

SAMPLE CHAPTER CONSTITUTION

Article 1. Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this organization is to promote scholarship in and enjoyment and understanding of mathematics among high school (or two-year college) students.

Article 2. Name

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the _____ High School (or Two-Year College) Chapter of MAΘ.

Article 3. Sponsor

Section 1. The organization shall at all times have a designated sponsor.

Section 2. The national treasurer **must** be kept informed of the current sponsor's name, email address, and the school's address.

Article 4. Membership

Section 1. Students are classified as members or associates at high schools and members at two-year colleges.

Section 2. Members are high school students in grades 9 through 12, at the school where their permanent record resides, who have completed the equivalent of two years of college preparatory mathematics and in addition have completed or are enrolled in a third college preparatory mathematics course, providing their mathematical work was done with distinction. On the 4-point grading scale, this shall mean at least a 3.0 grade point average. Two-year college students who were members of Mu Alpha Theta in high school are immediately eligible for membership in their college's chapter. Students are also eligible if they have had at least one mathematics course at or above the College Algebra/ Precalculus level with a 3.0 math GPA in all two-year college mathematics courses at or above the College Algebra/Precalculus level.

(NOTE: At this point the chapter may insert its own criterion for grade point average. On the 4.0 scale, this must be at least a 3.0 average in mathematics, although individual chapters may impose higher standards.)

Section 3. Associates are high school students in grades 9 through 12, at the school where their permanent record resides, who have completed one year of algebra, or its equivalent, with distinction and are currently enrolled in a higher math course. Associates are not members of Mu Alpha Theta but are likely candidates for membership. Associates do not pay the initiation fee but are eligible to be

listed with the National Office, should they wish to participate in Mu Alpha Theta national math contests. While they are not entitled to vote nor hold office in their chapter, they are entitled to attend and be heard at meetings. Associates planning to attend the national convention must be registered with the National Office. A student may remain an associate for only one year and then, if eligible, must be inducted as a member of Mu Alpha Theta. Any student who is not eligible to be made a member after one year will be deleted as an associate, but may continue to participate in math club activities.

Section 4. Members shall demonstrate the ability to work with others, to conduct independent research, and shall possess qualities of industry, initiative, and reliability. No student will be denied membership on account of race, religion, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual preference and/or physical disability.

Section 5. Selection of members shall be made by the Admissions Committee (See Article 7) composed of the sponsor and the officers of the chapter.

(NOTE: The chapter may also include a section specifying attendance requirements for continued membership in good standing. Certainly it is intended that all members take an active role in the chapter. Because of the difficulties in record keeping, however, the National Office does not drop the names of students once they have been elected to membership.)

Article 5. Meetings

Section 1. The chapter shall meet regularly at a specified time that is agreeable to both the Admissions Committee and the school administration.

Section 2. Meetings are open to all interested persons, not just members of Mu Alpha Theta.

Section 3. At regular meetings, the program shall consist of a mathematical presentation (e.g., talk, film, etc.), mathematical enrichment and recreational topics, as well as conducting any necessary chapter business.

Section 4. In all matters of conduct not specifically addressed in this constitution, the chapter shall be guided by Robert's Rules of Order.

Article 6. Officers

Section 1. The chapter officers shall be the following: president, vice-president, secretary, and the treasurer.

Section 2. Election of officers shall take place during the final regular spring meeting. Only members registered with the National Office are eligible to run for office.

Section 3. The term of office is one school year.

Section 4. An officer may not hold the same office for more than one year.

Article 7. Duties of Officers

Section 1. The president shall be the chief executive officer of the chapter. He or she shall preside at all business sessions, and it shall be the duty of the president to direct the activities of the organization.

Section 2. The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president at times when the president is absent, and shall also serve as program chairman.

Section 3. The secretary shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings. He or she may, with the approval of the sponsor, help to submit the names of new members to the National Office **within one month** of initiation.

Section 4. The treasurer shall help the chapter sponsor to collect initiation fees for the chapter and shall maintain an accurate record of financial transactions. (NOTE: There are no national dues other than the original initiation fee. Each chapter is free to assess local dues if desired. Typically, chapter funds are kept in a school account.)

Section 5. The officers shall serve, with the sponsors, as the Admissions Committee and Executive Committee, having authority to transact all routine business and to select new members of the chapter.

Article 8. Emblems

Section 1. Each member of this chapter shall be entitled to wear the Mu Alpha Theta insignia (buttons, pins, charms, patches, medallions, tassels, or t-shirts) available from the National Office and honor cords or tassels at graduation.

(NOTE: Current price lists and descriptions of products are printed in Appendix C of the *Sponsor's Handbook*. Before ordering, schools should check online for any changes in items of pricing.)

Article 9. Constitution

Section 1. Concurrence of two-thirds of the members shall be required to accept this constitution.

Section 2. Any amendment to this constitution must be presented by a member in the form of a motion during a business meeting. It must then be placed on the table until the following meeting, at which time it will become effective provided it is passed by a two-thirds majority of members voting.

Section 3. The local chapter constitution must not violate any stipulation of the *National Constitution*.

Section 4. By-laws may be adopted to amplify the constitution and to take care of details.