

BYLAWS
MICHIGAN COALITION FOR CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES

ARTICLE I
NAME

Section 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the Michigan Coalition for Children and Families.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of the Michigan Coalition for Children and Families shall be to identify and advocate for services considered most vital to quality of life for Michigan's children.

Section 2. Activities. The Michigan Coalition for Children and Families may share information and may take action on governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the membership. It shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person or organization which subscribes to the purpose and activities of the Michigan Coalition for Children and Families shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Types of Membership. The membership of the Michigan Coalition for Children and Families shall be composed of organizational and individual members:

Section 3. Voting Privileges. All members having paid annual dues and therefore in good standing shall have one vote.

ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers and Elections. The officers, who are members of the Michigan Coalition for Children and Families, shall be a two co-Chairpersons, secretary, and treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by parliamentary authority adopted by the Michigan Coalition for Children and Families. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year. The officers shall be nominated by the membership at the meeting prior to the annual meeting. Officers shall serve a maximum of three consecutive elected terms in the same position.

ARTICLE V
MEETINGS

Section 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least four general meetings of the membership each year.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall be held in conjunction with one of the regular meetings held between January 1 and March 31 each year and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, appointing committee chairs, receiving reports of officers and committees, adopting a budget, setting membership dues, and for any other business that may arise.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or Executive Board or by 10 percent of the members of the Michigan Coalition for Children and Families. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call mailed at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VI
VOTING

Section 1. Voting. Each member shall have one vote.

Section 2. Voting Quorum. Ten percent of the membership as reported at the current meeting shall constitute a voting quorum.

ARTICLE VII
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Membership. The officers and immediate past co-chairpersons of the Michigan Coalition for Children and Families shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2. Powers. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Michigan Coalition for Children and Families between its regular meetings, make recommendations to the Michigan Coalition for Children and Families, serve as membership committee, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. Board actions shall not conflict with policies of the Michigan Coalition for Children and Families.

ARTICLE VIII
COMMITTEES

Section 1. Children's Agenda Committee. The Children's Agenda Committee shall be responsible for gathering information regarding Michigan's services to children for the purpose of drafting the Children's Agenda. Members of the Children's Agenda committee shall be appointed by the executive board. Programs listed in the Children's Agenda are considered crucial to the elimination of suffering and promoting the health and well-being of children. The report, which

recommends funding and policy, shall be submitted to the Michigan Coalition for Children and Families membership for adoption, publication, and distribution.

Section 2. Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee shall be responsible for nominations from the membership and preparing a slate for the election of officers at the Annual Meeting. Notice of solicitation of nominations shall be provided to the membership not less than 30 days prior to the last regular meeting preceding the annual meeting and nominations shall be accepted from the floor at the meeting prior to the Annual Meeting for consideration on the slate. The Nominations Committee shall be appointed by the executive board and composed of five members, with no more than two from the Executive Board.

Section 3. Other Committees. Other committees shall be appointed as necessary by the Chairpersons of the Michigan Coalition for Children and Families. The duties of the committees shall be determined when appointed.

ARTICLE IX FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year shall commence on the first day of January in each year.

Section 2. Dues. Dues, as approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting, shall be payable annually. Any member who fails to pay dues within three months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

Section 3. Budget. A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Executive Board to the membership at the Annual Meeting for adoption.

Section 4. Audit. Three members of the organization shall be appointed by the chairperson at the meeting prior to the Annual Meeting whose duty it shall be to audit the Treasurer's accounts at the close of the fiscal year and to report at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

Section 1. The Coalition may be dissolved by a vote of 3/4 of the voting members present at a meeting called to consider dissolution.

Section 2. Dissolution and Disposition of the Coalition Assets. Upon dissolution of the Coalition and after the payment of all the liabilities of the Coalition, Michigan Coalition for Children and Families shall dispose of all the assets of the Coalition exclusively for the purposes of the Coalition, or to the organizations that are then qualified as tax exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (as it may be amended). Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the Coalition is then located.

ARTICLE XI
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Michigan Coalition for Children and Families in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Michigan Coalition for Children and Families may adopt.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS

Section 1. Amendments. These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Michigan Coalition for Children and Families by a 2/3 vote of those members present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

Adopted June 1986
Amended August 1986
Amended September 1993
Amended November 1998
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