpersons, and act as the MSPA Liaison or appoint the duty to another member.

2. The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President in the event of his/her absence, resignation, or inability to perform duties.

3. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and attendance of all meetings and shall perform other duties as assigned.
ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE BOARD: DUTIES

The duties of the Executive Board shall be to:

1. solicit the views and opinions of the membership,
2. communicate such views to the appropriate sources,
3. manage the affairs of the Association between meetings,
4. appoint such committees as deemed expedient for carrying out the purposes of the Association,
5. give full and complete reports of its activities to the members of the Association, and
6. consult with any individuals or groups whose positions or knowledge can further the purposes of the Association.

ARTICLE VII – QUORUM

A quorum for transacting business shall be:

1. for Executive Board meetings, a simple majority of the Officers or their designee.
2. all members shall be notified of meetings and meetings shall be held at a time to be decided by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. any active member may present a proposed amendment, in writing, to the Executive Board.
2. it shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board to inform the membership about the nature and meaning of any proposed amendment.
3. a simple majority vote shall be necessary to amend this Constitution.