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ARTICLE I

MEMBERS

- A. Membership shall be open to all persons who are citizens of the United States, 18 years of age or over and to those who have filed their intention to become a citizen of the United States who subscribe to the aims and purposes of this organization and furthermore who would institute change through legal constitutional procedures and who avowedly do not advocate the overthrow of the democratic form of government of the United States.
- B. As a condition of State Membership a person must be a paid up member of one of the Regions, and a member of a specifically chartered district organization, if one exists in the district wherein he resides, and as further set forth in Article I. C.
 - 1. No local chapter or district association organization shall extend membership rights or privileges to any person who is not a member of the state organization pursuant to Article I. C. 1.
 - 2. Each member shall be entitled to attend and vote at the meetings of the State Assemblies, except as hereinafter provided with respect to endorsing conventions, as set forth in Article XI and XII.

C. STATE MEMBERSHIP DUES:

1. Membership dues shall be \$7.00 per fiscal year commencing June 30, 1968, per member or member and spouse.
 - (a) Students who attend school may pay dues of \$1.50 per fiscal year.
 - (b) Needy persons over sixty years of age may pay dues of \$1.50 per fiscal year.
2. Dues shall be collected by the Chapter:
 - (a) Upon payment of dues, a dated receipt shall be issued by the local Chapter Treasurer, which shall entitle the holder of the receipt to interim membership, pending his receipt from the State Treasurer of a membership card.
 - (b) The State membership dues (as defined in Article I.C.1.) shall be placed in possession of the State Treasurer by the local Chapter Treasurer monthly and the State Treasurer must mail to each dues paying member, his membership card within thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of the member's dues.
 - (c) It shall be the duty of the State Treasurer within said period of thirty (30) days to:
 - (1) Forward \$1.00 to the respective Regional Treasurers.
 - (2) Forward \$1.00 to the respective Chapter.
 - (3) Retain \$5.00 for the State Treasury.
 - (4) In those cases referred to in Article I. C. 1. (a) or Article I. C. 11. (b), forward $\frac{1}{3}$ thereof to the respective Regional Treasurer; $\frac{1}{3}$ to the Chapter, and $\frac{1}{3}$ shall be retained for the State Treasury.

- (5) Fifty Percent (50%) of remaining funds of the State Treasury after allocations to the Regions and Chapters as herein provided for beginning with current fiscal year shall be allocated for the expenses of the State President for M.A.P.A. business, subject to ratification of the majority of the State Administrators.
- (6) To allocate fifty cents (50¢) per member per year from the State Treasury for the purpose of a monthly newsletter to be distributed to each member.

D. DISTRICT CHAPTER DUES:

1. Assembly and other District Chapter Members shall pay such dues and raise funds for such needs and expenses as the Chapter may deem necessary and proper. The name of M.A.P.A. may be used for fund raising purposes.

E. LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

1. Life Membership shall be granted upon a showing of eligibility to persons who shall pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) therefor. A Life Member shall have the same privileges as a regular member in good standing.
 2. The proceeds from life membership shall be deposited in a special fund subject to withdrawal by the signature of the President with the approval of a full time professional organizer for M.A.P.A. to be appointed by the State Administrators.
- F. This Association shall be divided into a Northern California Section and a Southern California Section, which shall contain four re-

gional areas with Assembly and other district chapters within each region.

1. The Northern California Section shall be composed of:
 - (a) The Northern Region which includes the Counties of Mendocino, Modoc, Sonoma, Marin, Napa, Solano, Yolo, Placer, Nevada, Yuba, San Francisco, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, Humboldt, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, Sacramento, Siskiyou, San Mateo, and the City of Stockton in the County of San Joaquin.
 - (b) The Central Region which includes all of California from south of Stockton to the Tehachapi Mountains, i.e. the Counties of Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Kern, Kings, Fresno, Tulare, San Joaquin (south of the City of Stockton) and San Luis Obispo.
2. The Southern California Section shall be composed of:
 - (a) The Metropolitan Region which includes the Counties of Ventura, Los Angeles and Santa Barbara.
 - (b) The Southern Region which includes the Counties of Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial and San Diego.

