

# Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association

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## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I

#### Name

The name of the Association shall be Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association.

### ARTICLE II

#### Object

The object of this Association shall be to provide for discussion and education of professional treasury practices of municipal treasurers, and the mutual exchange of ideas and matters related to the proper understanding and cooperation among treasurers of public funds and public officials and to inform membership on legislation which is in the interest of tax collection officers and the public at large.

### ARTICLE III

#### Members

This Association shall be comprised of Active Members, Associate Members, Sustaining Members, and Life Members as hereinafter defined. All members shall abide by the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association Code of Professional Ethics and Conduct.

##### Section 1: Active Members

Governmental entities (authorities, cities, counties, townships, and villages) of the State of Michigan whose representatives may be duly elected or appointed Treasurers, Deputy or Assistant Treasurers or other officers charged with the performance or supervision of one or more of the following fiscal responsibilities: collection, receipt, tabulation, custody, deposit, investment, or disbursement of municipal funds, shall be eligible for Active Membership in the Association, and upon payment of dues as prescribed in these bylaws, shall be a member in good standing and entitled to all rights and privileges accorded by these bylaws.

##### Section 2: Associate Members

Institutions and/or organizations whose operations are closely allied with the functions of the Treasurer's office shall be eligible for Associate Membership in the Association. Associate Membership shall be in the name of the institution and/or organization. Individuals representing such associate memberships shall have no vote in the affairs of the Association.

##### Section 3: Sustaining Members

Upon written request to the Board of Directors, former Active Members of the Association shall be entitled to be elected Sustaining Members by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Sustaining members shall enjoy all privileges of the Association except the right to make motions, vote and hold office.

##### Section 4: Life Members

Life membership shall be bestowed on Past Presidents of the Association who do not qualify to be an Active or Associate Member. Life Members shall enjoy all privileges of the Association except the right to make motions, vote and hold office. Life Membership may be revoked by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

##### Section 5: Dues

The annual dues of the Association's Active Members shall be determined by a vote of the Board of Directors, and ratified by a majority vote of the Active Members in attendance at the Annual Meeting. Sustaining and Life Members shall not have to pay dues. Dues for Active and Associate Members are payable on January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Any member who is delinquent for more than ninety (90) days in the payment of such dues shall automatically be suspended from membership.

#### Section 6: Voting

All Active Members shall be accredited voting delegates.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Board of Directors**

##### Section 1: Composition

The Board of Directors of the Association shall be the Immediate Past President, President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and four Directors elected at large for one-year terms. With the exception of the Immediate Past President and President, all members of the Board of Directors shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and shall be elected by ballot, except that where there is only one candidate per position to be filled then elections shall be by voice vote. A plurality vote shall elect. Any person interested in serving on the Board of Directors shall submit a letter to the President indicating that he or she desires to serve on the MMTA Board of Directors. The President will then present all of those letters to the Nominating Committee for their review. The Nominating Committee shall also nominate all existing Board members who have expressed in writing their desire to remain on the Board.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **Meetings**

##### Section 1: Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Conference at such time and place in the State of Michigan as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of such meeting shall be mailed or sent by electronic correspondence to the most current known contact information of each member not less than thirty (30) days before the meeting. A majority of the Active Members registered and in attendance at the Annual Conference shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business at the Annual Meeting.

##### Section 2: Special Membership Meetings

Special membership meetings may be held at such time and place as shall be determined by the President and a majority of the Board of Directors and shall be called by the President or Secretary upon receipt of a petition requesting such meeting filed by ten percent (10%) of the Active Members of the Association. Notice of such meetings shall be mailed or sent by electronic correspondence to the membership at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. One hundred Active Members shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business at a Special Membership Meeting. No other business shall be transacted, except as set forth in the call.

##### Section 3: Meetings of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall meet at the Annual Conference and in the months of January, March, May, July, September and November unless changed by the Board of Directors and at such times as the President and a majority of the Board of Directors direct. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for transacting business at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

##### Section 4: Absences

Any member of the Board of Directors who is unable to attend a meeting shall give notice to the President indicating his/her absence from said meeting.

