

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I

The name of this Association shall be the Alumni Association of The University of Mississippi.

ARTICLE II

The purposes and objectives of the Association for which it is created are:

- (a) To foster and increase the unending love between the Alumni and Friends of The University of Mississippi and The University of Mississippi so that The University of Mississippi may prosper and grow in all facets of its educational activities.
- (b) To foster a spirit of loyalty and fraternity among the graduates, former students, and friends of The University of Mississippi and to effect united action in promoting the general welfare of The University of Mississippi as an educational institution.
- (c) To promote the traditions, culture, historical development, general welfare, and best interests of the people of the State of Mississippi through the continued development, promotion, and support of The University of Mississippi.
- (d) To encourage the high scholastic, cultural, and social purposes of The University of Mississippi by the administration of gifts, contributions, endowments, dues, and grant funds, which may be collected or deposited in the Association for the benefit of The University of Mississippi.
- (e) To receive contributions from the Alumni and other friends of The University of Mississippi, to be used by the Association in furthering its purposes.

(f) To make contributions, gifts, and grants to The University of Mississippi which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Association, will advance its objectives and purposes.

(g) To make grants and award scholarships to deserving students who may wish to attend The University of Mississippi based on their outstanding scholastic merit or talent or their financial need.

ARTICLE III

Pursuant to this purpose, all former students, as well as graduates of the University, and all faculty and professional staff members who have served five years or more, shall be eligible for membership in this Association. A former student is one who has attended the University for at least two full semesters of a regular session as a regularly enrolled student taking a full course of study as defined by the regulations of the University or those students who successfully accumulate a minimum of thirty-six (36) semester hours within The University of Mississippi system including credit work at all off-campus locations. All persons who have or have had children in attendance at The University of Mississippi and/or who have shown an interest in the University shall be eligible for Associate Membership in the General Alumni Association. Associate members have full privileges except voting and holding office in the General Alumni Association.

ARTICLE IV

The Association shall hold an Annual Meeting on Homecoming Day and shall meet at other times on call of the President. The Board of Directors shall meet each year prior to Homecoming and at other times on call of the President.

ARTICLE V

The officers of the Alumni Association shall be a President, a President-elect, a Vice President, two representatives to The University of Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletic Committee, the Executive Director of Alumni Affairs, and such other officers and employees as the Board of Directors may designate. The titles of any such above named officer or officers may be changed from time to time as the Board of Directors determine. The President-elect and Vice President shall be duly elected by a majority vote of alumni: (1) who are present on each Homecoming Day; (2) and who meet the requirements of Article VII. The President-elect shall automatically become President after serving one year as President-elect. The election and term of office of the two alumni representatives to The University of Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletic Committee are as described in Article X.

In the event of the death, resignation, or incapacity of the President, the President-elect shall assume the office of President and the Vice President shall assume the office of President-elect. However, the Vice President shall not assume the office of President until elected thereto by a majority vote of alumni members present at a regular or special meeting of the Association.

In the event of the death, resignation, or incapacity of the President-elect, the Vice President shall assume the office of President-elect but shall not succeed to the Presidency unless elected thereto by a majority vote of alumni members present at a regular or special meeting of the Association.

In the event of the death, resignation, or incapacity of the Vice President or in the event of the elevation of the Vice President to the office of President-Elect as provided above, the vacated office shall be filled by the vote of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee present at a regular or special meeting of the Executive Committee.

In the event of the elevation and/or election of officers as provided above, the terms of office shall be approved by the Executive Committee; provided; however, should such terms of office for a President-Elect or Vice President extend beyond the unexpired terms, said officer(s) shall not continue in office unless elected thereto by a majority vote of alumni members present at a regular or special meeting of the Association.

There shall be a Board of Directors which shall consist of the President, the President-elect, the Vice President, the Executive Director of Alumni Affairs, and other officers and staff members designated by the Board of Directors, and not more than forty-two (42) other members of the Association who shall be selected annually by the President, the President-elect, and the Executive Director of Alumni Affairs, six (6) to be chosen from each supreme court district, and twenty-four (24) at-large.

The appointive membership of the Board shall be divided into three classes, each class serving for a period of three years, and so arranged that one class will retire at the end of each year. A retiring member shall not be eligible for reappointment to the Board for a period of one year after the date of retirement. In the event of a vacancy, a successor may be appointed by the President to complete the unexpired term. A retired member shall automatically become an associate member of the Board with the privilege of attendance and debate, but not of voting.

