



MID-AMERICA COLLEGIATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Constitution and Bylaws



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Article I

The name of the organization shall be the Mid-America Collegiate Horticultural Society (MACHS).

Article II

The objective of this organization shall be:

- to promote an awareness of the profession of Horticulture,
- to furnish a medium of communication for Horticulture students, and
- to exchange club and professional ideas.

Article III

The membership shall consist of affiliated collegiate Horticulture clubs and their members from the following states: Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Article IV

Regular meetings shall be held annually, preferably, during the month of October or November with different clubs sponsoring each year's meeting.

Article V

The officers of the Mid-America Collegiate Horticultural Society shall be: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Finance Officer, and Communication Officer. A faculty advisor shall be elected, (see Section 3). Officers must submit a permanent mailing address to the Chairperson and the Communications Officer by March 1st.

Article VI

The articles may be amended by two-thirds vote of delegates attending the annual meeting. The by-laws may be amended by a simple majority of those delegates present at the business meeting. Proposals for constitutional changes shall be submitted to the Vice Chairman no later than September 5th.

Section 1: Eligibility of Officers

All officers shall be chosen from the active members of the Mid-America Collegiate Horticultural Society. Officers shall not be graduating with in their term of office. Officers shall be elected from differing institutions, however, in the event that there are no nominations received for an office from either a represented or non-represented institution; then nominations must remain open for five minutes. If after five minutes has passed and there are still no nominations, then nominations of students from institutions that are already represented in the executive offices shall be accepted.

Section 2: Election of Officers

The election will be held at the annual meeting. Each club shall have two voting delegates. Nominations shall be made at the annual meeting by a voting delegate. Qualifications of the candidate shall be stated prior to the vote. Voting of all officers shall be done by secret ballot. In case no candidate shall have received a majority upon the first ballot, all but the two highest candidates shall be dropped and additional ballots cast until one candidate shall receive a majority.

Section 3: Term of Office

No club member may hold more than one office in a given year, nor shall any institution hold the same office for two consecutive terms. The office term shall consist of one year. MACHS Co-Advisors shall be elected, one from the currently hosting college and the other from the next years host school.

Section 4: Duties of Officers

Chairperson

Must be elected from succeeding host school. Organizes the local university planning committee, presides at the annual meeting according to "Robert's Rules of Order," and coordinates MACHS officers.

Vice Chairperson

Must be elected from second successive host school. Aids in the duties of the other officers and assume the duties of the chairperson in the chairperson's absence. The Vice-Chairperson will maintain a mailing roster with special emphasis on institutions listed in Article III that were absent at the last business meeting. The Vice-Chairperson will contact each institution that was absent at the last business meeting and report to MACHS as to why those clubs were absent.

Financial Officer

Collect dues, distribute funds as directed by the society, submit an oral and written report. The Finance Officer shall keep a receipt book system, where by the officer will recognize all income from each club by receipt. The officer shall also keep all bank statements and take all necessary steps to transfer the MACHS account to the incoming Finance Officer following the annual banquet.

Communication Officer

Will take the minutes of the annual meeting, and publish a Spring, Fall and early Winter newsletter. The Fall newsletter shall detail MACHS annual meeting and individual club activities; which must be sent out by November 24th. Must distribute biannual reports (see appendix) to each school and publish Spring newsletter based on such reports by April 1st. The spring newsletter needs to discuss what is going on in MACHS and about the upcoming conference. Also responsible for working with other officers to maintain, update and continually add to MACHS Facebook page and website. Use all pictures and information gathered by the previous officer to update both sites. They will need to take pictures of all aspects of the conference and collect pictures and memorabilia from other school representatives for the successive officer.

Section 5: Replacement of Officers

In the event an officer cannot fulfill his/her duties, a replacement officer shall be appointed. The affiliating club from which that officer was a member shall select from its membership the replacement officer. A new faculty advisor will not be chosen by the Chairperson if the advisor cannot fulfill his/her duty.

Section 6: Affiliation of Clubs

Each Horticulture club desiring to become a member of the Mid-America Collegiate Horticultural Society shall become a member by paying the annual dues as stated in Article 7 to the financial officer as well as submit a biannual club report to the communications officer by May 1st, prior to the annual meeting and one at the annual meeting-

Section 7: Dues

Each club will pay an annual due of \$50. To be submitted to the MACHS financial officer.