##### Section 5: Action without a Meeting

Any action required or permitted at any meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee thereof may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote as provided for in the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, if all of the board members or

committee members entitled to vote thereon consent thereto in writing (which includes electronic correspondence). Said written consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings and shall have the same effect as a vote for all purposes.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Officers**

The officers of the Association shall be the Immediate Past President, President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Parliamentarian. The elected officers of the Association shall be the President-Elect, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. The appointive officer of the Association shall be the Parliamentarian. The appointed officer shall be appointed by the President and ratified by the Board of Directors and shall hold office until his or her successor has been appointed and ratified. The appointed officer shall be a non-voting member of the Board.

#### Section 1: General

All officers shall be Active Members as identified under Article III, Section 1. Elected officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association and all officers present at the Annual Conference shall be installed at the Annual Conference. They shall hold office until their successors have been elected and installed.

#### Section 2: Immediate Past President

The current president of the Association shall automatically become the Immediate Past President of the Association upon expiration of his or her one-year term in office. The Immediate Past President shall chair the Nominating Committee and the MMTA in the UP Committee and perform other duties as may be delegated by the Board of Directors or the President.

#### Section 3: President

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association, and shall have general supervision, direction, and control of the business affairs of the Association. The President shall preside at the Annual Meeting of the Association and at the Board of Directors meetings. He or she shall appoint the members of the Nominating Committee and the PRIME Award Committee and the chairs of the various standing committees hereinafter enumerated and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and PRIME Award Committee. The President is encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada and all meetings of the Association. The President or the President's designee shall represent the Association at meetings of the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association or other associations as requested.

#### Section 4: President-Elect

The President-Elect shall perform all duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President. The President-Elect shall be the General Chairperson of the Annual Conference and be responsible for all aspects of the conference.

#### Section 5: Vice-President

The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President-Elect in the absence or disability of the President-Elect. The Vice-President shall be the General Chairperson of the Workshop Committee and shall assist the President-Elect with the Annual Conference as directed by the President-Elect.

#### Section 6: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be accountable for the handling and safekeeping of the Association funds, and is responsible for collection of all dues and assessments, disbursement of funds only on the order of the President or action of the Association, budget preparation, making arrangements for the annual review of financial records and presenting such to the membership at the Annual Meeting, and maintaining an up-to-date roster of the membership. He or she shall submit a financial statement at each Board Meeting. The Treasurer is responsible for depositing the funds of the Association into a financial institution approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for filing all financial records with all appropriate agencies.

#### Section 7: Secretary

The Secretary shall record the minutes of the Annual Meeting and the meetings of the Board of Directors, all special meetings and shall give notice of all meetings required in these bylaws. The Secretary shall keep the approved minutes in the official record books

of the Association and shall maintain the insurance records and have custody of and be responsible for updating all records, books, and official papers of the Association.

#### Section 8: Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian shall be an Active Member and shall be appointed by the President and ratified by the Board of Directors. The Parliamentarian shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and the membership and shall rule on all issues of parliamentary procedure. In the absence of the Parliamentarian, the President shall appoint an acting parliamentarian who may be a current board member.

#### Section 9: Terms of Office

The terms of office for Officers shall be one year terms.

#### Section 10: Vacancies/Resignations of Officers

The Board of Directors shall fill by appointment any vacancies in any office. Such appointment shall be for the un-expired term of the vacated office. Any officer resigning his or her office will do so in writing to the President of the Association. In the event the Immediate Past President is unable to complete his or her term of office, the next most recent Past President who is an Active Member of the Association and willing to fill the position shall be appointed to complete the term.

### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **Directors**

In addition to the elected officers, there shall be four (4) directors on the Board of Directors who shall have voting rights.

#### Section 1: General

The directors shall be elected at-large for one-year terms. Directors shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee as required in Article IV of these Bylaws. All directors shall be Active Members as defined in Article III, Section 1. Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association and shall be installed at the Annual Conference. They shall hold offices until their successors have been elected and installed.

#### Section 2: Terms of Office

The terms of office for Directors shall be one-year terms beginning at the close of the Annual Conference. Directors shall be limited to four (4) consecutive years.

