



# CONSTITUTION

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## **TITLE I – The Society**

### **Article 1 – Definitions**

- 1.1. The official name of the Society shall be the McGill Psychology Students' Association, officially abbreviated and herein referred to as the MPSA.
- 1.2. "AUS" shall mean the Arts Undergraduate Society (AUS) of McGill University or l'Association Étudiante de la Faculté des Arts de l'Université McGill (AEFA).
- 1.3. "Journal" shall mean the Psi Journal as wholly published by the MPSA.
- 1.4. "Members" shall mean a Regular Member of the MPSA within the meaning of Article 2.
- 1.5. "Psychology Department" and "Department" shall mean the Department of Psychology of McGill University.
- 1.6. "SUS" shall mean the Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) of McGill University or l'Association Étudiante de la Faculté des Sciences de premier cycle de l'Université McGill (AEFPCUM).

### **Article 2 – Membership and Fees**

- 2.1 Regular Members of the MPSA shall be all students currently registered at McGill University in an undergraduate program in either the Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Science, subject to Article 2.2.
- 2.2 Regular Members shall be students:
  - 2.2.1 majoring in psychology;
  - 2.2.2 double-majoring in psychology;
  - 2.2.3 in honours psychology;
  - 2.2.4 in joint honours psychology;
  - 2.2.5 in the minor program of psychology;
  - 2.2.6 in the Diploma in psychology;
  - 2.2.7 enrolled in any other program the Psychology Department might create in the future.
- 2.3 No membership fee shall be imposed on Regular Members.

### **Article 3 – Purpose**

- 3.1 The purpose of the MPSA shall be to:
  - 3.1.1 represent and promote the opinions and interests of its Members on the academic, professional, and social concerns pertaining to being a part of the MPSA, SUS, AUS, and the McGill Undergraduate body;
  - 3.1.2 implement academic, cultural, educational, physical, professional, social, and other programs of interest to its members to enhance their educational and social experiences;
  - 3.1.3 engage in other such activities and undertakings as may seem appropriate to the Society.

### **Article 4 – Rights, Privileges, and Obligations of Members**

- 4.1 The rights of the Members shall include, but not be limited to:
  - 4.1.1 the right to vote in MPSA General Elections, Referenda and General Assemblies;
  - 4.1.2 the right to attend General Assemblies and Executive Committee meetings of the MPSA;

- 4.1.3 the right to move or second Motions at General Assemblies;
  - 4.1.4 the right to speak for or against any motion at a General Assembly;
  - 4.1.5 the right to nominate candidates for MPSA elections;
  - 4.1.6 the right to initiate General Assemblies.
- 4.2 The privileges of Members shall include the following:
- 4.2.1 to hold office within the MPSA Executive Committee or Committees, subject to qualifications as specified by Title II;
  - 4.2.2 to use the MPSA facilities and services, subject to the MPSA Executive Committee policies.
- 4.3 All Members of the MPSA shall be obligated to comply with the MPSA Constitution, Bylaws and Regulations;
- 4.4 No Member is empowered to make purchases in the name of the MPSA, or to financially obligate the MPSA in any way, unless such permission has been granted to do so by the Executive Committee;
- 4.5 No Member is empowered to act as an agent of the MPSA unless permission to act has been granted by the Executive Committee.

#### **Article 5 – Finances of the MPSA**

- 5.1 All MPSA expenditures must be authorized by both the Vice-President Finance and the President of the MPSA;
- 5.2 All expenditures authorized by the Vice-President Finance and the President of the MPSA shall be refunded from the MPSA funds held in trust by the SUS and/or AUS through the appropriate procedures;
- 5.3 The MPSA bank account shall be externally held from both the SUS and AUS per 6.3 of the AUS Financial Bylaws;
- 5.4 The MPSA shall not run a deficit. The MPSA's bank account must have a positive balance after all expenses are accounted for;
- 5.5 The MPSA's bank account must not contain less than \$9,500.00 on May 1 of each academic year.
- 5.4.1 if the bank account does not meet the above requirements, a document stating the issue and the reasoning must be presented to the SUS and AUS Vice-President Finance;
  - 5.4.2 the document must be signed by both the incumbent Vice-President Finance and the Vice-President Finance Elect of the MPSA.

