

# **Gulf States Math Alliance Bylaws**

## **Article I – General**

### Section 1 – Name

The name of this Organization shall be the Gulf States Math Alliance (GSMath).

### Section 2 - Purpose

The purpose of the Gulf States Math Alliance is to promote study of the mathematical sciences at undergraduate and graduate levels in the Gulf States region, particularly among the underrepresented groups within the region defined below in Article II.

### Section 3 – Inurement of Income

No part of the net earnings of the Gulf States Math Alliance shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its coordinators, executive board, advisory board, or other private persons except to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

### Section 4 – Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Gulf States Math Alliance, the executive board shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Gulf States Math Alliance, donate all remaining funds to the National Alliance for Doctoral Studies in the Mathematical Sciences.

## **Article II - Membership**

The membership of the Gulf States Math Alliance shall consist of any individual member of the National Alliance for Doctoral Studies in the Mathematical Sciences who is willing to promote the mission and purpose of the Gulf States Math Alliance encompassing the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. Exceptions can be made by the executive board and coordinators.

## **Article III – Executive Board and Coordinators**

### Section 1 – Executive Board

Four members of the executive board will be elected. The three states (Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas) of the Gulf States Math Alliance must be represented in the executive board with at least one member from a bachelor granting institution and one member from a doctoral granting institution. The fourth will be an at-large representative. These members will serve for a period of two years. Each year shall begin in January and end in December. As long as an executive board member is duly

elected, there is no limit to the number of consecutive terms that s/he can serve. It is the responsibility of the executive board to appoint or dismiss coordinators and the advisory board members.

## Section 2 – Coordinators

The coordinators will consist of a minimum of one representative from each of the three states whose institution has a commitment to promote the purpose of the Gulf States Math Alliance.

## Section 3 – Advisory Board

The advisory board will consist of members appointed by the executive board.

## Section 4 – Quorum

Five members from the executive board and the coordinators including at least two executive board members shall constitute a quorum.

## Section 5 – Adverse Interest

In the determination of a quorum the adverse interest of an executive board member shall not disqualify him or her from voting or invalidate his or her vote.

## Section 6 – Meetings

The Gulf States Math Alliance will meet twice a year. The fall meeting will be held at the Field of Dreams Conference hosted by the National Alliance for Doctoral Studies in the Mathematical Sciences. The spring meeting will rotate between the Mathematical Association of America Texas and Louisiana/Mississippi section meetings. Special meetings will be scheduled as needed.

## Section 7 – Removal/Vacancies

An executive board member, coordinator, or advisory board member shall be subject to removal, with or without cause, at any time by the executive board. An executive board member or coordinator who is absent without cause from four consecutive regular meetings shall be considered resigned from his or her position. Any vacancy that occurs whether by death, resignation, removal, or any other cause, shall be filled by the executive board.

## Section 8 – Committees

The executive board may appoint from the members of the Gulf States Math Alliance a committee or committees, temporary or permanent, and designate the duties, powers, and authorities of such committees.

## Section 9 – Dues

Collection of dues will be at the discretion of the executive board and coordinators when needed.

## **Article IV – Legal**

### Section 1 – Seal

The Gulf States Math Alliance shall have a seal that may be affixed to all instruments executed by the Gulf States Math Alliance.

### Section 2 – Nondiscriminatory Policy

The Gulf States Math Alliance will consist of members of any gender, race, color, national origin, or ethnic origin. The Gulf States Math Alliance does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, or ethnic origin in administration of its programs.

### Section 3 – Interpretation

The executive board and coordinators are the sole body of the Gulf States Math Alliance to interpret the bylaws.

### Section 4 – Compliance of State and Federal Laws

In case of a conflict existing between the bylaws here and either the U.S. Federal laws or the State laws of Louisiana, Mississippi, or Texas, the articles in conflict should comply with the U.S. Federal laws.

## **Article V – Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the executive board, coordinators, and advisory board in attendance during the fall meeting. Proposed amendments shall be made available by the executive board to all members of the executive board, coordinators, and advisory board at least fifteen days prior to the time of voting.

## Founding Members

### EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Prof. Tuncay Aktosun, University of Texas at Arlington

Prof. Gerard Buskes, University of Mississippi

Prof. Theresa Martines, University of the Incarnate Word

Prof. Joe Omojola, Southern University at New Orleans

### COORDINATORS:

Prof. Donald Cole, University of Mississippi

Prof. Roderick Holmes, Texas Southern University

Prof. Bill Jones, Xavier University of Louisiana

Prof. Jianzhong Su, University of Texas at Arlington

Prof. Cristina Villalobos, University of Texas Pan American

Prof. Carmen Wright, Jackson State University

### ADVISORY BOARD:

Prof. Carlos Castillo-Chavez, Arizona State University

Dr. Danna Diaz, El Paso Independent School District

Prof. Christina Eubanks-Turner, Loyola Marymount University

Prof. Philip Kutzko, University of Iowa

Dr. Paulette Willis, Reasoning Mind