Section 8: Voting

Submission of an annual report to the communications officer and submission of dues to the finance officer by date of registration will constitute voting privileges. Each club shall have two voting delegates. In the event of a tie, the chairperson will break the tie. Failure to pay dues and to submit an annual report will result in loss of voting rights for the next meeting attended. Voting rights may be regained by payment of delinquent dues for the present year and the past two years and by submission of an annual report for the past year.

Section 9: Quorum

Two-thirds of eligible voting clubs attending MACHS at the business meeting must be present to constitute a quorum.

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Section 10: Host School

Any number of clubs may volunteer to host the annual convention two years in advance. A vote will be taken by the student body to select the site of the next meeting. September 5th shall be the deadline for the host school to announce the meeting and formulate a tentative itinerary. The host school will be required to host a horticulture competition. The host school will collect registration fees for the cost of the scheduled meeting activities. The portion not spent of these fees will be transferred to the general fund for the society activities. The hosting club shall be required to submit a financial report to the finance officer. This report shall be submitted by May 1st of the year the school hosted MACHS.

Section 11: Omitted- Paper Presentations

Section 12: Officer Reimbursement

Whereas communications are essential and vital operations of MACHS, officers will be reimbursed for necessary newsletter and mailing costs from the MACHS treasury. Host school shall be reimbursed for competition awards. 1st through 3rd place plaques/certificates shall be awarded for overall team, overall individual, individual judging, individual woody identification, individual herbaceous identification, and individual general knowledge exam. Officer must submit receipts for expenditures to the Finance Officer. All remaining funds from club dues shall be given to host school to defray cost associated with MACHS conference.

Section 13: Central Location for Slides

All pictures, competition results and other conference related material shall be stored on the MACHS websites. The email address shall be midamericahortsociety@gmail.com The website shall be at the following site on Facebook under MACHS. Digital hardcopies of all information will be kept with each year's Communication Officer.

Section 14: Omitted- MACHS Representative to the ACB

Section 15: Horticulture Competition

MACHS will sponsor the annual student horticulture competition, consisting of a general knowledge exam, woody identification, herbaceous identification and judging contest. Criteria for plant judging shall be taken from *Judging Horticultural Products*, by R. L. Renner, Jr. as published by the University of Florida. Guidelines for Horticulture Competition are specified in the appendix C.

Appendix A
CLUB BIENNIAL REPORT

President _____

Vice President _____

Treasurer _____

Secretary _____

Historian _____

Ag Council Representative _____

MACHS Communications Person _____

Social/Activities Chairman _____

Advisors _____

Current Mailing Address of School

Phone Number

Special Activities and Events during year

Please attach any comments or articles to be added to newsletter.

Appendix B Horticulture Competition Guidelines

Each school's team contestants and individual participants will compete in four divisions: Plant judging, Plant Identification of Woody Specimens, Plant Identification of Herbaceous Specimens, and the General Knowledge Exam, weighted equally.

Plant Judging

- a. Landscape Plants
5 classes @ 10 points each
- b. Greenhouse and Floral Plants
5 classes @ 10 points each
- c. Vegetable Crops
5 classes @ 10 points each
- d. Fruit and Nut Crops
5 classes @ 10 points each

Plant Identification

- a. Woody Ornamentals
20 specimens @ 10 points each
- b. Herbaceous Plants
20 specimens @ 10 points each

General Knowledge Exam

The general knowledge exam will consist of 50 to 100 multiple choice questions. The total value shall equal 200 points. The exam will cover just about every area of plant science imaginable.

Rules:

Each school may have 1 team consisting of 4 official members, which are eligible for team awards, and all students are eligible for individual awards.

Contestants will not be allowed to touch or handle any plant material during any portion of the competition. Any infraction of this policy is sufficient to eliminate the team from the competition.

In case of a tie, among any contest section, the individual with the highest cumulative score will be declared the winner.

Appendix C
American Society for Horticultural Science
Association of Collegiate Branches
Official MACHS Plant Lists

Annuals

Ageratum houstonianum
Angelonea angustifolia
Antirrhinum majus
Begonia x semperflorens-cultorum
Bidens ferulifolia
Brachycome hybrida
Brassica oleracea
Browallia speciose major
Calibrachoa hybrida
Capsicum annuum
Catharanthus roseus
Celosia plumosa
Cleome hassleriana
Cosmos bipinnatus
Dahlia hybrida
Dianthus chinensis
Diascia barberae
Dichondra argentea
Eustoma grandiflorum
Gazania rigens
Gerbera jamesonii
Gomphrena globose
Heleotropium arborescens
Helianthus annuus
Hypoestes sanguinolenta
Impatiens platypeltatum
Impatiens walleriana
Ipomea batatas
Lantana camara
Laurentia axillaris
Lobelia erinus
Lobularia maritima
Melampodium paludosum
Mirabilis hybrids
Nicotiana alata
Osteospermum ecklonis
Pelargonium x hortorum
Petunia x hybrida
Portulaca grandiflora
Salvia splendens
Sanvitalia procumbens
Senecio cineraria
Solenostemon hybrids
Solenostemon scutellarioides
Sutera cordata
Tagetes erecta
Tagetes patula