#### **Article 6 – Dissolution of the MPSA**

- 6.1 In the event of dissolution, trusteeship, or cessation of the MPSA, all fees and assets shall be transferred to the SUS and/or AUS upon agreement by both parties;
- 6.2 Dissolution of the MPSA shall require a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of Members present at a General Assembly.

### **TITLE II – MPSA Executive Committee Members and Duties**

#### **Article 7 – Membership of the Executive Committee**

- 7.1 All members of the Executive Committee must be elected by Members of the MPSA, except for the U1 Representative, the Vice-President Finance, the Note-Taking Club Coordinator(s), and the Journal Coordinator who shall be appointed by the Selection Committee;
- 7.2 The Executive Committee shall consist of the:
  - 7.1.1 President/Co-Presidents;
  - 7.1.2 Vice-President External Affairs;
  - 7.1.3 Vice-President Academic;
  - 7.1.4 Vice-President Finance;
  - 7.1.5 Vice-President Internal;
  - 7.1.6 Vice-President Communications;
  - 7.1.7 Vice-President Science;
  - 7.1.8 Vice-President Arts;
  - 7.2.1 Year Representatives (U1, U2, U3);
  - 7.2.2 NTC (Note-Taking Club) Coordinator(s);
  - 7.2.3 Journal Coordinator.
- 7.3 Members of the Executive Committee must be Members of the MPSA, and remain so for the duration of their mandate;
- 7.4 Members of the Executive Committee cannot receive any remuneration, financial or otherwise, for acting as such;
- 7.5 Candidates for positions on the Executive Committee must be resident students at McGill University throughout their whole term (i.e., not on exchange or work term).

**Article 8 – Powers and Duties of the MPSA Executive Committee**

- 8.1 The MPSA Executive Committee shall:
  - 8.1.1. coordinate and administer the policies, activities, and other day-to-day affairs of the MPSA;
  - 8.1.2. uphold the Constitution of the MPSA;
  - 8.1.3. take action to inform themselves on matters to be debated at meetings of the MPSA;
  - 8.1.4. meet at least weekly during the period of its mandate during the Fall and Winter academic terms, civic and McGill University holidays excepted;
    - i. meet at least monthly during periods outside the academic term (i.e., May, June, July, August);
    - ii. All members of the MPSA Executive Committee must deliver an appropriate reason to the President/Co-Presidents if they must be absent from a meeting of the Executive Committee.
  - 8.1.5. report its activities and decisions to the SUS General Council and AUS Legislative Council;
  - 8.1.6. report regularly on its activities and decisions to the Members of the MPSA via Class Representatives, publications, newsletters/listservs, etc.;
  - 8.1.7. be present and available for office hours;
    - i. All members of the MPSA Executive Committee must hold a minimum of 1.5 office hours per week which must be scheduled regularly, and must

not be missed without an appropriate reason delivered to the President/Co-Presidents in advance.

- 8.2 The members of the Executive Committee shall each prepare a year-end report to be submitted no later than May 1 of each academic year, and are required to meet with their successor before the end of their term to facilitate transition;
- 8.3 Any member of the Executive Committee may be required, from time to time, to fulfill any mandate outside of the official duties as prescribed by Articles 7 to 20.

#### **Article 9 – Executive Committee Meetings**

- 9.1 The Executive Committee can meet in closed session to discuss certain matters of the MPSA when it deems necessary;
  - 9.1.1. A closed session must be approved by a two thirds (2/3) majority of the MPSA Executive Committee;
- 9.2 Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote at the MPSA Executive Meetings;
- 9.3 The President or at least one of the Co-Presidents of the MPSA must be present at all meetings of the Executive Committee;
- 9.4 The Executive Committee shall only discuss issues and make decisions related to the academic, professional, and social concerns of its members as they pertain to being a part of the MPSA, SUS, AUS, and the McGill Undergraduate body. This is to say, the MPSA Executive Committee will not make decisions or take stances on issues outside the scope of its mission statement;
- 9.5 Any Member of the MPSA may attend MPSA Executive Committee meetings, speak for or against any of the motions tabled therein, and ask questions;
- 9.6 Quorum for a meeting of the MPSA Executive Committee shall be fifty percent (50%) of its members.

