

Mennonite Nurses Association

Mennonite Nurses Association Bylaws

Article I Purpose

The Mennonite Nurses Association, Inc., is an organization dedicated to the promotion of nursing and the provision of support for Christian nurses within the Anabaptist tradition.

Article II Objectives

The objectives of the Mennonite Nurses Association shall include the following:

- 1) Promote interaction and networking among Anabaptist nurses.
- 2) Explore application of Anabaptist principles to nursing.
- 3) Consider current issues and their implications for faith and practice.
- 4) Promote nursing practice that reflects Anabaptist values and beliefs.
- 5) Take a proactive role in the church community regarding health issues.
- 6) Support projects related to health care.

Article III Membership

The Association members shall be nurses who embrace the objectives of the Mennonite Nurses Association as listed in Article II. Student nurses may receive complimentary membership and are eligible to become full members upon nursing licensure. All members are eligible to vote. Officers of the Association shall hold a current nursing license.

Article IV Official Publication

The Association circulates a Newsletter to all members and a subscription to **Mennonite Health Journal** to paying members.

Article V Officers

Section 1. The officers of this association shall consist of a president, president-elect, and secretary/treasurer. The duly elected officers of the association shall serve as its Board of Directors and serve four-year terms.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall also appoint two (2) Consulting Members, one of whom is the Nurse Editor of the **Mennonite Health Journal** to advise them on association matters. The length of appointment is for a four-year term. Consulting members are non-voting members of the Board.

Section 3. The president-elect serves two years as president-elect and then two years as president.

Section 4. The Board of Directors serves as the nominating committee. At the discretion of this committee, a current officer may run for re-election.



Section 5. In case of a vacancy occurring in any office, the remaining members of the Board of Directors shall appoint a person to complete the term of office.

Section 6. Officers of the association shall serve on a volunteer basis.

Article VI Meetings

Section 1. An annual meeting of Association members shall be planned by the Board of Directors. Additional meetings may be called by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Notice by mail shall be given to each Association member at least thirty (30) days prior to any meeting, citing the time, place and agenda for the meeting.

Section 3. All business transacted with a two-thirds majority vote of the members attending at the annual meeting shall be considered an official action of this association.

Section 4: Association members at a meeting duly called shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII Local MNA Associations

Section 1. Members in a geographical area are encouraged to form a local association.

Section 2. These Bylaws shall be the basis upon which a local chapter is formed, and the general organization shall be consistent with this structure. In matters of location, programs, and meeting schedules, the local chapters shall be free to adapt these to their own needs and to be otherwise autonomous. Project monies shall be channeled through the parent organization.

Article VIII Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of this association shall be from January 1 to December 31.

Article IX Election of Officers

Section 1. Election of officers shall be by mail on even years.

Section 2. The ballot for nomination of officers shall be prepared by the Board of Directors. If possible, there shall be two nominees for each office. A simple majority vote will be used for the election of officers.

Section 3. Write-in nominees shall be permitted with the permission of the person being nominated.

Article X Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by mail or at any Association meeting, provided members have been notified of proposed changes at least thirty (30) days in advance.

For additional information contact:

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