Verbena x hybrida
Viola x wittrockiana
Zinnia elegans

Grasses

Andropogon gerardii
Calamagrostis x acutiflora ‘Karl Forester’
Carex pensylvanica
Festuca glauca
Hakonechola macra ‘Aeurola’
Helictotrichon sempervirens
Imperata cylindrica
Miscanthus sinensis
Panicum virgatum
Pennisetum setaceum
Schizachyrium scoparium
Sporobolus heterolepsis

Herbs

Allium schoenoprasum
Anethum graveolens
Coriandrum sativum
Lavandula angustifolia
Mentha piperita
Ocimum basilicum
Origanum vulgare
Petroselinum crispum
Rosmarinus officinalis
Salvia officinalis
Thymus vulgaris

Foliage

Adiantum sp.
Aechmea fasciata
Aloe barbadensis (Syn. = *A. vera*)
Araucaria heterophylla
Asparagus densiflorus 'Sprengeri'
Aspidistra elatior
Asplenium nidus
Beaucarnea recurvata
Begonia x rex-cultorum
Brassaia actinophylla
Calathea sp.
Caryota mitis
Ceropegia woodii
Chamaedorea elegans (*Neanthe bella*)
Chlorophytum comosum
Chrysalidocarpus lutescens
Cissus rhombifolia
Clivia miniata
Codiaeum variegatum
Crassula argentea
Cryptanthus bivittatus
Cyclamen persicum
Davallia fejeensis
Dendrobium sp.
Dieffenbachia amoena
Dionaea muscipula
Dracaena deremensis
Dracaena fragrans 'Massangeana'
Dracaena marginata
Dracaena reflexa
Euphorbia pulcherrima
Ficus benjamina
Ficus elastic
Ficus pumila
Gardenia jasminoides
Gynura aurantiaca
Hedera helix
Heptaplerum arboricola
Howeia fosteriana
Hoya carnosa
Kalanchoe blossfeldiana
Mammillaria elongata
Maranta leuconeura kerchoviana
Nephrolepis exaltata 'Bostoniensis'
Opuntia microdasys
Oxalis regnellii
Peperomia argyreia (*sandersii*)
Peperomia caperata 'Emerald Ripple'
Peperomia clusiifolia 'Variegata'
Peperomia incana
Peperomia obtusifolia
Phalaenopsis sp.
Philodendron scandens oxycardium

Pilea cadierei
Pilea depressa
Pilea microphylla
Pilea 'Moon Valley'
Platynerium bifurcatum
Plectranthus australis
Radermachera sinica 'China Doll'
Rhapis excels
Ruellia makoyana
Saintpaulia ionantha
Sansevieria trifasciata
Saxifraga stolonifera
Schlumbergera truncata
Sedum marganianum
Soleirolia soleirolii (formerly *Helixine*)
Spathiphyllum spp.
Strelitzia reginae
Stroilanthes dyanus
Syngonium podophyllum
Tolmiea menziesii
Tradescantia fluminensis
Tripogandra multiflora
Zamioculcas zamiifolia
Zebrina x pendula