#### **Article 10 – President/Co-Presidents**

- 10.1 The President/Co-Presidents shall:
  - 10.1.1. be responsible for the general management and supervision of the affairs of the MPSA;
  - 10.1.2. ensure that the MPSA Executives and Class Representatives perform their duties as outlined in the Constitution or as mandated by the MPSA Executive Committee;
  - 10.1.3. delegate tasks to the Executives and/or Representatives.
  - 10.1.4. be the official MPSA spokesperson;
  - 10.1.5. represent the Psychology Student body at the Psychology Departmental Meetings, as well as Science Faculty Meetings, Arts Faculty Meetings, and Student-Staff Meetings;
  - 10.1.6. represent the MPSA Executive Committee at SUS and AUS Presidents' Meetings;
  - 10.1.7. define strategic goals for MPSA Executive Committee prior to the start of the Fall Semester and Winter Semester, respectively;
  - 10.1.8. chair or appoint a chair on any Selection Committee to fill an MPSA position, except for the position of President;

- 10.1.9. in conjunction with the Vice-President Finance, have signing power over cheque requisitions issued from MPSA funds;
- 10.1.10. in conjunction with the Vice-President External, represent the MPSA to outside organizations and individuals;
- 10.1.11. establish a regular schedule for, call, and chair Executive Committee meetings;
- 10.1.12. Compile an agenda for the meeting based on suggestions from the MPSA Executives, to be submitted no later than 10:00 P.M. on the evening before the meeting;
- 10.1.13. Prepare the President's End of Year Report, compile the MPSA End of Year Reports and be responsible for presenting soft and hard copies to the incoming President.

**Article 11 – Vice-President External**

- 11.1 The Vice-President External shall:
- 11.1.1. in conjunction with the President/Co-Presidents, represent the MPSA to outside organizations and individuals;
  - 11.1.2. be responsible for relations between the MPSA and all outside organizations, including government, industry, and other universities;
  - 11.1.3. relay all pertinent information from outside bodies to the MPSA;
  - 11.1.4. serve as the official spokesperson of the MPSA in the absence of the President/Co-Presidents;
  - 11.1.5. serve as acting President in the event that the President/both Co-Presidents is/are temporarily unable to fulfill their duties;
  - 11.1.6. attend all Executive Committee meetings with exception of two. Failure to do so may result in removal from office;
  - 11.1.7. develop and maintain relations with industry bodies for the purposes of student career opportunities and the MPSA sponsorship by:
    - i. organizing large and small scale networking events;
    - ii. organizing industry speaker series;
    - iii. maintaining the industry contact database in collaboration with the Vice-President Communications;
    - iv. procure monetary or in-kind sponsorships for the MPSA.
  - 11.1.8. be responsible for all room and table booking procedures for MPSA events;

**Article 12 – Vice-President Academic**

- 12.1 The Vice-President Academic shall:
- 12.1.1. be responsible for all education and curricular concerns of the MPSA;
  - 12.1.2. in conjunction with the President/Co-Presidents, promote the Department of Psychology at the McGill Open House;
  - 12.1.3. familiarize themselves with the academic concerns of the MPSA electorate and represent Psychology students on the following committees:
    - i. Academic Committee;
    - ii. Science Academic Round Table.



- 12.1.4. in conjunction with the Psychology Department, organize orientation information session in the Fall semester;
- 12.1.5. organize, chair and prepare the report of the Program Academic Forum each semester to be presented to the faculty of the Psychology Department at the following Psychology Departmental Meeting;
- 12.1.6. attend Psychology Departmental Meetings and Student-Staff Meetings along with the President/Co-Presidents of the MPSA;
- 12.1.7. Act as a liaison between Psychology students and Departmental officials for all academic issues and concerns;
- 12.1.8. Plan at least two academically-oriented events per semester;
- 12.1.9. Organize the annual case competition.

