

**BY-LAWS**  
**ACADEMY OF MINER ATHLETICS**  
**MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S&T)**

**I. PURPOSE OF THE ACADEMY OF MINER ATHLETICS (AMA)**

**A. Mission**

To recognize outstanding alumni who bring honor to the athletic department due to their accomplishments on the athletic fields of MSM/UMR/S&T, their accomplishments in their careers and leadership in their communities; and, to provide support to the department through coordinated gifts of time, experience, and money.

**B. Goals**

To provide organized assistance to the S&T Athletic Department;

To improve the educational experience of student-athletes;

When called upon, to provide advisory guidance and counsel to the Athletic Director, coaches, or student-athletes;

To advance the objectives of the development program by identifying, securing, and providing financial support for the department;

And, to help the University achieve national prominence in athletics consistent with the missions of the University.

**II. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE ACADEMY OF MINER ATHLETICS**

**A.** Active Members shall be limited to living individuals duly elected and subject to the following conditions and considerations:

- 1.** Each Active Member shall hold a degree from the University (as MSM, UMR or Missouri S&T) granted at least ten (10) years prior to election and must have notable achievement in one or more varsity athletic programs while a student at the University. Each Active Member must also meet the requirements of at least one of the following categories:
  - a.** Notable accomplishments in their career in business, government, academia, or institution.
  - b.** Notable accomplishments as a recognized leader in their community, religious, service and/or civic organizations or activities
  - c.** Notable accomplishments as a recognized leader in professional and/or technical organizations or activities.
  
- 2.** An Active Member shall be a person worthy of emulation and someone the community sees as a leader and a role model for young people with recognition based on one or more of the following attributes:

- a. A leader of people or a project of unusual scope or concept, or a business that has achieved outstanding success.
  - b. Active in professional, technical or career organizations.
  - c. A recipient of honors in the nominee's profession or career.
  - d. Active in the community by involvement in public service, service organizations and/or charitable causes or events.
  - e. Be an active lecturer or writer on subjects related to the nominee's chosen field.
3. Each Active Member shall have been elected as per the process described in Section IV.
  4. An Elected Active Member shall be present in person for induction as an Active Member at the first Induction Ceremony held after election. An Elected Member who accepts but who cannot be present at this Induction Ceremony may elect to be inducted at either of the next two annual induction ceremonies. An Elected Member who is unable to appear at three consecutively scheduled induction ceremonies shall have their invitation to membership withdrawn. An Elected Active Member will be given written notice at least 90 days prior to an Induction Ceremony.
- B.** Honorary Members shall be limited to living or deceased individuals duly elected and subject to conditions that:
1. A person to be considered for Honorary Membership may or may not have a degree from MSM/UMR/S&T and may or may not have participated in varsity athletics at MSM/UMR/S&T but who has and who possesses the qualities necessary for Active Membership in the Academy.
  2. Each Honorary Member shall have the unanimous approval of the Directors and have been elected as per the process described in Section IV.
  3. At no time shall the number of living Honorary Members exceed ten percent of the Active Members.
  4. Honorary Members shall have all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of Active Members except that they shall not be officers.
  5. An elected Honorary Member's induction shall be held at the first Induction Ceremony following election. Honorary Members may be inducted in absentia or posthumously.
- C.** Distinguished Past Members – Active Members will automatically be reclassified as Distinguished Past Members upon their death.
- D.** The Athletic Director/Department Chairman, unless an active member, shall be an ex-officio member of the Academy.

### **III. NOMINATIONS FOR THE ACADEMY OF MINER ATHLETICS**

- A. By March 1 of each year the Secretary-Treasurer shall solicit nominations from the Active Members. Active Members may nominate any individual who meets qualifications for active membership as stated in II.A.1 and II.A.2 or Honorary Member as stated in II.B.1. Nominations must be responsive to the Nomination Guidelines outlined in III.C (below) and must be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by March 15 each year.
- B. A Nominations Committee of Active Members appointed by the President of the AMA shall be empowered to nominate individuals who are qualified under II.A.1 and II.A.2. Nominations by this committee must be responsive to the Nomination Guidelines outlined in III.C (below) and submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by April 1 each year.
- C. Nominations shall conform to the following guidelines as a minimum:
  - 1. Personal and professional data:  
Full name, address, business title (if any), name of spouse (if any), Name(s) and date(s) of University degree(s), professional chronology, including name of organization, business title, dates for each significant engagement
  - 2. Participation in varsity sport(s) while attending MSM/UMR/S&T and notable accomplishments in same.
  - 3. Organizational memberships, including offices held and significant honorary titles
  - 4. Civic and service organizations and activities
  - 5. Awards and honors: List significant awards and honors conveyed on the nominee by his or her peers, professional organizations, civic groups, and so on.
  - 6. Lectures and articles: List lectures given or articles written relating to the nominee's chosen field.
  - 7. Statement of nomination: The nomination must contain a statement which summarizes the achievements, recognitions, and/or contributions which, in the opinion of the nominator, qualify the nominee for election to the Academy of Miner Athletics.
- D. The Secretary-Treasurer shall deliver the nominations to the Membership Committee by April 1 of each year.
- E. The Membership Committee shall receive from the Secretary-Treasurer all nominations. They will meet; review, determine eligibility and forward the nominations which they recommend to the Board of Directors by May 1 of each year. Nominations received but not recommended may be kept on file and considered the next year. All nominations of individuals reviewed for three years, but not selected, will be dropped unless renominated. The membership committee will notify nominators following the meeting of the status of their nominations.
- F. The number of nominees selected for submittal to the membership for balloting shall be unrestricted.
- G. The Board of Directors shall review and certify the nominations by May 15 of each year and return them to the Secretary-Treasurer.

