

**Midwest Philatelic Society
of Kansas City, Missouri
(Revised January, 2010)**

Bylaws

NAME

100. The name of the organization is the Midwest Philatelic Society of Kansas City, Missouri, a Benevolent Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Missouri, and located in Kansas City, Missouri.

PURPOSE

200. The Society is organized to promote the philately through the exchange of ideas, establishment of high standards, and the encouragement of philatelic interest within the community.

AFFILIATION

300. The Society will be affiliated with regional and national philatelic organizations as determined by the Board of Directors with the approval of the membership.

MEMBERSHIP

400. Any person of good character is eligible to apply for membership. The completed application form with fee attached shall be presented to the Secretary and then submitted to the membership for election by a majority of the votes cast at a regular meeting. Procedures for processing an application shall be established by the Board of Directors.

400.1 Regular members are members in good standing. These members shall have the right to vote and to hold elective office.

400.2 Junior members are members currently in good standing and between the ages of 12 and 16 inclusively. These members shall not have the right to vote or to hold elective office.

400.3 Honorary membership shall automatically be granted to any person who has completed twenty-five years of continuous membership.

400.31 Honorary membership may also be granted for meritorious service by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Board of Directors, confirmed by a simple majority of the votes cast at a regular meeting of the Society.

400.32 Honorary members retain all the rights, privileges, and obligations of membership, except they shall be excused from payment of annual dues.

400.33 An Honorary member shall have the option to self-remove his or her membership. To exercise this option, the Secretary shall mail a postage-paid postcard to honorary members who have not attended regular meetings for a year. This mailing will be included in the November newsletter. Their names will be published in the December newsletter and receipt of subsequent newsletters will cease.

400.4 Family membership is a “bookkeeping” classification where more than one member resides at the same address; such persons shall receive only one copy of Society mailings; have reduced dues, but shall retain all rights, privileges, and obligations of a regular or junior membership, whichever applies.

401. Membership dues and fees for all classes of membership shall be payable annually in an amount established by the Board of Directors and confirmed by a majority vote of the members present at a regular Society meeting.

401.1 The annual dues becomes delinquent on March 31st. A member shall automatically be dropped from membership and their names published in the newsletter unless the dues are paid in full.

401.2 A former member who has been dropped from the Society for one calendar year shall be treated as a new member and shall be assigned a new number.

402. Upon the death of a member, it has been the tradition of the Society to make a donation to a charity in the deceased member’s name. Such a donation will be approved by a majority vote of members present at a regular Society meeting.

OFFICERS

500. Elective officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote at the December meeting. The term of office shall be from January 1 to December 31.

500.1 The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a nominating committee and announce their names at the September meeting of the Society. This committee shall report at the October meeting of the Society and the President shall call for nominations from the floor. A list of all nominees shall be printed in the November newsletter, listed on the Society website (www.midwestphilatelicociety.com), and circulated to the membership before the December meetings.

500.2 A member in good standing who cannot attend the December meeting may obtain an absentee ballot from the Secretary. The request may be made in writing or by telephone and must reach the Secretary not less than three weeks prior to the December meeting.

500.3 New officers shall be installed at the December meeting and shall take office on January 1.

501. The elective officers of the Society shall be President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

501.1 The President shall preside over all regular and special meetings of the Society, including the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint all committees with the approval of the Board of Directors, and shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

501.2 The First Vice-President shall act for the President in case of temporary absence, and shall be responsible for the programs at Society meetings.

501.3 The Second Vice-President shall be responsible for club auctions, and shall act for the First Vice-President in the case of temporary absence.

501.4 The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all regular and special meetings of the Society and present them for approval of the Society at the next regular meeting. The Secretary shall also keep the minutes for the Board of Directors meeting. A summary of the minutes will be sent to the newsletter Editor for insertion

in the following month's newsletter (not to include the actual treasury balance), and shall be posted on the Society's website.

501.41 In compliance with Paragraph 500.2, the Secretary shall prepare and mail election ballots to voting members who are not able to attend the December meeting and who have requested an absentee ballot.

501.42 The Secretary or Editor shall prepare the Society's newsletter and shall be a member of the Publicity Committee.

501.5 The Treasurer shall keep the financial records of the Society, making regular reports to the Society which shall be incorporated into the minutes. The Treasurer shall be empowered to collect all dues and receipts, and to pay the bills, and disburse the funds of the Society. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the Charter, Constitution and ByLaws of the Society.

501.51 The Treasurer shall be empowered to sign checks, and in the absence of the Treasurer the President shall be empowered to sign checks.

502. Should any elected officer vacate their office for any reason, the President must appoint a replacement to fill the unexpired term, subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

503. The Board of Directors shall consist of the five elected officers, the immediate Past-President, and three Directors appointed by President, each for a term of one year.

504. A detailed job description shall be prepared by the Board of Directors for the elected officers, the immediate Past-President, and the appointed Directors. These job descriptions shall be included in the standing operating procedures and may be revised by the Board of Directors as required by circumstances.

505. Decisions by the Board may be taken by telephone or mail ballot.

506. The Board shall meet at least two (2) times a year at the call of the President, and five members shall constitute a quorum.

507. The Board of Directors shall have the general supervision and management of the Society.

508. The President, with the consent of the Board of Directors, shall appoint all committees.

508.1 The Regular Committees may be:

Archives	Nominating
Audit	Publicity
Cachets	Telephone
Membership	Welcome

508.11 A job description for these committees shall be included in the standing operating procedures by the Board of Directors and may be revised by the Board as required by circumstances.

508.2 The President shall appoint special committees and the condition arises.

509. The annual audit shall be performed and presented to the Board of Directors prior to March 31st.

510. All property of the Society entrusted to an officer or committee shall be turned over to the succeeding officer or committee.

MEETINGS

600. A quorum shall consist of fifteen (15) members in good standing at any regular or special meeting called by the President.

601. Regular meetings of the Society shall be held once a month in Greater Kansas City, Missouri.

601.1 The regular meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Saturday of each month unless that date falls on, or within three days of a National holiday, in which case the meeting will be held on the second Saturday.

601.2 Special meetings may be called by the President at his or her discretion.

PROCEDURES

700. *Sturgis, Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* (fourth Edition, Revised and Updated) 2001 (or subsequent revisions) shall govern all meetings of the Society.

AMENDMENT

800. The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of voting members present at any regular meeting provided that a quorum is present and provided that the proposed amendment, together with an explanation of the changes has been presented to each member at least 30 days prior to submission to the Society.

800.1 An amendment to the ByLaws shall be in effect from the date of adoption by the Society.

EFFECTIVE DATE

900. If adopted, these ByLaws shall take effect on January 1, 1986 and shall supersede all previous ByLaws.

900.1 The 1986 ByLaws were amended June 4th, September 10th, and November 3rd, 1988.

900.2 The 1988 Bylaws were revised and approved on January 16th, 2010.