**Article 13 – Vice-President Finance**

13.1 The Vice-President Finance shall:

- 13.1.1. conform to the SUS Financial Bylaws (Articles 4, 5) and AUS Financial By-laws;
- 13.1.2. in conjunction with the Executive Committee, prepare the annual budget of the MPSA no later than October 15 of each year, based on the previous year's End of Year Statement of Expenses;
- 13.1.3. in cooperation with the Executive Committee, manage the fund and accounts of the MPSA and advise the Executive Committee on all financial matters;
- 13.1.4. keep proper financial accounts and records of all transactions of the MPSA Executive Committee;
- 13.1.5. be responsible for preparing a review of the Budget by February 1 of each year;
- 13.1.6. be responsible for preparing the current year's End of Year Statement of Expenses;
- 13.1.7. prepare a year-end financial report by no later than May 1 of each year;
- 13.1.8. in conjunction with the President/Co-Presidents, have signing power over cheque requisitions issued from MPSA funds;
- 13.1.9. coordinate to use the AUS cashbox where required;
- 13.1.10. be responsible for making cash deposits, including counting and depositing funds after high revenue events;
- 13.1.11. be responsible for ensuring that no more than \$1,000.00 of MPSA Executive Committee funds is stored overnight within the MPSA office;
- 13.1.12. Pay monthly/semester/annual bills of the MPSA when they are due;
- 13.1.13. Submit an annual budget to the Vice-President Finance of both the SUS and AUS.

**Article 14 – Vice-President Internal**

14.1 The Vice-President Internal shall:

- 14.1.1. be responsible for the organization of social, cultural, and other activities for the members of the MPSA;
- 14.1.2. be responsible for the office documents and supplies;
- 14.1.3. take down and distribute minutes of all Executive Committee meetings;
- 14.1.4. coordinate Executive office hours and oversee that their duties are met;
- 14.1.5. facilitate communication between Executives;

- 14.1.6. assist in organizing the Executive Committee appointment process;
- 14.1.7. organize and run the MPSA tutoring program;
- 14.1.8. ensure the President fulfills their constitutional duties;
- 14.1.9. chair a Selection Committee in the case where a new President/Co-Presidents is/are to be selected.

#### **Article 15 – Vice-President Communications**

- 15.1 The Vice-President Communications shall:
  - 15.1.1. be responsible for the promotion and advertisement of all MPSA related events and activities through means of posters, Facebook posts, and more;
  - 15.1.2. organize class announcements as per the established guidelines;
  - 15.1.3. be responsible for all internal Executive Committee communication systems;
  - 15.1.4. be responsible for developing, updating and maintaining the MPSA website and the MPSA page on Facebook;
  - 15.1.5. collect announcements from the MPSA, the SUS, the AUS, and other relevant Associations and Groups on a weekly basis and send them to all Members of MPSA in the MPSA weekly newsletter/listserv, except during civic or McGill University holidays and final examination periods;
  - 15.1.6. increase student awareness of the services offered by the MPSA, as well as their privileges as Members of the MPSA;
  - 15.1.7. ensure that all events are advertised at least three days in advance.

#### **Article 16 – Vice-President Science**

- 16.1 The Vice-President Science shall:
  - 16.1.1. attend all SUS General Council meetings and report to the MPSA Executive Committee on upcoming events, general information, or issues;
  - 16.1.2. represent all MPSA Members under the Faculty of Science;
  - 16.1.3. plan one event targeted to MPSA Members in the Faculty of Science per semester.

#### **Article 17 – Vice-President Arts**

- 17.1 The Vice-President Arts shall:
  - 17.1.1. attend all AUS Legislative Council meetings and report to the MPSA Executive Committee on upcoming events, general information, or issues;
  - 17.1.2. represent all MPSA Members under the Faculty of Arts;
  - 17.1.3. plan one event targeted to MPSA Members in the Faculty of Arts per semester.