ARTICLE II

STATE OFFICERS

- A. The State Officers of this Association shall be: 1) President; 2) Two Vice-Presidents; 3) Secretary; 4) Treasurer; 5) Administrator-at-Large; and 6) Four (4) Sectional Administrators to be called Northern Administrator, Central Administrator, Metro Administrator and Southern Administrator.

- B. The following officers shall be designated as State Administrators; 1) President; 2) Vice-Presidents; 3) Secretary; 4) Treasurer; 5) Regional Directors; 6) Regional Vice-Directors; 7) Regional Recording Secretaries; 8) Regional Treasurers; 9) Sectional Administrators and Administrators-at-Large.
- C. At the Bi-Annual Elections Convention there shall be an election of a General Legal Counsel. He shall be an attorney-at-law, and Chairman of the Legal Committee. He shall be a member of the Administrators and the Executive Board. He may be removed from office by 51% vote of the Executive Board, with cause.
- D. No person shall be eligible to hold State office who has not been a member of M.A.P.A. for at least one (1) year prior to his election.

ARTICLE III

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. THE PRESIDENT SHALL:
1. Preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and meetings of the General Assembly.
 2. Carry out all orders of the Executive Board and Resolutions of the General Assembly.
 3. Represent the Association in all matters before the civil authorities, as instructed by the Executive Board and have with him when possible at least one or more Sectional Administrators or Administrator-at-Large present for assistance.
 4. Sign the minutes of all meetings together with the Secretary. Sign all checks issued in the name of the Association with the Treasurer, subject to the restrictions pertaining to withdrawal from the Life Membership Fund.

5. Sign all contracts approved by the Executive Board, together with the Secretary.
6. Call special General Assembly meetings, and call special meetings of the Board of Directors, in writing.

B. THE VICE-PRESIDENTS SHALL:

1. In the absence of or disability of the President to perform the duties of his office, a Statewide elections convention shall be called by either Vice-President, in writing, to elect a new President, which election shall be held within a period of sixty (60) days, setting forth the reason therefor. The elections convention site must be held within the Section from whence the absent or disabled President was originally chosen, and the new President must have been a bonafide resident of the Section for a period in excess of one (1) year prior to said election.

In the event neither Vice-President calls a meeting, noticed within thirty (30) days, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to call such meeting.

2. The interim Executive duties of the President, in the event he is unable to act, shall be lodged jointly in the Vice-Presidents and the State Administrators-at-Large, and their determinations by a majority vote, until the President is able to act, shall have the same effect as though made by the President.
3. The Vice-Presidents shall be ex-officio members of all standing committees.

C. THE SECRETARY SHALL:

1. Keep the minutes of all regular and special meetings of the Executive Board and sign such minutes together with the President.

2. Receive all correspondence and act upon the same as may be directed by the President.
3. Notify all members of meetings, in writing.
4. Preserve all books, documents, letters and the Seal of the Association.
5. Keep a register containing the names and addresses of all members of the Executive Board, inclusive of the General Membership.

D. THE TREASURER SHALL:

1. Keep the accounts and accounting of the Association.
2. Prepare quarterly financial statements and sign all checks issued by the Association, together with the President.
3. Collect at the proper time, all monies due to the Association, and advise the Membership Committee of the monies received from State Members to said Membership Committee.
4. Furnish a bond to guarantee the proper administration of the funds of the Association, in such amount as may be determined by the Executive Board and paid by the State Treasury.
5. Submit to the Executive Board an annual financial statement for publication and dissemination to the General Membership.
6. Until such time as a Bond is furnished by the Treasurer, two trustees shall be appointed by the President, whose duties it shall be to cause the books of account and records of the Treasurer to be audited and a report of the audit submitted in writing to the State Administrators thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Convention provided by Article XII A. of the By-Laws.

E. THE ADMINISTRATOR-AT-LARGE OR SECTIONAL ADMINISTRATOR SHALL:

1. Preside upon written petition of the Chapters involved at any endorsement convention which may relate to more than one Assembly District.
 2. Shall be ex-officio members of all local membership committees to their respective areas and which may be established by Assembly or other district Chapters.
 3. When requested by the President or a Vice-President, may represent the requesting official at any function or event.
 4. When called upon by the President, he shall accompany him on such interviews, conferences, or meetings, that he may be called upon to attend. He shall make a written record for the President and the Executive Board.
- F. Prior to the assumption of duties and the taking of office by the State Administrators as well as the State Representatives, each Executive Officer shall take the following oath:

I,, DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY SWEAR, TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND ABIDE BY ALL OF THE BY-LAWS AND BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN POLITICAL ASSOCIATION. I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO FORWARD THE INTERESTS OF THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN AND SPANISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY, AND IN SAID RESPECT I SHALL ACT THROUGH THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN POLITICAL ASSOCIATION AND DO ONLY SUCH ACTS AS MAY BE CONSISTENT WITH ITS AIMS AND PURPOSES.

