

Amended MALSCE Bylaws

Members of the MALSCE Executive Committee determined that MALSCE no longer operates in accordance with its existing bylaws and made amending the MALSCE Bylaws a priority for the current fiscal year.

Following current association management best practices, which call for having in place clear and concise bylaws, the amended MALSCE Bylaws represent a total rewrite of the existing 15-page bylaws. If approved, this seven-page document will be utilized together with a series of board-approved operating policies which will enable MALSCE leaders to respond to changing conditions impacting the association in a more timely, efficient and effective manner. A summary of the major provisions and changes incorporated into these amended MALSCE Bylaws is provided below.

- The purpose of MALSCE is essentially unchanged from the purpose included in the existing bylaws.
- The unused Corporate MALSCE membership category has been eliminated and the eligibility and privileges of other membership categories have been refined.
- Meetings of members provisions have been revised. There is no longer a reference to holding an annual convention.
- MALSCE will now be governed by an elected board of directors comprised of a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, immediate past-president and a director nominated by each Chapter. Operating on a two-year election cycle, a Nominating Committee will select and submit for a member vote the slate of candidates for the board.
- MALSCE Chapters will be subsidiaries of MALSCE with the number and geographic configuration of MALSCE chapters subject to the approval of the MALSCE board. Each chapter will have a chapter board and bank account established under the MALSCE tax identification number.
- The number of standing MALSCE committees has been reduced from 17 to two – the Executive Committee and Finance Committee. The board retains the right to create other committees as needed.
- MALSCE Proprietors' Council membership has been clarified. While it retains its original purpose, the governance of the council will be consistent with other groups operating as subsidiaries of MALSCE.
- The MALSCE board retains the right to appoint trustees.
- A rewritten article provides for the indemnification of MALSCE directors and officers. A reference to MALSCE employees and agents has been eliminated.
- The process for amending MALSCE bylaws has been simplified. The power to amend the bylaws has been transferred from the board to members.
- Upon dissolution, the trustees of the MALSCE Education Trust would receive any remaining MALSCE assets.