

BY-LAWS OF THE JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY EMERITI ASSOCIATION

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Mission:

The Emeriti Association of James Madison University is a voluntary association of retired former faculty members who have joined together to maintain ties to James Madison University and to promote their common interests.

Membership:

Members of the Emeriti Association shall be faculty and administrative personnel (AP) who have retired from James Madison University and have been given Emeritus/Emerita status. Associate members shall be spouses/partners of deceased members in good standing of the JMU Emeriti Association. Associate members are non-voting members and cannot hold office in the Association.

Invited Membership:

Members of the JMU community to have made notable contributions to the faculty and the Association may be asked to join the Association as Invited Members of the JMU Faculty Emeriti Association. Election will be by a majority vote of the members present during the April meeting of the Association. Invited Members shall have all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of a member of the Association

Officers:

The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Ex Officio will be a member of the JMU administration. Each officer will discharge the duties normally associated with the office to which elected.

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate past president and the chairs of the Program, Activities, Special Events and JMU Service committees. The Executive Committee may choose to invite additional Association members to participate in meetings on an ad hoc basis.

Senior Council:

There shall be Senior Council of faculty who came to Madison College or James Madison University 40 or more years ago (in 2001 faculty who came in 1961 or earlier). The role of this group will be largely honorary.

Election of Officers:

The first group shall serve from December, 2001 through April, 2004. Thereafter the officers shall be elected biennially in April and will take office in September following their election. Nominees shall be presented by a Nominating Committee appointed by the President. The list of nominees shall be circulated at least a week in advance of the April meeting. Members may present additional names from the floor with the permission of those they are nominating.

Vacancies in Office:

A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled by the Vice President; a vacancy in any other office shall be appointed by the President.

Quorum:

A quorum of 10% of the members in good standing is required for the transaction of business. A quorum of the Executive Committee is three members.

Funds:

Funds of the Association shall be kept in a local depository and checks may be drawn thereon on order of the President, or Vice President, and the Treasurer.

Meetings:

The members of the Association shall meet at least quarterly, in February, April, October and December. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee on reasonable notice.

Dues:

Dues are payable annually in October at \$10 per emeritus/emereita. Lifetime membership is available for \$100.

Standing Committees:

There shall be four standing committees with the chairs appointed by the President: Program, Activities, Special Events and JMU Service.

- The Program Committee shall arrange for speakers, performers or activities for the regular meetings.
- The Activities Committee shall promote local events by maintaining lists of people interested in such activities as tennis, golf, card games, bike rides, and facilitate the scheduling. If desired they shall also facilitate attendance by Association members at local events such as plays, performances and athletic games.
- The Special Events Committee shall be charged with arranging trips.
- The JMU Service Committee shall handle arrangements to aid such campus offices as Admissions and Alumni Relations.
- In addition the President may establish committees as the need arises.
- The Nominations Committee will be appointed annually by the President in February for the election of officers in April.

Communicator:

The Communicator shall develop and maintain a web site for the Association.

Newsletter Editor:

A Newsletter will be sent out prior to the October meeting with news and plans of the organization and its members.

Amendments:

These by-laws may be amended by a simple majority of members in good standing by ballot after written notice of the substance of the proposed change has been distributed at least one month in advance.