Perennials

Achillea filipendulina
Achillea millefolium
Agastache foeniculum
Ajuga reptans
Alcea rosea
Amsonia hubrichtii
Amsonia tabernaemontana
Anemone x hybrid
Aquilegia hybrida
Arabis caucasica
Armeria maritima
Artemisia schmidtiana
Asarum canadense
Asclepias tuberosa
Astilbe 'Sprite'
Astilbe x arendsii
Athyrium niponicum 'Pictum'
Aurinia saxitalis
Baptisia australis
Buddleia davidii
Bergenia cordifolia
Boltonia asteroides
Campanula carpatica
Campanula medium
Chelone lyonii
Coreopsis grandiflora
Coreopsis verticillata
Delosperma cooperi
Delphinium elatum
Dendranthema x grandiflora
Dianthus gratianopolitanus
Dicentra spectabilis
Echinacea purpurea
Eupatorium maculatum
Gaillardia x grandiflora
Gaura lindheimeri
Geranium 'Rozanne'
Geum species
Gypsophila paniculata
Helenium autumnale
Heliopsis helianthoides
Helleborus x hybridus
Hemerocallis spp.
Heuchera micrantha 'Purple Palace'
Heuchera sanguinea
Hibiscus moscheutos
Hosta hybrids
Hylotelephium spectabile
Iberis sempervirens
Iris germanica
Iris siberica
Kniphofia x hybrids
Lamium maculatum
Leucanthemum x hybrida
Liatris spicata
Ligularia dentata
Lupinus Russell Hybrids
Lysimachia nummularia
Monarda didyma
Nepeta 'Walker's Low'
Oenothera missouriensis (macrocarpa)
Pachysandra terminalis
Paeonia hybrids
Papaver orientale
Penstemon digitalis 'Husker Red'
Perovskia atriplicifolia
Phlox paniculata
Phlox subulata
Pulmonaria sp.
Rudbeckia fulgida (maybe delete R. hirta)
Rudbeckia hirta var. pulcherrima
Salvia x superba
Scabiosa columbaria
Solidago sp.
Stachys byzantia
Teucrium chamaedrys
Tiarella cordifolia
Veronica spicata
Veronica x hybrid
Veronicastrum virginicum

Woody Plants

Abies balsamea
Abies concolor
Acer x freemanii
Acer tataricum ssp. ginnala
Acer negundo
Acer platanoides
Acer rubrum
Acer saccharinum
Acer saccharum
Aesculus glabra
Aesculus hippocastanum
Amelanchier arborea
Amelanchier laevis
Aronia melanocarpa
Berberis thunbergii
Betula nigra
Betula papyrifera
Betula platyphylla
Buxus microphylla
Carpinus caroliniana
Carya ovata
Catalpa speciosa
Celtis occidentalis
Cercis canadensis
Chaenomeles speciosa
Cladrastis kentukea
Cornus alternifolia
Cornus stolonifera
Corylus americana
Cotoneaster apiculatus
Cotoneaster divaricatus
Cotoneaster horizontalis
Crataegus crus-galli
Crataegus phaenopyrum
Diervilla lonicera
Eleagnus angustifolia
Euonymus alatus
Euonymus fortunei
Fagus grandifolia
Fagus sylvatica
Forsythia x intermedia
Fraxinus americana
Fraxinus pennsylvanica
Ginkgo biloba
Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis
Gymnocladus dioicus
Hydrangea arborescens
Hydrangea macrophylla
Hydrangea paniculata
Juglans cinerea
Juglans nigra
Juniperus chinensis
Juniperus horizontalis
Juniperus virginiana
Larix decidua
Ligustrum x vicaryi
Ligustrum vulgare
Liriodendron tulipifera
Lonicera tatarica
Magnolia x soulangiana
Magnolia stellate
Malus spp.
Morus alba var. tatarica
Morella pensylvanica
Nyssa sylvatica
Ostrya virginiana
Pachysandra terminalis
Parthenocissus quinquefolia
Perthenocissus tricuspidata
Philadelphus coronaries
Physocarpus opulifolius
Picea abies
Picea glauca
Picea pungens
Pinus mugo
Pinus nigra
Pinus resinosa
Pinus strobus
Pinus sylvestris
Populus deltoides
Populus tremuloides
Potentilla fruticosa
Prunus cerasifera
Prunus x cistena
Prunus maackii
Prunus virginiana
Pyrus calleryana
Quercus alba
Quercus bicolor
Quercus macrocarpa
Quercus palustris
Quercus rubra
Rhamnus frangula
Rhododendron catawbiense
Rhododendron Northern Light Series
Rhododendron 'P.J.M.'
Rhus aromatica
Rhus glabra
Rhus typhina
Ribes alpinum
Robinia pseudoacacia
Rosa sp.
Salix alba
Salix pupurea
Sorbus aucuparia
Spiraea x bumalda
Spiraea prunifolia
Spiraea x vanhouttei

Syringa meyeri
Syringa patula
Syringa x prestoniae
Syringa reticulata
Syringa vulgaris
Taxus cuspidata
Taxus x media
Thuja occidentalis
Tilia americana
Tilia cordata

Tsuga canadensis
Ulmus americana
Ulmus parvifolia
Ulmus pumila
Viburnum dentatum
Viburnum lantana
Viburnum lentago
Viburnum opulus
Virburnum trilobum
Weigela florida