#### **Article 18 – Year Representatives**

- 18.1 There will be one (1) Year Representative for each of the three (3) years: U1 through U3.
- 18.2 Each Year Representative shall:
  - 18.2.1. attend MPSA Executive Committee Meetings;
  - 18.2.2. inform their constituents on matters of the SUS General Council, AUS Legislative Council, and the MPSA Executive Committee;
  - 18.2.3. represent the interests and concerns of their constituency at the MPSA Executive Committee;

- 18.2.4. prepare a report for their successor, which may include suggestions on how to improve communications with their constituency by May 1 of each year;
- 18.2.5. assist in the organization and execution of events organized by the MPSA. as required;
- 18.2.6. be responsible for organizing no less than one (1) event per semester for their representative years;
- 18.2.7. support the Vice-President Internal in event planning and execution of all MPSA activities.

**Article 19 – NTC (Note-Taking Club) Coordinator(s)**

- 19.1 The NTC (Note-Taking Club) Coordinator(s) shall:
  - 19.1.1. select two or more NTC classes each semester, ensuring that class enrolment is 300 or more students large and demand is high as determined by the judgement of the NTC coordinator(s). Classes must fall under the Psychology Department;
  - 19.1.2. hire writers and editors for NTC classes;
  - 19.1.3. ensure lectures are being taped/recorded for all NTC classes, either by McGill's Lecture Recording System or by the NTC writers or editors;
  - 19.1.4. provide writers and editors with a contract stipulating job guidelines and regulations as approved by the Executive Committee;
  - 19.1.5. be responsible for organizing lecture recordings and Note Taking Club (NTC), if the MPSA chooses to provide this service;
  - 19.1.6. ensure NTCs are printed on at least a weekly basis;
  - 19.1.7. send the Vice-President Finance monthly lists of the NTC writer payments;
  - 19.1.8. ensure that NTCs are of high quality (pages are in order, no spelling mistakes, diagrams in place, etc.).

**Article 20 – Journal Coordinator**

- 20.1 The Journal Coordinator shall:
  - 20.1.1. hire a team of editors for each annual Journal, and ensure that they are maintaining a high standard of work;
  - 20.1.2. send out a call for submissions when appropriate;
  - 20.1.3. select papers that are diverse in topic and well-written;
  - 20.1.4. set standards for papers and train editors in these standards to maintain a consistent Journal quality;
  - 20.1.5. format the Journal;
  - 20.1.6. recruit a cover design artist for the Journal;
  - 20.1.7. liaise with various printers across the Montréal to ensure that a sustainable and economical relationship is established;
  - 20.1.8. plan a Journal launch event once the Journal is printed.

**Article 21 – Meetings of the General Assembly**

- 21.1 The General Assembly may be called by a resolution of the Executive Committee, by a resolution of the SUS General Council, by a resolution of the AUS Legislative Council, or by a request signed by a quorum of the Members of the MPSA;

- 21.2 A General Assembly may make any decision within the scope of the MPSA, including the ratification or rejection of any MPSA Executive Committee decision;
- 21.3 Motions to be presented at the General Assembly must be submitted to the President/Co-Presidents at least five (5) business days prior to the General Assembly;
- 21.4 Any person who is not a member of the MPSA may attend a General Assembly but will not hold a vote during the meeting;
- 21.5 The official Speaker of a General Assembly shall be chosen from amongst the Executive Committee by the Executive Committee who will then forfeit their right to vote;
- 21.6 Quorum for the General Assembly shall be ten percent (10%) of the Members of the MPSA.

### **Article 22 – Terms of Office**

- 22.1 The term of office of all members of the Executive Committee except the U1 Representative shall begin May 1 of the current academic year and end April 30 of the following same academic year.
- 22.2 The term of office of the U1 Representative shall begin once hired by the Selection Committee but no later than September 30 of the given academic year and end on April 30 of the same academic year;
- 22.3 Any member of the Executive Committee shall cease to remain in office upon the MPSA President's/Co-Presidents' acceptance of their letter of resignation or upon their impeachment;
- 22.4 In the case of the resignation of the President/Co-Presidents, the letter of resignation shall be forwarded to the remaining Co-President or the Vice-President External if no President remains;
- 22.5 All members of the Executive Committee are required to complete a full term as defined in Article 22.

