



Michigan Organization of Residence Hall Associations

Articles of Incorporation

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Michigan Organization of Residence Hall Associations, herein referred to as MORHA.

Article II – Objectives

SECTION ONE – PURPOSE

MORHA shall promote academic, intellectual, cultural and social understanding among the individual member schools and their representatives; stimulate interest and effort in campus and residence hall affairs; and develop maturity and responsibility in self-government. In accordance with these objectives, this organization shall integrate and exchange the ideas of its members, provide programs of mutual benefit, and act as the voice of the students in the residence halls through information exchanges and conferences.

SECTION TWO – MISSION

MORHA's mission is to foster collaboration and networking between the institutes of higher education in Michigan to develop student leaders and make the on campus living experience more diverse, safe, and inviting.

SECTION THREE – VISION

Our vision is to unite all institutes of higher education in Michigan with Residence Hall organizations in an open network of communication while providing opportunities and leadership that will enhance the experience of living on campus.

SECTION FOUR – COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

MORHA is a student run organization whose purpose is to provide communication, education, and leadership development opportunities in residence hall systems. Students that comprise the membership of our organization are, but are not limited to, people of different abilities, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, religions, ages, genders, personal beliefs, and political affiliations. As such, MORHA is a representative body of a diverse population and is committed to promoting an atmosphere conducive to embracing and celebrating individual differences and lifestyles. We accept the responsibility to act aggressively and proactively toward educating our membership. We strongly encourage schools to build conference delegations that are representative and inclusive of the diversity of the people of their individual campuses. Ultimately, we strive for an understanding, appreciation and celebration of diversity.

Article III – Members

SECTION ONE – MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership of a MORHA member school shall consist of any campus-wide Residence Hall organization at a college, university, or other institute of higher education in the state of Michigan, who choose to affiliate and have paid their annual dues.
- B. Membership of a MORHA member school is active upon payment of dues at the beginning of the MORHA conference.
- C. Membership expires upon the start of the following MORHA conference.



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D. New member schools wishing to affiliate between annual MORHA conferences will pay full affiliation fee at the time of affiliation and again at the beginning of the annual MORHA conference. New member schools will be active members upon the receipt of the membership dues and appropriate paperwork by the Associate Director of Records.

E. Benefits of Good Standing

Any member school which is held in good standing shall have the benefit of having voting rights at monthly business meetings, access to the Michigan Organization Resource Library (MORL), and any other benefits set forth by the MORHA Constitution.

SECTION TWO - MICHIGAN ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

A. Each member school shall select an individual to represent it on the state level. This individual shall be titled the Michigan Organization Communications Coordinator (MOCC) and shall carry out all duties as specified in the MORHA Constitution.

B. The MOCC shall serve as the official liaison between his/her school and MORHA.

SECTION THREE - VOTING MEMBERSHIP

A. The MOCC of each member school in good financial standing shall make up the voting membership of MORHA.

B. Quorum shall be defined as 50% of the current MOCCs.

SECTION FOUR – FURTHER GUIDELINES

Further guidelines for membership are provided in the MORHA Bylaws

Article IV - MORHA Annual Meetings

SECTION ONE - MORHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MORHA shall hold an annual leadership conference.

SECTION TWO - MORHA BUSINESS MEETINGS

MORHA shall hold three business meetings throughout the year. One will take place in the month of October, one in either December or January, and one in April.

SECTION THREE - GOALS FOR MORHA ANNUAL MEETINGS

1. To conduct the business needed for the organization to operate properly.
2. To provide leadership development for both MOCCs and other participants
3. To allow MORHA institutions to interact with each other on a more intimate level, thus building one large MORHA community.

SECTION FOUR – FURTHER GUIDELINES

Further guidelines are provided in the MORHA Bylaws

Article V – Standing Committees

MORHA shall recognize the following Committees—each composed of interested members of the MORHA Family, MOCCs, and MORHA Executive Board—and their roles:

A. The Issues and Diversity Committee shall work to promote and improve solutions towards diversity and issues within MORHA and MORHA member schools.

B. The Recruitment and Retention Committee will help to generate and implement ideas that will help to recruit new MORHA member schools, and also help current MORHA member schools find new ways to benefit from the organization.



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- C. The Recognition Committee will recognize the achievements of MORHA members through the use of new and traditional awards given out at each monthly meeting. Each committee member present at the meeting will give out no more than three awards each.
- D. The Philanthropy Committee will help generate and implement ideas that will help the MORHA member schools in their efforts to support philanthropic/service organizations of their choice.

Article VI – Parliamentary Rules and Amendments

SECTION ONE - PARLIAMENTARY RULES

- A. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern all proceedings except when inconsistent with this document, or with the Standing Rules of Order as established as a permanent document September 2002.
- B. In the event of a conflict, the MORHA Student Resource Consultant shall be the interpreter of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. Pending no Student Resource Consultant, the Director shall be the interpreter of the rules.

SECTION TWO – LEGISLATION

- A. An MOCC must be listed as an author for a piece of legislation to be submitted.

SECTION THREE – THE ROLE OF THE CONSTITUTION

- A. All governing documents of the organization shall be enforced with equal diligence as this constitution unless they contradict in which case this constitution will supersede all other governing documents.

SECTION FOUR – AMENDMENTS

- A. Amendments to this document shall be made at a scheduled MORHA Business Meeting.
- B. A 2/3 affirmative vote of the member schools in attendance at the business meetings wherein the amendment is presented shall complete the amendment's adoption
- C. Proposed amendments should be prepared and distributed to the MOCCs and MORHA Executive Board at least two weeks prior to the business meeting at which it is to be voted.

Article VII – Termination

Upon dissolution of MORHA, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of MORHA, dispose of all MORHA assets exclusively for the purposes of MORHA in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of future U.S. Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of MORHA is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.