

Constitution and By-Laws
Of the
Mississippi Chapter of the

American Association of Teachers of German

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I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Mississippi Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German.

II. Purpose

The aim of this organization shall be to promote and improve the teaching of German and serve the interests of the teachers of German in the state of Mississippi and to support the parent organization of which it is a member chapter.

III. Membership

1. Any teacher of German may become a member of the association upon payment of the annual dues.
2. Anyone who is professionally interested in the teaching of German may become an associate member upon payment of annual dues. Associate members are non-voting members.
3. Graduate and undergraduate students who are certified by their department may become Junior Members upon payment of the annual dues for Junior Membership.
4. The annual dues as defined in the By-Laws entitle a member to receive The German Quarterly (or) Die Unterrichtspraxis, and the AATG Newsletter.

IV.

Officers: Executive Council

The officers of the Chapter shall be the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Webmaster and the Membership Chair, all elected for a term of two years at the fall meeting. The Vice President shall be elected in alternate years. These officers shall constitute the executive council.

IV. Duties of the Officers

1. The President

- (a) The President shall be responsible for the administration of the chapter. She/He shall prepare programmes and conduct the meetings.
- (b) The President is empowered to appoint committees to fulfill the aims and carry out the programmes of the chapter.
- (c) The President shall report at least once a year to the members on the status and progress of the Association.
- (d) The President shall contact other organizations interested in promoting German and provide them with a current roster of the chapter's membership.
- (e) The President shall, from time to time, publish a Newsletter in the Mississippi Language Crusader or in another publication broadly circulating in the state of Mississippi.

2. The Vice President

- (a) The Vice President shall assist the President in the various duties, which the President may assign to her/him.
- (b) The Vice President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President.
- (c) The Vice President shall be elected in alternate years after the adoption of this constitution.
- (d) The Vice president shall make it her/his special duty to promote the increase in membership.

- (e) The Vice President shall serve as programme chair.

3. The Secretary-Treasurer

- (a) The secretary-treasurer shall be elected for a period of two years concurrent with that of the President
- (b) The Secretary-Treasurer shall attend and take the minutes of the meetings of the Chapter. A copy of the minutes shall be forwarded to the editor of The Mississippi Language Crusader in ample time for publication.
- (c) The Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare for publication in The Mississippi Language Crusader any proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws.
- (d) The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for all the financial affairs of the Chapter. She/he shall keep financial records of the Chapter, and submit a report of the financial status to the Executive Secretary of the national association before the end of April.
- (e) The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing the annual list of Chapter officers and forward it to the Treasurer of the national organization for publication in the January issue of The German Quarterly. She/he shall keep at all times an up-to-date roster of the Chapter members.

4. The Executive Council

- (a) The Executive Council shall appoint a chair and an ad hoc committee to submit proposals for new projects in the interest of the Chapter.
- (b) The ad-hoc committee shall make studies and keep the Executive Council informed about the

opportunities for promoting the teaching of German and propose programmes and projects for possible implementation.

- (c) The Executive Council shall meet briefly prior to the regular chapter meetings.

VI. Meetings

1. The purpose of the meetings will be to assay the status quo of the profession at the national, regional and chapter levels, and to present programmes of interest and utility to the members. The agenda may include the transaction of Chapter business.
2. There shall be at least one meeting per year, in connection with and at such a time and place as the Mississippi Foreign Language Association will hold its meeting. The members present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum.

VII. Amendments

1. Any member in good standing may propose amendments to the constitution at a business session. Adoption of amendments will require a majority vote.
2. Proposed amendments shall be published in The Mississippi Language Crusader prior to the meeting for final action.

VIII. By-laws

By-laws may be adopted or changed at any meeting of the Chapter by a majority vote of the members present. Provisions stated in VII, 2 apply here too.

IX. Dissolution

The Chapter may be dissolved only at a special meeting called for that purpose.

By-laws

I. Elections

1. Active members in good standing shall elect the President, Vice President and the Secretary-Treasurer.
2. The terms of office begin immediately following the election meeting, except in the case of those who may be named to fill unexpired terms.
3. In the case of death, resignation or disability of the President, the Vice President shall automatically replace her/him until the next regular election. Other vacancies will be filled by appointment of the President until the next regular meeting.

II. Dues

1. The annual membership dues are stipulated and defined by the national A.A.T.G., part of which is refunded to the local Chapter.

III. Finances

1. The fiscal year shall run from September 1 to August 31.
2. In the event that financial assistance, not available on the Chapter level, is needed for a special project or some other purpose it shall be the duty of the President of the Chapter

to petition the President of the National Organization for such financial assistance.

3. Books are audited in April and the Secretary-Treasurer sends a report to the National Organization.

IV. Representation

1. The Chapter shall make every effort to be represented at the Annual national meeting. A delegate shall be elected at the fall meeting of the Chapter, provided financial support is available.
2. An alternate delegate shall be elected at the same time as the delegate. In case the delegate is unable to attend the National meeting, the alternate delegate shall replace her/him.

V. Amendments

The By-Laws may be changed or amended at business sessions of the Chapter by a majority vote of the members present.