

Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance
BY-LAWS

Article I. NAME

The name of this association shall be the Midwest Association for the Education of Young Children Affiliate Alliance, Incorporated, and hereafter referred to in this document as Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance.

Article II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Midwest Affiliate Alliance is to serve Member States by providing programs and services that support organization development and leadership development.

Article III. GROUP RELATIONSHIPS WITH MIDWEST AEYC AFFILIATE REGIONAL ALLIANCE

A. All State Affiliates which have previously been recognized by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) as the State Affiliate are able to be a part of Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance. Each state agrees to:

1. Accept the purpose and goals of Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance.
2. Participate in the governance of the Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance by selecting a representative to participate actively on the Midwest Affiliate Alliance Council (The Council).
3. Signify willingness to enable interstate communication, coordination, and cooperation through activities such as conference, events, meetings, and other activities.
4. Accept responsibility as defined in Article V.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

A. Any NAEYC State Affiliate as defined in Article III can petition to become a member of Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance.

B. The rights which derive from membership include the following:

1. To be represented on The Council as prescribed in Article IV, A.
2. To receive materials pertinent to the maintenance and development of the Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance and its activities.
3. To receive notices of annual business meetings of the membership.
4. To attend annual business meetings of the membership of the Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance.

5. To attend Council meetings and to gain a hearing.
6. To petition The Council and to gain a hearing.
7. To be eligible for potential benefits allowed by the Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance.
8. To be eligible for election to office once selected to The Council.
9. To be eligible for appointment to committee membership.
10. To purchase products and services at reduced rates as may be developed by the Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance.

Article V. SUPPORTIVE FINANCING

- A. The functions of the Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance shall be supported from income derived from conferences and other organizational activities.
- B. The power to assess dues is granted.

Article VI. GOVERNANCE

- A. The governing body of Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance shall be The Council.
- B. The Council shall be composed of one representative from each State Affiliate which chooses to participate in Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance as provided for in Article III.
- C. The name of the State Affiliate representative shall be transmitted to the Council upon selection.
- D. A person being considered for selection by a state should have genuine concern for children, experience as a member of a State Affiliate governing board
- E. State Affiliates shall, within the framework stated above, determine the manner in which their representatives shall be selected.
- F. In the event that a Council member shall be unable to complete his/her term, the state group lacking representation shall be responsible for filling the vacancy within 60 days.
- G. A simple majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for transacting business.
- H. A State Affiliate representative to the Council shall be selected for a three-year term. No State Affiliate representatives shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

Article VII. OFFICERS

- A. Officers of the Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President (ex-officio).

- B. Officers of the Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance shall be elected by Council members from among themselves.
- C. Terms of office for The Council officers shall be two years. President and Secretary shall be elected in even-numbered years, and the Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected in odd-numbered years. If a Council member should be elected to a term of office which exceeds their Council appointment/election, the State Affiliate shall be petitioned to allow that individual an extension to cover that term and the subsequent appointee shall serve the remainder of that three year appointment/election.
- D. The officer term shall commence October 1st. No officer shall serve more than two successive terms in the same office.
- E. In the event a vacancy should occur in any office, The Council shall fill the vacancy by election from among its members.

Article VIII. COUNCIL ACTIVITIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO MEMBER STATE AFFILIATES

- A. The Council shall assume responsibility for guiding the Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance toward fulfillment of its stated purpose.
- B. The Council shall provide outreach activities.
- C. The Council shall serve as a conduit among the various State Affiliates. This function shall be accomplished by the action of each State Affiliate representative, who shall demonstrate:
 - 1. Regular communication with the State Affiliate governing board(s);
 - 2. Regular communication with regards to issues of concern to The Council, local, state, regional, and/or national organizations which are of regional concern
 - 3. Execution of specific duties as assigned by The Council.
- D. The Council shall communicate those matters which are commonly experienced by a majority of the State Affiliates and are of regional and national significance to NAEYC and other regions.
- E. The Council shall ensure the effective functioning of the Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance between annual meetings by transacting current business affairs; appointing action and study committees; receiving their reports and recommending action and acting on expenditures
- F. The Council shall establish standing and ad hoc committees as needed. The Council President shall make committee appointments.
- G. The Council shall meet at least once a year. Additional meetings shall be convened at the request of the majority of the Council.
- H. The Council shall receive, study, and recommend action on petitions and requests in writing from the

members, which further the growth and development of the Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance.

I. The President shall call an annual meeting of the Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance.

Article IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall constitute the parliamentary authority for the conduct of the meeting of the members and The Council.

Article X. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance, all the assets of said organization shall be transferred as stated in the articles of incorporation.

Article XI. REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS

- A. Individual members of the Council, a committee of members appointed by the Council, or a State Affiliate, of the Midwest AEYC Affiliate Regional Alliance may submit a signed petition to originate recommendations for specific revision of, or amendments to the By-Laws.
- B. Such proposed revisions or amendments, accompanied by an evaluation from the Council, shall be submitted to the State Affiliates in writing at least 90 days prior to the call for vote. Proposed amendments shall take effect when two-thirds of the State Affiliates and notify the president of ratification. Failure of two thirds of the State Affiliates to ratify within 90 days shall terminate the consideration of the amendment.

Proposed By-Laws approved by the Council, April 22, 2004.

Approved by two-thirds of the State Affiliates and signed this _____ day of _____, 2004 by each state representative.

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