ARTICLE IV

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- A. The Executive Board of the State shall consist of all the State Administrators pursuant to Article II. B., and all Chairmen of Assembly Districts or other district associations.

1. STATE ADMINISTRATORS:

- (a) There shall be an elections convention to be held every second year during the month of July commencing with the fiscal year 1970, for the purpose of electing the State Administrators of the Executive Board, set forth in Article II. B., excepting the Regional Directors, Vice-Directors, Recording Secretaries, and Treasurers, who shall be elected pursuant to subsection A.1. (e) of this Article. When the President is to be chosen from his respective Section the State Convention shall take place in the Section where said President shall be elected.
- (b) Nominations for the office of the President shall be made from the floor. The convention by majority vote upon secret ballot, shall elect the President for a term of two years, and every two years thereafter a new President shall be elected by the same procedure. If the preceding President was elected from the area north of the Tehachapi Mts., the succeeding President must be a person who resides south of the Tehachapi Mts., and alternately thereafter.
- (c) The convention shall thereupon use the same procedure as in the prior paragraph to elect two vice-Presidents, one from the Northern Section and one

from the Southern Section, a Treasurer, Secretary, an Administrator-at-Large and Legal Council. If the newly elected President shall be from the North, the Secretary must reside north of the Tehachapi Mts., and to the converse if the newly elected President shall be from the South.

- (d) The membership shall then be divided for the purposes of electing four (4) Sectional Administrators — one from each Region.
- (e) Between thirty to sixty days prior to the election of the President each region shall meet separately and elect a Regional Director, Vice-Director, Recording Secretary and Treasurer for their respective regions and said persons shall hold office as State Administrators.
- (f) The President shall appoint a Corresponding Secretary with the approval of the State Administrators.
- (g) No one shall be elected as an officer who is not a bona fide member of an active local Chapter. No one shall be appointed to any voting executive position or office, who is not a bona fide member of an active Chapter.

2. STATE REPRESENTATIVES:

- (a) Each State Assembly and other Districts which shall have been granted a charter and which charter is then in full force and effect pursuant to the provisions of these By-Laws shall call a meeting of all members who reside in said district between thirty to sixty days prior to the holding of the State Elections Convention, by written notice of not less than ten days, setting forth

the purpose, time and place of said meeting, for the purpose of electing a chairman, and other officers of the respective district organization.

- (b) Candidates for chairman and other officers shall be bona fide residents of the district from which they are to be elected and otherwise eligible for membership in M.A.P.A.
 - (c) The person elected as Chairman of an Assembly or other Districts by the members thereof, shall be certified in writing to the Secretary and said person shall then represent the respective district on the State Executive Board as member thereof and shall be designated as State Representative.
 - (d) It shall be the duty of each Chapter Chairman to call a monthly meeting of said Chapter upon written notice of no less than five (5) days.
 - (e) If the appropriate officer of a district Chapter refuses to call a meeting therefor, upon written request of five members of the Chapter Membership or in the event the appropriate officer shall fail to call such a meeting, without good cause, the Regional Director shall thereupon call such meeting, at the request of said members. Said Regional Director shall preside at the meeting so called, or a person selected by him, in writing, shall preside, and the determinations made at said meeting by the members shall be as binding as though originally called by the appropriate Chapter officer.
- B. The powers, duties and prerogatives as herein provided, of the Administrators and Representatives, may not be changed or amended ex-

cept by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of all members of the Mexican-American Political Association present at a State Convention.

C. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD:

1. It shall be necessary that at least one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the State Executive Board be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Every act, determination, or decision made by a majority of the Executive Board where there is a quorum, shall be regarded as an act of the said Executive Board.
 2. Board meetings shall be held not less than every six months. The first meeting shall be the day before the annual convention.
 3. Emergency meetings of the Executive Board may be called at the request of two Regional Directors or by the President.
 4. The Executive Board may employ at a salary to be fixed by it, any person who may be possessed of special ability or training for the execution or determinations made by said Executive Board, inclusive of a State Organizer who shall be responsible to the Executive Board and shall submit periodic reports, including an annual financial report, to the Executive Board.
- D. The members of the Executive Board shall receive no compensation for their services.
- E. A member of the Executive Board shall not during his tenure in office hold an appointive position of partisan Federal, State, County or Municipal office, unless said position shall be by virtue of civil service appointment. An appointee may be a non-voting member of the Executive Board.
- F. The immediate past president shall be a voting member of the State Executive Board.

ARTICLE V

ELECTIONS AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- A. A committee known as Elections and Credentials Committee shall consist of a Chairman appointed by the President and two members from each regional area appointed by the Regional Director of the respective area and they shall meet at a time and place to be designated in writing by the President. Said Committee shall meet at least thirty days prior to the date of the holding of the Statewide Election Convention.
- B. DUTIES OF ELECTIONS AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:
1. Supervise the elections and matters called to a vote at conventions upon a Statewide basis.
 2. Ascertain that only members whose dues are fully paid up shall vote. A receipt from the Treasurer attesting to the same shall constitute proof of eligibility. Duplicate receipts may be issued by the Treasurer at the meeting of the general assembly in the event original receipts have been lost or misplaced by attending members.
 3. The members of said Committee shall maintain the peace and order, under the direction of the General Chairman of any convention, or special or emergency assembly meetings and at his request cause to be removed any persons from said assembly who may occasion breaches tending to disorderly conduct and the disruption of peaceful assemblage.

4. It shall be the duty of said Committee to ascertain and determine that only eligible voters cast ballots. It shall submit its report to the convention for approval.
5. The Election and Credentials Committee shall cause to be prepared and supervise balloting at State Assembly Meetings and the Statewide Elections Convention.

ARTICLE VI

SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

- A. Special General Assembly Meetings shall be called by the President upon written notice of not less than thirty nor more than sixty days. Special General Assembly Meetings may also be called by the vote of one-fourth of the State Executive Board, upon written petition or correspondence to the Secretary, whose duty it shall be to call a Special General Assembly Meeting forthwith upon written notice of not less than thirty days or more than sixty days. If the meeting be called by petition of the State Executive Board, the Secretary shall send to all members in writing the time and place of the meeting. Whether the meeting shall be held in the Northern Section of the State or the Southern Section of the State shall be determined by whether the majority of the petitioners who petitioned or requested in writing for the meeting are from the Northern or Southern Sections.

ARTICLE VII

EXPULSION OF OFFICERS, MEMBERS, AND CHAPTERS OR DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

A. REMOVAL OF OFFICERS:

1. A member or officer of the State Executive Board may be removed from office by resolution carried by a two-thirds vote of said

Executive Board present and voting if he be absent without just cause, from three (3) consecutive meetings of a General Assembly meeting, or for misfeasance of funds, or if he shall fail to perform his duties, or if he shall fail by positive action to respect official endorsements for political office made by M.A.P.A. or if he shall violate any of the provisions of these By-Laws.

2. A State Administrator is automatically removed from office if he be absent without just cause, from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Executive Board, or two (2) consecutive meetings of a General Assembly Meeting.

B. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS AND CHAPTERS OR DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

1. Voluntary withdrawal.
2. Non payment of dues.
3. Expulsion by two-thirds of the State Executive Board. Causes for expulsion are:
 - (a) To refuse without justifiable cause, to assume and execute the duties, offices, powers, and official designations entrusted to such member, chapter or district association.
 - (b) Misconduct amounting to a breach of the peace at any meeting or the use of disorderly tactics intended to thwart the democratic determinations made by the State Executive Board.
4. Misconduct, which the chartered assembly, or other districts may determine by a two-thirds vote as to their own members in their respective By-Laws, to be detrimental to the best interest of the State Association or said Districts. In such situation the State Executive Board shall pro forma ratify the deter-

mination of the said Districts, and give written notice thereof, unless the member shall appeal in writing to the Board within thirty days, and the board shall determine to review the expulsion upon the record made before the chartered assembly or other Districts organization, and make a different order.

C. NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

1. Prior to any disciplinary action as set forth in A and B above, at least fifteen days written notice must be sent to the member chapter involved stating the reasons for the anticipated action before any such action may be taken.
2. No notice need be given if disciplinary action is pursuant to Article VII. A. 2.

ARTICLE VIII

**APPOINTMENT OF
SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEES**

- A. The majority of the Administrators of the State Executive Board shall after procuring the advice of the entire Executive Board, appoint the following permanent standing committee Chairmen: 1) Publicity; 2) Legislative Study; 3) Membership; 4) Education; 5) Precinct Work; 6) Special Awards; 7) Legal; 8) Manpower and Development; 9) Political Recruitment; 10) Constitution and By-Laws; and 11) Sites and Selections.
- B. Membership of said standing committees shall not be limited as to number, and their respective chairmen shall have the power to appoint fifty per cent of the members thereof. The President shall appoint the other fifty per cent. Standing Committee Chairmen appointed as herein above provided shall retain office for a

period of two years, and until a successor is appointed. Standing Committee Chairmen may be removed by two-thirds of the Executive Board.

Standing Committee Chairmen may remove members who may belong to their respective committees, at any time with the approval of a majority vote. Such removal may be made with or without cause and notice of the removal shall be filed with the Secretary and the Membership Committee, and thereby be self-executing.

- C. Standing Committee Chairmen may be invited to attend State Executive Board Meetings and State Administrative Meetings and give reports and if the Chairman cannot attend, a member of his committee appointed by him shall attend.

1. **THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE** shall prepare information for public distribution that the public be favorably informed concerning the programs, plans and activities of the Association and submit same to the Executive Board. No publicity shall be distributed for dissemination to the general public or news media without prior approval of the President and the appropriate Regional Director. Said Committee shall write and cause to be distributed a monthly newsletter to the members of M.A.P.A.
2. **THE LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE** shall investigate and study issues for legislation and make written reports to the Executive Board on the result of these investigations, together with its recommendations and file the same with the Secretary not less than once every two months. Said Committee shall likewise initiate and organize issues conferences to draft legislative programs to be submitted to the Executive Board for action.

3. THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE shall initiate drives and devote constant and vigorous efforts to obtain new members and encourage the formation of district associations or Chapters. Said Committee shall determine from new members which area of political activity they would prefer or desire to participate in, and refer the name of said member, add his preference and desire for activity, to the Chairman of the Political Recruitment Committee. Said Committees shall keep a current record of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all active members and report a complete roster of Membership every ninety days to the Secretary. The same shall likewise be made available to Committee Chairmen who may request the same. Said Committee shall likewise establish an archives file and deposit therein all matters of historical moment of and concerning M.A.P.A. activities.
4. THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE shall explore all private and public resources which may offer educational assistance or advantages to persons whose needs and welfare the aims and purposes of M.A.P.A. are intended to advance and promote. It shall be the duty of said Committee to recommend the manner and means whereby said resources may be utilized to greatest advantage and to that end submit programs of positive action in the sphere of education to the Education Board.
5. THE PRECINCT WORK COMMITTEE shall assist and coordinate community precinct work in cooperation with the Assembly or other Chairmen during public election periods and make a written report to the State Executive Board after each election, together with its recommendations.
6. THE SPECIAL AWARDS COMMITTEE shall recommend for Board action the recognition and public acclaim and the awarding of special certificates of merit to persons deserving of the same, for distinguished or outstanding social or civil service in the fields of endeavor which the aims and purposes of M.A.P.A. seek to advance and promote.
7. THE LEGAL COMMITTEE shall be composed of members of the California State Bar Association whose services shall be available to each Chairman of all M.A.P.A. Committees with relation to matters of legal opinions and legal procedure to more effectively enable said committees to perform their functions throughout the community in keeping with precepts of law and justice.
Said Committee may also render opinions which may from time to time be requested in writing by the Executive Board on such matters which may pertain to the activities of M.A.P.A.
8. THE MANPOWER AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE shall explore all private and public resources which may offer manpower and development assistance or advantages to persons whose needs and welfare and the aims and purposes of M.A.P.A. are intended to advance and promote.
9. THE POLITICAL RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE shall search for qualified persons and investigate their backgrounds and if found to be suitable as possible candidates for appointive and elective office shall make written reports of its findings together with recommendations for specific public office to the State Executive Board for further disposition.

10. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE shall review the existing constitution and by-laws and recommend to the Board such action as said Committee feels will improve the constitution and By-Laws.
 11. THE SITES AND SELECTIONS COMMITTEE shall review proposed bids for conventions and board meetings and make information on prior experiences available to those hosting conventions and board meetings.
- D. Chairmen as well as members appointed to special interim committees shall be subject to removal by a majority of the Executive Board, or majority of the Administrators.
- E. Special or interim committees appointed for the accomplishment of a specific purpose, shall ipso facto be deemed as dissolved when the specific purpose is accomplished, without further action.
- F. There shall be a State Organizer appointed by the Executive Board to work in conjunction with and be responsible to the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolutions of all committees shall be deemed as recommendations to the Executive Board, and shall be filed with the Secretary of the Executive Board, and shall have no validity until approved by said Board, or the Membership, as the case may be.
- B. Committee Chairmen shall mail duplicate copies of all correspondence issuing from said Committees, and material answers thereto, to the Secretary of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE X

PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING CHARTERS TO ASSEMBLY OR OTHER DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

- A. The State Executive Board shall have the power to grant charters to assembly or other District Associations.
 1. There must be at least fifteen active members of an Assembly or other District Association before an application for charter may be considered. Any District Association whose membership, after receiving a charter, shall have less than fifteen members, or who shall be determined to be in violation of Article I, shall have said charter revoked, by majority vote of the State Executive Board. Within the sixty days period for payment of the annual dues hereinabove provided, each chapter must apply or reapply for the renewal of its charter, and unless said application or reapplication is made within said period of time the Charter shall not be deemed to be in effect.
 2. The State Executive Board shall cause to be prepared a printed application for charter, which shall be submitted to parties who may solicit the same in writing, and wherein the solicitant shall set forth the assembly District of the Chapter and specify whether there is an existing chapter or charter in said district.
 3. It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to investigate the bona fides of any charter application, and submit its recommendations and exceptions, in writing, to the State Executive Board, within a period of thirty days after receiving notice of application.

4. The State Executive Board, by a vote of two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority, may make additional exceptions for the granting of charters within Assembly or other districts.
5. The By-Laws of locally chartered organizations, or regional organizations, must be filed with the Secretary and may not conflict with the State By-Laws in any particular. Should such conflict exist, the State By-Laws shall be supreme and the charters issued shall limit the action of said district or regional organization under those respective charters to those matters which are consistent with the State Articles and By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI

STATEWIDE AND NATIONAL ENDORSEMENTS

- A. Locally chartered Assembly or other District Associations shall submit, through their respective representatives upon the State Board, for Executive Board Official Endorsement upon a state and national level, such propositions and candidates as may tend to foster and promote the aims and purposes of M.A.P.A.
 1. Statewide, National and local endorsements of candidates for politically appointed offices shall be the exclusive prerogative of the State Executive Board, and in the event any chartered group or association fails or omits to actively support Executive Board Official Endorsements for appointive positions on the State or National level, and instead actively opposes said endorsements, after they are officially made and determined by the State Executive Board, shall by vote of

the Administrators of the State Board, be denominated "wild-cat" and its charter cancelled.

2. Inasmuch as the Power of Cancellation relates to the effective and vital existence of M.A.P.A. as a State Political Association, there shall be no appeal from the decision of cancellation of charter. No resolution or order of cancellation shall be made, however, until such time as a hearing is held, at which hearing the officers of the chartered Assembly or other District Association, upon seven days written notice, have been invited to attend, to state whatever they deem pertinent. All persons, excepting the officers of said district association, may be excluded from said special meeting.
3. Since the majority of the membership of the State Executive Board shall be composed of the representatives from numerous local Assembly or other districts, whose local partisan political endeavors could conceivably be at variance with the over-all bi-partisan State or other district organization may nevertheless have a voice in matters of statewide and national appointive nature as political appointments the chartered Assembly or other District organizations located in the Northern or Southern areas by a majority vote shall upon being advised by the Executive Board that an endorsement is pending immediately call a caucus and instruct the respective regional officers sitting on the State Board to vote on State and National appointive political endorsements pursuant to the majority vote, of the district organizations within respective regions, and it shall be the duty of the said officers to vote in keeping with said delegated authority and voting instructions.