All Past Presidents of the General Association, shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors.

Any member of the Alumni Association who desires to place in nomination an individual eligible for any elective office shall, not later than noon on the Saturday prior to the Annual Meeting on Homecoming Day, submit the name of such proposed officer to the Nominating Committee by listing same in writing with the Executive Director of Alumni Affairs of The University of Mississippi Alumni Association giving the name of the individual and the office for which the nomination will be made.

ARTICLE VI

The President and President-elect are empowered to make recommendations to the Chancellor as to the selection of the Executive Director of Alumni Affairs, and the Executive Director so appointed, who is also Treasurer of the Alumni Association, shall be directly responsible to the Executive Committee and the General Board of Directors. The Executive Director and Treasurer are also responsible to the members of the General Alumni Association when in session.

ARTICLE VII

Any member in attendance whose dues are current as of noon on the Saturday prior to the meeting may vote on any matter presented at any meeting of the General Alumni Association.

ARTICLE VIII

The duties of the President, the President-elect, the Vice President, the Executive Director of Alumni Affairs, and other officers designated by the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors shall be the usual duties of such officers except that they are specially charged with the important duty of promoting the best interests of the Alumni Association and of the University in all phases of its work.

ARTICLE IX

In the absence of the President, the President-elect shall have all authority of these Articles vested in the President.

ARTICLE X

The President shall be a member of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee of the University, and the President-elect shall be a non-voting member of the said Committee. Two other alumni members shall, with the President and President-

elect, constitute the representatives of this Association on the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee of the University. Two alumni members shall be elected on Homecoming Day, 1986, with one such member designated to serve a three-year term and one designated to serve a two-year term. Thereafter, as terms expire, successors shall be elected to serve three-year terms. Should an alumni member of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee other than the President or President-elect die, resign, or become incapacitated, a successor shall be selected by the Executive Committee of this Association to complete the unexpired term. All terms on the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee shall commence on January 15th following Homecoming.

ARTICLE XI

There shall be an Executive Committee composed of five elective general officers of the Association whose titles are listed in Article V, Paragraph 1 hereof, together with the Immediate Past President of the Association and not more than ten members appointed by the President from the Board of Directors with at least one member from out-of-state, which Committee is charged with decision-making responsibilities in acting for the Board of Directors. Appointees may serve for a maximum of three consecutive one-year terms but thereafter must remain off the committee for one year before being eligible for reappointment.

The Executive Committee may exercise all powers granted to the Board of Directors when the Board is not in session.

There shall be a Nominating Committee composed of the five living Immediate Past Presidents of the General Alumni Association, who shall nominate candidates for all elective offices of the Alumni Association upon the occasion of all elections as provided in Articles V and X.

There shall be a permanent standing committee of the Association known as the Finance and Audit Committee which shall consist of the President, President-elect, and Immediate Past President. This Committee is charged with the duty and responsibility of recommending and adopting prior to July 1, the beginning of each fiscal year of the Association, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, an annual budget for the Association. Said Committee shall receive assistance and recommendations from the Executive Director of Alumni Affairs, the Alumni staff, and the Association Auditor. The Committee shall meet annually, and at such other times as it deems necessary, with the Executive Director, Alumni staff, and the Auditor, to review the fiscal policies of the Association, to ascertain whether fiscal policies of the Association are being followed, and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee for needed changes in fiscal policies and/or changes and amendments to the budget. The Executive Director and

Alumni staff shall furnish fiscal reports to said Committee quarterly during each fiscal year and at other intervals to be determined by said Committee.

The President may create and appoint such additional committees from time to time as deemed advisable to further the purposes of the Association and to increase its benefits and aid to the University.

The Executive Director of Alumni Affairs shall serve as an ex officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE XII

At the meetings of the Association, Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of said meetings, except where same are inconsistent with the provisions of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII

These Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors provided such amendment has been submitted to the Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to a Board meeting. The Executive Committee shall report its recommendations on the proposed amendment to the next meeting of the Board. Amendments shall be adopted by affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the Board members present and voting. No amendment shall be considered by the Board unless submitted to the Executive Committee as above provided.



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