### **Article 23 – Vacancies**

- 23.1 Vacancies shall be filled as they occur during the year through a by-election as set out in Title VI, with the exception of the U1 Representative, the Vice-President Finance, the Note-Taking Club Coordinator(s), and the Journal Coordinator;
- 23.2 In instances where no candidates are nominated for a by-election, a replacement may be appointed by a Selection Committee as set out in 23.3 of this Article;
- 23.3 A Selection Committee, when required, shall be composed of the MPSA President, SUS Equity Commissioner, and the MPSA Vice-President Internal.
  - 23.3.1. Additional seats shall be allowed at the discretion of the MPSA Executive Committee as required.

### **Article 24 – MPSA Executive Committee Impeachment**

- 24.1 Any member of the MPSA Executive Committee may be removed from office for impropriety, violation of the provisions of the MPSA Constitution, or delinquency of duties;
- 24.2 A Motion to Impeach an MPSA Executive Committee member may be presented to the MPSA Executive Committee or a General Assembly in the following manner:

- 24.2.1. a Motion to Impeach an MPSA Executive Committee member must be signed by at least one-third (1/3) of the members of the MPSA Executive Committee, or by at least seventy-five (75) or ten percent (10%) of the Members of MPSA, whichever is lesser;
  - 24.2.2. a Motion to Impeach must be presented in writing at a Regular Meeting of the MPSA Executive Committee or Regular Meeting of the General Assembly. The Motion shall be inscribed on the agenda of the next meeting;
  - 24.2.3. quorum of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the MPSA Executive Committee shall be required to consider a Motion to Impeach a member of the MPSA Executive Committee or 100 Members if at a General Assembly.
- 24.3 A two-thirds (2/3) majority of members present shall be required to carry a Motion to Impeach a member of the MPSA Executive Committee.

### **TITLE III: LANGUAGE RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

#### **Article 25 – Languages of the Society**

- 25.1 English and French shall be the official languages of the MPSA;
- 25.2 By default, all MPSA meetings shall be conducted in English but Members may use either official language as they prefer;
- 25.3 This present Constitution of the MPSA has been drawn up in English and shall be authoritative;
- 25.4 Members may request copies of MPSA documents in the alternate language of the MPSA;
  - 25.4.1. The Executive Committee shall endeavour to provide the documents within a reasonable timeframe.

#### **Article 26 – Minutes and Documents of the MPSA**

- 26.1 All minutes and documents attached to the MPSA Executive Committee shall be made public by default and posted to the MPSA website;
- 26.2 The President/Co-Presidents of the MPSA Executive Committee shall not be obliged to release information or minutes concerning ideas, actions, or motions that were not acted upon.

### **TITLE IV: ELECTIONS AND REFERENDA**

#### **Article 27 – Eligible Voters and Candidates**

- 27.1 All members of the MPSA Executive Committee as defined in Article 7 shall be elected by the Members of the MPSA, except the U1 Representative, the Vice-President Finance, the Note-Taking Club Coordinator(s), and the Journal Coordinator;
- 27.2 All candidates for election to the Executive Committee must be in satisfactory academic standing, except for those admitted to McGill University without prior academic standing;

#### **Article 28 – Election Procedures**

- 28.1 Elections shall be held for all positions on the MPSA Executive Committee as set out in Article 7, except those positions which shall be appointed pursuant to Article 27, in