#### Section 3: Duties

The individual Directors shall chair the Education Committee, Legislative Committee, Membership Committee or Newsletter Committee, as appointed by the President. Directors may perform other duties as may be delegated by the Board of Directors or President.

#### Section 4: Vacancies/Resignations of Directors

Any director resigning his or her office will do so in writing to the President of the Association.

### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **Associate Member Liaisons**

Two (2) Associate Members as determined by the Associate Members shall serve as liaisons between the Board of Directors and the Associate Members, and shall advise the Board of Directors on ways to enhance the interaction of Associate and Active Members for the mutual benefit of the Associate Members and the Association. The Associate Member Liaisons have no votes in the affairs of the Association.

### **ARTICLE IX**

## **Committees**

There shall be the following standing committees: Nominating, PRIME Award, Education, Legislative, Membership, Newsletter, Fall Conference, Workshop, MMTA in the UP, and Professional Development. Additional standing or special committees may be created by the Board of Directors. The responsibilities of the standing committees shall be as hereinafter defined.

### **Section 1: Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by the Immediate Past President. At least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Association, the President shall appoint two additional members to serve on the committee. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one candidate for each Officer and Director position. All members who have expressed in writing their interest in being an Officer or Director for any position shall also be included. The Nominating Committee will then present a slate of Officers and Directors which will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting. Further nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall also nominate all existing Board members who have expressed in writing their desire to remain on the Board.

### **Section 2: PRIME Award Committee**

The President shall appoint a committee of at least three (3) Active Members to review nominations for the annual Professional Recognition In Municipal Excellence (PRIME) Award.

### **Section 3: Education Committee**

This committee shall be chaired by a Director as appointed by the President, and is responsible for planning and organizing the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Institute. The committee shall also review scholarship applications and make recommendations of approval to the Board of Directors.

### **Section 4: Legislative Committee**

This committee shall be chaired by a Director as appointed by the President, and shall monitor all pending or proposed legislation that pertains to responsibilities of Municipal Treasurers. The committee shall work as part of a network informing members of pending and potential legislation through the use of phone, fax, e-mail and the newsletter.

### **Section 5: Membership Committee**

This committee shall be chaired by a Director as appointed by the President, and will work to increase the membership of the Association through mailings and personal contacts. This committee shall also be responsible for mentoring first time attendees at MMTA events for the sale of miscellaneous MMTA merchandise and updating the MMTA History Book.

### **Section 6: Newsletter Committee**

This committee shall be chaired by a Director as appointed by the President, and shall be responsible for the publication of a quarterly newsletter with an emphasis on articles that provide education and professional growth to the membership.

### **Section 7: Fall Conference Committee**

This committee shall be chaired by the President-Elect and shall be responsible for the planning and organization of the annual conference, with an emphasis on providing educational and networking opportunities for the membership.

### **Section 8: Workshop Committee**

This committee shall be chaired by the Vice-President and shall be responsible for the planning and organization of a workshop to provide educational and networking opportunities for the membership.

### **Section 9: MMTA in the UP Committee**

This committee shall be chaired by the Immediate Past President and shall be responsible for the planning and organization of a one-day workshop to be held in the Upper Peninsula at least once per year. The purpose of this workshop is to provide educational and networking opportunities for all members and especially for members in the Upper Peninsula.

## Section 10: Professional Development Committee

This committee shall be chaired by a board-appointed Active Member of the Association and shall report directly to the President. This committee shall be responsible for the planning, organization and implementation of educational programs as directed by the Board of Directors. These programs include, but are not limited to, day seminars, and certification.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and other rules the Association may adopt.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Amendment of Bylaws**

Proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be sent to all Active Members at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of balloting. The notice shall state whether the balloting will be by mail, at the Annual Meeting or at a Special Meeting. The bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ballots cast.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Dedication and Dissolution**

#### Section 1:

The property of the Association is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes of the promotion of educational and professional interest of Michigan Local Governmental Treasurers and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever incur for the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private persons.

#### Section 2:

On the dissolution of the Association, assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of all debts and liabilities of this Association shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for the promotion of educational and professional interests of Michigan Local Governmental Municipal Treasurers and which has established its tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3).

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the Association shall be January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Approved by MMTA Active Members on Tuesday, October 4, 2011.