

Southern Association of Marine Educators

CONSTITUTION

Article I. Preamble: For the purpose of associating ourselves for the cultivation of our common interests in the marine and aquatic sciences, we the marine educators of the South, adopt this constitution as the basis of our activities.

Article II. Name: Southern Association of Marine Educators, a chapter of the National Marine Education Association.

Article III. Objectives

Section 1. To represent all marine educators in the southern states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and western Florida, and promote within the teaching group the highest type of professional practices; to encourage active participation of all marine, aquatic and science educators in the solution of science problems; to promote education; and to arouse allegiance to a genuine spirit of professional ethics and cooperation.

Section 2. To encourage the introduction of marine and aquatic topics in new and existing curricula; to offer colleagues a vehicle to obtain information and training; provide an information network for members.

Section 3. To encourage participation and membership in the National Marine Educators Association (NMEA), and attendance at the national conference.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Southern Association of Marine Educators will be president, president-elect, past president, and the secretary/treasurer and are elected by the entire membership.

Section 2. The appointed officers of SAME are editor, parliamentarian, historian, and state membership coordinators, or any other position deemed necessary to carry out the objectives of the organization.

Section 3. The Executive Board consists of the elected officers, the state membership coordinators, and the immediate past-president. The President shall be chair of the Executive Board.

Section 4. The Executive Council consists of the president, president-elect, secretary/treasurer, and immediate past president. The President shall be chair of the Executive Council.

Article V. Membership

- Section 1.** There will one type of membership for all members. Membership is open to anyone who is interested in the marine and aquatic sciences.
- Section 2.** Honorary Membership will be granted at the discretion of the Executive Board or a quorum of voting members to those who have made an outstanding contribution to the organization or who have aided the organization in a special way.
- Section 3.** Yearly dues are set by the Executive Board or a quorum of voting members.

Article VI. Rules for Amending

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by mail-in ballot. The proposed amendment(s) shall be published in the newsletter, *Wavelengths*, for review by the membership in good standing. Mail-in ballots will be sent to active SAME members. A majority vote of those SAME members who complete and return their ballot as directed is necessary to adopt the proposed amendment(s).

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