

**Amended  
By-laws  
of  
The Kansas Mayors Association**  
*as of May 11, 2013*

**ARTICLE I**

**SECTION 1. NAME.** The name of the organization shall be the Kansas Mayors Association (KMA).

**SECTION 2. PRINCIPAL OFFICE.** The principal office of the Kansas Mayors Association shall be the office of the president of the association.

**ARTICLE II**

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this association is to promote and improve the proficiency of its members in Kansas.

The association will obtain its objectives by study, research, mutual counsel, and by the adoption of goals and techniques for the betterment of our profession.

**ARTICLE III**

**SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.** A board of directors shall govern the association. The board of directors shall consist of eleven (11) member officers: one (1) elected from a city with a commission that has a rotating Mayor, one (1) president, one (1) 1st vice president, one (1) 2nd vice president, one (1) past-president, and one (1) Mayor from each of the six (6) LKM Regions. The member cities, who are dues paying members, shall elect the 2nd vice president, a mayor from a city with a commission that has a rotating Mayor, and each of the Mayor's from the six (6) LKM Regions. At the annual spring conference, the sitting 2nd vice president shall assume the office of 1st vice president, the sitting 1st vice president shall assume the office of president, the sitting president shall assume the office of past-president, and the sitting past-president shall be ineligible to serve on the board of directors for one (1) year. Efforts shall be made to ensure that each officer represents a different population category.

**SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS.** Any person serving on the board of directors must be a sitting Mayor. To take the office of 1st vice president, a Mayor must have two (2) years left on their term as Mayor. To take the office of 2nd vice president, a Mayor must have three (3) years left on their term as Mayor. Cities with a rotating Mayor position shall not be eligible for 2nd vice president, 1st vice president, president, or past-president. All terms of office shall begin following their election at the spring conference. All terms on the board for each office shall be for one (1) year.

**SECTION 3. VACANCIES.** A vacancy shall occur on the KMA board of directors when an officer submits a written resignation, or no longer holds the office of Mayor. All vacancies in

elective offices shall be filled by appointment by the president, with the consent of the board of directors, for the unexpired term, except that of president and 1st vice president. When a vacancy occurs in the office of president, the 1st vice president shall become president for the unexpired term. When a vacancy occurs in the office of 1st vice president, the 2nd vice president shall become 1st vice president for the unexpired term. A vacancy in the office held by a commission city with a rotating mayor shall be filled by appointment by the president, with consent of the board of directors, with a member from a commission city with a rotating mayor.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

**SECTION 1. STANDING COMMITTEES.** The president shall appoint, with the approval of the board of directors, such standing committees as are desirable and necessary to carry out the business of the association.

#### **ARTICLE V**

**SECTION 1. NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS.** At the spring conference, the association shall elect by written ballot the board of directors, except the positions of past president, president, and 1st vice president. Candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. The candidates shall be nominated by the members in between the each annual spring conference.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

**SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP.** Any person holding the office of Mayor in an incorporated city in Kansas shall be eligible for membership.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

**SECTION 1. DUES.** Dues shall be \$50.00 per year

**SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP.** Membership in the Kansas Mayors Association shall reside with the Member City, regardless of who pays the membership dues of the individual.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

**SECTION I. CODE OF ETHICS: SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.** All members shall, as a condition of membership, agree to be voluntarily governed by a professional code of ethics approved by the membership. The board of directors shall establish procedures for the handling of complaints against members and for the investigation and elimination thereof. A violation of such code will be considered reason for appropriate disciplinary action as herein provided.

**SECTION 2. COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS.** The board of directors shall constitute a standing committee of professional standards and shall adopt rules of procedure for the committee's operation.

**SECTION 3. DISCIPLINARY ACTION.** The board of directors may censure, suspend or expel a member for any violation of the code of ethics of the association and shall notify the member promptly of its action. The member may, if so desired, present a written and/or oral defense to be considered by the board of directors, which may rescind, modify or confirm its earlier decision. If the board of directors' action is for public censure, suspension or expulsion, notice shall be given to all members of KMA.

**SECTION 4. JURISDICTION.** The code of ethics and procedures relating thereto are applicable to members who voluntarily agree to accept the KMA code.

## **ARTICLE IX**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS.** This constitution may be amended or repealed by two-thirds vote of the membership present at any conference or five active members of this association may by petition to the 1st vice president and 2nd vice president initiate a desired change which shall become effective upon the ratification by two-thirds of the membership voting thereon by a letter ballot. Such letter ballot to be canvassed by five members of the board of directors on the 30th day after the same is mailed by the 1st vice president and 2nd vice president.