- accordance with the elections timeline stipulated by Elections AUS each year, but no campaigning or polling shall occur during the McGill University final examination period;
- 28.2 MPSA Executive Committee Elections shall comply with the AUS Departmental Electoral Bylaws;
  - 28.3 Voting shall be conducted by secret electronic ballot of Members of the MPSA using the Elections AUS Online Voting Platform with each Member being entitled to one (1) non-transferable vote;
  - 28.4 Nominations for the position of President/Co-President must be signed by at least fifty (50) Members of the MPSA and by the nominee;
    - 28.3.1. The election of two Co-Presidents is preferable unless only one candidate is nominated for the position;
    - 28.3.2. Nominees for the position of President/Co-President must have been on the MPSA Executive Committee in the preceding two (2) years;
  - 28.5 Nominations for all other positions on the Executive Committee must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) Members of the MPSA and by the nominee;
  - 28.6 The nomination kits shall be submitted to and signed by any current member of the MPSA Executive Committee by 5:00 PM on the final day of the nomination period as defined by Elections AUS each year;
  - 28.7 Should only one or fewer candidates be nominated for an office at the date set for the closing of nominations, the date of closing of nominations for that office will be extended by two (2) business days, and general notice will be given thereof to the MPSA Members;
  - 28.8 A candidate shall require a plurality of votes to be elected in the case of contested elections (i.e., one with two or more candidates) but an uncontested election (i.e., with only one candidate) shall require a majority of “yes” votes, abstentions excluded;
  - 28.9 In instances of an equally tied result, the procedures set out by Elections AUS shall be adhered to;
  - 28.10 Counting of ballots shall be performed electronically by the Elections AUS Online Voting Platform as overseen by the AUS Chief Returning Officer, the results of which shall be reported to the MPSA Executive Committee to be shared with the Members.

#### **Article 29 – Initiation of a Referendum**

- 29.1 A referendum may be initiated by:
  - 29.1.1. a resolution of the MPSA Executive Committee;
  - 29.1.2. a petition signed by at least seventy-five (75) or ten percent (10%) of the Members of MPSA, whichever is lesser.
- 29.2 In the case of a referendum initiated by a resolution of the MPSA Executive Committee, the motion calling for a referendum, along with the proposed referendum question, must be presented in writing at a meeting of the MPSA Executive Committee. The motion and question shall be inscribed on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the MPSA Executive Committee and, if passed, the referendum question shall be put to the Members of the MPSA.

#### **Article 30 – Referendum Procedures**

- 30.1 Only Members of the MPSA shall be allowed to vote in a referendum of the MPSA;

- 30.2 Notice of the referendum question, voting location (i.e., electronically via the Elections AUS Online Voting Platform), and voting hours must be posted no less than six (6) business days before the date of referendum;
- 30.3 A referendum shall only be considered valid if a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the Members of the MPSA vote;
- 30.4 A simple majority (fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of voters shall be deemed sufficient to carry the referendum, unless a higher majority is required by the Constitution or in the motion calling for the referendum.

**Article 31 – Effect of a Referendum**

- 31.1 The result of a referendum is binding on the MPSA and takes precedence over decisions of the MPSA Executive Committee and the General Assembly, subject only to the requirements set out by the SUS Constitution, AUS Constitution, and their associated Bylaws, respectively.

**TITLE V: THE CONSTITUTION**

**Article 32 – Superseding Clause**

- 32.1 This Constitution supersedes and repeals all previous Constitutions of the MPSA.

**Article 33 – Coming Into Force**

- 33.1 This Constitution shall come to force March 11, 2019. Further amendments to this Constitution shall come to force four (4) weeks after the results of the General Assembly.

**Article 34 – Amendments**

- 34.1 Amendments to this Constitution shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the MPSA Executive Committee or a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Members present at an MPSA General Assembly defined in Article 21;
- 34.2 All intended amendments to the Constitution shall be posted in the MPSA Office and be made available electronically to the Members of the MPSA three (3) business days in advance of the General Assembly at which the Constitution is to be discussed or the referendum in which the Constitution will be voted on;
- 34.3 Following amendment by the MPSA Executive Committee or General Assembly, the Constitution must be approved by both the SUS General Council and the two-thirds (2/3) of AUS Legislative Council before the amendments come into force;
  - 31.3.1. The SUS Constitutional Affairs Committee, AUS Constitution and Bylaw Review Committee, and the Members may suggest amendments to the Constitution by submitting them to the MPSA Executive Committee.