

Resolution to Amend the Massachusetts Mothers of Twins Association By-Laws and Change the Determination of the Executive Board and Add a New Article to Establish the Voting Body

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 2 of the Massachusetts Mother of Twins Association (also known as MMOTA, and heretofore referred to as “the Association”) By-Laws establishes the Association Officers to include the Association President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Membership Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 2 of the Association By-Laws establishes the Executive Board to include the Association Officers, Founder, Executive Secretary, Chairmen of all Standing Committees, Chapter Presidents, and two (2) delegates from each chapter; and

WHEREAS, The position of Corresponding Secretary was dissolved via a vote by the Executive Board; and

WHEREAS, The current Association By-Laws do not contain an Article VIII but instead two sections titled Article VII; and

WHEREAS, Serving as an Association Officer or Chair gives the individual in that role a broad perspective and unique knowledge regarding the current state and needs of the Association; and

WHEREAS, Serving as the Association President imbues the individual with a unique longitudinal perspective and knowledge as to the past, present, and future of the Association; and

WHEREAS, It has been the customary practice of the Association to extend voting privileges to the following Association Officers: Vice President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, It has been the customary practice of the Association to extend voting privileges to the Association President only in the event that a tie-breaker vote is necessary; and

WHEREAS, It has been the customary practice of the Association to extend voting privileges to the Founder, Chapter Presidents, and two (2) delegates from each chapter; and

WHEREAS, It has been the customary practice of the Association to extend voting privileges to former Association Presidents; and

WHEREAS, Serving as a Chapter President provides the individual in that role insight into the the role of the Association regarding each chapter and a unique perspective regarding the immediate needs of parents of multiples within their chapter; and

WHEREAS, The delegate votes established are intended to provide representation for the chapter membership in all voting matters of the Association; and

WHEREAS, Under the current allocation of voting privileges, chapter delegates comprise less than 50% of the voting members; and

WHEREAS, Under the current allocation of voting privileges, chapters with fewer than 5% of the Association membership comprise 28% of the voting members; and

WHEREAS, Under the current allocation of voting privileges, historical involvement with the Association is prioritized over the needs of the current chapter membership; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section I, of the Association's By-Laws establishes the purpose of the Association to include, "through chapters of this organization, to foster, promote, and encourage educational, civic and benevolent activities; and particularly to promote the welfare and well-being of those persons who are mothers of multiples"; therefore

Resolved, That the Association should first and foremost fulfill its purpose to support parents of multiples; and

Resolved, That the Association benefits from the unique longitudinal perspectives of the individuals who have served as Association President beyond their term of service; and

Resolved, That the Association benefits from the unique perspectives of the individuals who serve as Officers during their term of service; and

Resolved, That the membership of chapters should have representation on the Association's Executive Board in the form of delegate votes; and

Resolved, That the delegate votes, in order to be fair and accurate representation, should be proportional to the number of current Association membership; and

Resolved, That the Association By-Laws should establish the voting body; and

Resolved, That Article IV, Sections 1 and 2 of the Association By-Laws be amended to the following:

Article IV - Officers

Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall have the same powers as corporate directors. The Officers of the Association shall consist of:

- a. **President**
- b. **Vice President**
- c. **Recording Secretary**
- d. **Membership Secretary**
- e. **Treasurer**
- f. **Parliamentarian**

Section 2. The Executive Board shall consist of:

- a. **The Association Officers**
- b. **The Association Founder, Executive Secretary, Chairmen of All Standing Committees**
- c. **Chapter Presidents**
- d. **Former Association Presidents in good standing**
- e. **Chapter Delegates**
 - i. **Delegates from member chapters in good standing on a basis of two delegates per 25 members or fewer, plus one additional delegate for every additional 25 members.**

- ii. Such delegates shall be elected or appointed by their respective chapters for a term of one (1) year, and such election and term of office shall coincide with that of the Association.
- iii. Delegate responsibilities, including voting privileges, may be transferred to another member of the chapter, at the discretion of the Chapter President.
- iv. A delegate may represent one (1) chapter only.

Resolved, That the Association By-Laws should be amended to include the establishment of the voting body with the creation of a new Article, which shall be placed after the current Article VII - Chapters, as follows:

Article VIII - Voting Body

Section 1. Officer Votes

- a. The following Association Officers shall each receive one (1) non-transferable vote:
 - i. Vice President
 - ii. Recording Secretary
 - iii. Membership Secretary
 - iv. Treasurer
- b. In the event of a tie, the Association President shall receive one (1) non-transferable vote to cast as the deciding vote.

Section 2. Executive Board Votes

- a. Voting Privileges shall also be extended to the following members of the Executive Board who are not carrying an Officer Vote.
 - i. The Association Founder, who shall receive one (1) non-transferable vote.
 - ii. Chapter Presidents, who shall receive one (1) non-transferable vote.
 - iii. Former Association Presidents in good standing, who shall receive one (1) non-transferable vote.
 - iv. Chapter Delegates, from member chapters in good standing, who shall receive one (1) non-transferable vote.
 - 1. The number of delegates from member chapters shall be determined on a basis of two delegates per 25 members or fewer, plus one additional delegate for every additional 25 members.
 - 2. Chapter membership shall be based on the membership statistics reported by individual chapters to the Association annually.
 - 3. Such delegates shall be elected or appointed by their respective chapters for a term of one (1) year, and such election and term of office shall coincide with that of the Association.
 - 4. Delegate votes may be transferred to another member of the chapter, at the discretion of the Chapter President.
 - 5. A delegate may represent one (1) chapter only.
 - 6. Each delegate may only carry one (1) vote.

Resolved, Article VII - Amendments and Repeals shall be amended to Article IX - Amendments and Repeals, with all subsequent Articles also amended to reflect accurate numeration.