#### **IV. BALLOTING FOR THE ACADEMY OF MINER ATHLETICS**

- A. The Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare a written ballot carrying the names of all those certified as per Section III.G., and shall send it with nomination information to the members by June 1 of each year. The results of each individual ballot shall be treated as confidential by the Secretary-Treasurer and/or no more than one additional individual designated by the Secretary-Treasurer.
- B. The Membership Committee shall canvas all ballots so certified that are received by June 30 of each year. Election requires a 75 percent affirmative vote of ballots cast. A minimum of 25 percent of the Active Members of the Academy must cast ballots. By July 1 of each year the Committee shall declare as elected and eligible for invitation to membership those who have qualified under IIA.3 or II.B.2, and shall so notify the Board of Directors and the Secretary-Treasurer.

## V. ORGANIZATION OF AND FOR THE ACADEMY OF MINER ATHLETICS

### A. Meetings of the Membership:

- 1. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the membership held at such time and at such place as shall be determined by the Board of Directors, but normally will be during Homecoming weekend in Rolla.
- 2. Virtual meetings may be held to discuss and work on Academy business. The Annual Meeting will be subject to this option only under circumstances as approved by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.
- 3. Upon determination by the Board of Directors or a petition signed by one-third of the Active Membership, the Board of Directors shall call any additional membership meetings.
- 4. Annual Meetings shall be announced in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 5. Quorum at the Membership Meetings:
  - a. Shall consist of thirty (30) percent of the Active Members or of fifteen (15) Active Members, whichever is less.
  - b. Every act of or decision made by a majority of those present when a quorum exists shall be an act of the membership.

### B. Induction Ceremony:

There shall be an Induction Ceremony for the purpose of inducting newly elected members, and it shall usually be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors, but normally in Rolla during Homecoming weekend.

### C. Directors:

- 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of six (6) Directors, the immediate Past-President, President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and the two Vice Presidents.
- 2. Vacancies on the Board of Directors occurring from death or resignation shall be filled at the next Annual Meeting of the Academy. Members will elect a Director to complete the unexpired term for each vacancy.

### D. Officers:

- 1. The officers of the Board of Directors and of the Academy of Miner Athletics shall be a

President, President-elect, two Vice Presidents and Secretary-Treasurer and they shall be elected by and from the Active Membership at each Annual Meeting of the Academy. The officers shall serve two (2) year terms commencing at the end of the Annual Meeting in which they were elected. The President-elect shall automatically become President when the current President completes their term.

2. The officers shall have such duties as are necessary to the purposes and functions of the organization and such duties as are assigned by the Board of Directors.
3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep and distribute to the Academy (members only) contact information on all Academy Members.
4. Officers shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred if authorized and approved by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

**E. Committees:**

1. The Board of Directors shall authorize, and the President shall appoint such committees as are necessary to advance the purposes and business of the Academy.
2. There shall be a Membership Committee of at least five (5) members, one of which shall be the President who will serve as the chairman and said committee shall take such action as is necessary to comply with III.E and IV.B. The members of the Membership Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the President.
3. There shall be a Nominations Committee consisting of the President and two members which shall present a slate of candidates for election as Directors at the Annual Meeting of the Academy. Additional nominations may be made by any member present at the Annual Meeting. There will be no vote by proxy and a simple majority of those present shall elect. The members of the Nominations Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

## **VI. LIMITATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ACADEMY OF MINER ATHLETICS**

- A. The Membership of the Academy at an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting may remove a member upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors, but not until such time as the Board or the Membership has heard the appeal of the member so recommended if such appeal is requested.
- B. The By-Laws may be amended at any Annual Meeting where such intention has been a part of the announcement for the next meeting and the amendment carries the favorable recommendation of two-thirds of the Board of Directors and a majority of the Active Members approves by electronic ballot (a minimum of 25 percent of active members must cast ballots).
- C. The members of the Academy of Miner Athletics are not responsible for any indebtedness or liability incurred by, or for any acts performed by any member or individual, at any regular or special meeting, outing or other social activity of the Academy.

## **VII. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The Academy of Miner Athletics will be self-supporting using exclusively reserved monies deposited in the university account, Academy of Miner Athletics-Athletic Department, said monies the result of contributions made or solicited by the members for this and additional purposes.

- B. The Board of Directors shall adopt an annual budget which shall be reported to the membership and said budget will provide the Department Chairman with direction and the only authority as to the expenditure of monies from account, Academy of Miner Athletics-Athletic Department.

## VIII. RECOGNITION OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. A plaque or certificate of recognition and membership in the Academy will be awarded to each Active or Honorary Member at the induction ceremony.
- B. A framed photograph, eight by ten inches, with a nameplate, shall be prominently displayed of all members of the Academy in the Athletic Department.
- C. An up-to-date biographical sketch limited to one-hundred and fifty words will be maintained for each Honorary, Active and Distinguished Past Member of the Academy in the library or lounge of the Department easily accessible to the students. The biographical sketch shall be updated every 5 – 10 years by each member. The member shall be responsible to send the secretary their updated biographical sketch.

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4-15-11 Original

10-8-12 Revised

10-17-14 Revised (Modified officer term lengths at Section D.1, per vote in Annual Membership Meeting)

12-31-2017 Amended (V.A.5.a. to include fifteen (15) Active Members, whichever is less)

10-25-2020 Amended (II.A.1 decreasing to ten (10) years; VI.B. changing to announcement for next meeting, and approval by electronic ballot with minimum 25% active members)

10-8-2021 Revised in terms of mechanism for membership voting, Membership and Nominations Committee membership, allowance for virtual meetings, deletion of “orphan” mention of Committee on Conduct, and grammatical and spelling revisions.