4. In the event said regional officers do not receive written voting instructions upon State or National appointive political endorsements from their respective regional district organizations, said regional officers may vote as they may individually determine shall best foster the aims and purposes of M.A.P.A. Majority for endorsement shall be sixty per cent (60%) of those present and voting.

B. ENDORSING CONVENTIONS. There shall be an endorsing convention to be denominated State Endorsing Convention, which shall be held when called by the State Executive Board within sixty (60) days after the State Primary Election.

1. The members of said convention shall be composed of delegates chosen by each chartered organization and there shall be one delegate for each five (5) active members or fraction thereof as may appear on the books of the Membership Committee. The cut-off date for ALL members voting shall be sixty (60) days prior to the convening of said Endorsement Convention.
2. The maximum number of convention delegates which any chartered organization may have for voting purposes at said State Endorsing Convention, shall be twenty (20).
3. Each delegate or his alternate to be entitled to vote must be personally present and no proxy vote shall be permitted.
4. There shall be one (1) delegate at large.

C. LOCAL ENDORSEMENTS: Locally chartered Assembly or other District Associations must participate in M.A.P.A. endorsement units which may be formed on any jurisdictional, special, local and Regional level.

1. Local bond issues, initiatives, and other matters of political substance, inclusive of political appointments and political office and other matters and/or issues relating to the aims and purposes of M.A.P.A. shall be the exclusive prerogative of the locally chartered Assembly or other District Associations, which may be chartered within the geographical jurisdictions involved and participate in such M.A.P.A. endorsement units as may be formed and required on the special, local and regional level.
2. M.A.P.A. members who may reside outside of the geographical or political boundaries for which endorsements shall be made, may not vote at such endorsement meetings or conventions.
3. All such local endorsement conventions or meetings must be called in writing at least fifteen days before the date of the endorsement meeting.
4. All chapters located within geographical or political boundaries for which endorsement shall be made must jointly endorse.
5. The above requirements for endorsement are jurisdictional and any violation thereof shall render the action taken null and void.

D. Upon written petition of one or more Chapters within a jurisdictional political area involved, the regional Director or an Administrator shall call an endorsement pre-planning meeting of the officers of said Chapters for the purpose of convening an endorsement convention. Said pre-planning meeting shall be held at least sixty days before the election date.

ARTICLE XII

ANNUAL GENERAL CONVENTION

- A. **ANNUAL CONVENTIONS:** In addition to such special or other statewide conventions as may be called by the President, there shall be an annual general convention. Notice of said annual convention shall be sent ninety days preceding the date of the convention. The cut off date for all members shall be sixty (60) days prior to the convening of said annual general convention.
- B. **RULES OF ORDER:** The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, revised, shall govern Directors and Membership meetings of the Association, except in instances of conflict between Rules of Order and the Articles or By-Laws of the Association or provisions of Law.

ARTICLE XIII

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. **INSPECTION OF BY-LAWS.** The association shall keep in its principal office the original or copy of these By-Laws, as amended or altered to date, certified by the Secretary, which shall be open for inspection by the members in all reasonable times during office hours.
- B. **CONSTRUCTION AND DEFINITIONS.** Unless the context otherwise requires, General provisions, rules of construction and definitions contained in the California General Non-profit Corporation Law shall govern the construction of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE XIV

AMENDMENT

- A. **POWER OF MEMBERS:** New By-Laws may be adopted or these By-Laws may be amended or repealed by resolution of the Executive Board and consent of a majority of the members at a General Statewide Convention, except as may be specifically otherwise provided in these By-Laws, or required by law.
- B. **TIME FOR AMENDMENTS:** Amendments to the constitution may also be made bi-annually at the same time that officers are elected.
- C. An amendment to these By-Laws, with the exception of those originating from the constitution and By-Laws Committee, may not be adopted unless a written copy of said proposed amendments is mailed to the Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, with copies to the President, Vice-Presidents and the General Counsel no less than seven (7) days prior to the adoption of same.



