

**Constitution of the Michigan Chapter
of the American Association of Teachers of German**
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I. NAME

The name of the Chapter shall be Michigan Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Chapter conforms to that of the National Organization. It proposes to promote and improve the teaching of German in the area covered by this Chapter, and to encourage a spirit of cooperation and fellowship among its members.

III. MEMBERSHIP

1. Any teacher or friend of German teaching or living in Michigan may become a member of the Chapter.
2. Only members of the AATG National in good standing may run for office and/or conduct business during Chapter meetings.
3. Honorary Membership in the AATG may be granted only in accordance with the stipulations of the national constitution.

IV. OFFICERS, NOMINATING COMMITTEE, ELECTIONS

1. The Officers of the Chapter are the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer (or Secretary/Treasurer), the Testing Chair, and the Membership Chair. Officers' terms begin January 1 of the year following their election.
2. The Executive Council will present a slate of officers at the spring meeting preceding elections and ask for nominations from the membership. The Vice-President will serve two years as Vice-President and then assume the office of President, also for a term of two years. Candidates for the office of Vice-President will be chosen alternately from the primary or secondary school level and the college or university level. The Secretary, the Treasurer, the Testing Chair, and the Membership Chair will be elected for four years.
3. A slate shall be made known to all Chapter members at least three weeks prior to the time of election. Election shall be by secret ballot of members present at the fall business meeting or by online vote the week following the fall business meeting.

V. ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the Chapter shall be in the hands of the Executive Council, which consists of the officers provided for in Section IV. In addition, the current newsletter editor or editors will be (an) ex-officio member(s) of the Executive Council and the ex-president of the Chapter will be considered an ex-officio member of the Executive Council for two years following his/her retirement from office. Apart from the

administration of the affairs of the Chapter, it shall be the duty of the Executive Council to arrange a suitable program of educational and/or professional interest to the members of the Chapter, e.g. workshops, newsletter.

VI. MEETINGS

The Chapter shall hold its annual meetings in connection with the annual fall meetings of the Michigan World Language Association. A spring meeting (and/or workshop) shall be held at such time and place as the Executive Council may agree upon by unanimous decision. The Executive Council shall notify Chapter members of the meetings at least a month in advance.

VII. CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution of the Chapter may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any regular meeting, provided such amendment or amendments has been proposed by the Executive Council or by a written notice to the Executive Council by at least four members of the Chapter not later than one month in advance of the meeting at which action is to be taken and the secretary has submitted such proposed amendment or amendments to the membership at least three weeks prior to the time of final action. Alternatively, the Executive Council can also ask members to vote on any changes via an online survey, given that the membership was notified at least three weeks prior of the suggested changes.

VIII. BY-LAWS

By-laws may be adopted or changed at any annual meeting of the Chapter by majority of the members present, provided that written notice of the proposed changes is sent to all members at least three weeks prior to such meeting. Alternatively, the Executive Council can also ask members to vote on any changes via an online survey, given that the membership was notified at least three weeks prior of the suggested changes.

IX. DISSOLUTION OF THE CHAPTER

The Chapter may be dissolved only 1) at a special meeting called for that purpose, 2) through a vote by a majority of the remaining members of the Chapter or 3) through clear evidence that the Chapter no longer is active. No member of the chapter shall be entitled to any distribution or diversion of its remaining property or proceeds. The balance of the money, other property or assets received by the Chapter from any source shall be distributed for exempt purposes to qualifying charitable beneficiaries, preferably the national organization, the American Association of Teachers of German which is registered as a 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.