



McDonogh 35 Alumni Association Atlanta Chapter, Inc.

Bylaws

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**Bylaws
of
McDonogh 35 Alumni Association Atlanta Chapter, Inc.**

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as the McDonogh 35 Alumni Association Atlanta Chapter, Inc.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The Atlanta Chapter of the McDonogh 35 Alumni Association is founded by and for the Atlanta Alumni of McDonogh 35 High School of New Orleans, LA currently residing in the state of Georgia and is organized for the purposes set forth in its Articles of Incorporation which are filed with the State of Georgia and for the specific purposes as set forth below:

- A. To serve and promote the educational and cultural interests of McDonogh 35 High School in the city of New Orleans, LA.
- B. To serve as a forum for alumni to maintain contact with the school and one another.
- C. To support periodic reunions and other events for alumni and students.
- D. To carry out fundraising and other charitable activities for the benefit of the school, its current students, alumni, and community.
- E. To function as the alumni's official voice in communicating with the school and the appropriate governing body.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

A. Affiliate Chapters

- 1. **Purpose** – An affiliate chapter is an approved affiliate organization approved by the Board of Directors of the McDonogh 35 Alumni Association in New Orleans, LA (designated at the National Alumni Association) established to further the vision, mission, and programs of the National Alumni Association.
- 2. **Membership** – An affiliate chapter is comprised of alumni and/or friends residing in and around a certain geographic region outside of New Orleans, LA who have a common interest in supporting and promoting McDonogh 35 Senior High School in alignment with the National Alumni Association.

3. **Chapter Organization** – Affiliate chapters shall be guided by the National Alumni Association Bylaws; maintaining their own 501c3 status; operate according to the laws of the geographic region, which govern organizations; be financially self-sufficient; and operate within the fiscal year of the National Alumni Association (October 1st – September 30th).
4. **Membership Fees** – Affiliate chapter members must be active members of the National Alumni Association. The affiliate chapter must submit the national dues and membership roster to the National Association. Affiliate chapters may establish their own annual dues.
 - a. Additionally, Chapter membership shall be open to the following:
Alumni of McDonogh 35, currently residing in the state of Georgia.
 - b. Members are required to pay annual chapter dues in addition to national dues, as determined by the contributing members of the Atlanta Chapter
5. For the purposes of these Bylaws, CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS are defined to be Active Members – any graduate of McDonogh 35 High School who has paid their annual dues for the current fiscal year to the National Association and who has paid their Chapter dues and are either a Regular, Life, or Life Install Member. Associate or Supporter Members are not considered to be Contributing Members and may not serve on the Board of Directors.

B. Types of Memberships

1. Regular Member – Any graduate of McDonogh 35 Senior High School who has paid their annual dues for the current fiscal year.
2. Life Member – Any graduate of McDonogh 35 Senior High School who pays the Life Membership fee. Once the fee has been paid, no annual dues are required for the remaining lifetime of the member. Life Members are encouraged to continue to support the Association through an annual contribution.
3. Life Install Member – Any graduate of McDonogh 35 Senior High School who pays Life Membership installments within the same fiscal year that total the Life Membership fee. Once the total Life Membership fee is paid, they become a Life Member.

4. Honorary Member – Upon the written recommendation of an active member and by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, Honorary Membership may be conferred upon any person who shall have rendered notable service to McDonogh 35 Senior High School. An Honorary Member shall be entitled to all rights and privileges as an Association member except for voting and holding office. Honorary membership cannot be conferred upon a living graduate of McDonogh 35 Senior High School.
5. Associate Member – Any current or former administrator, faculty member, friend, or supporter who is not a graduate of McDonogh 35 Senior High School and who has pays annual dues for the current fiscal year. Associate members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of a regular member except holding office.
6. Supporter Member – Any graduate of McDonogh 35 Senior High School residing outside the state of Georgia wishing to support the Atlanta Chapter and who has paid their annual dues for the current fiscal year. A Supporter member shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of a regular member except holding office.
7. Active Member – Any Regular, Life, or Life Install member.

C. Membership Dues

1. Membership dues are determined by the Board of Directors and approved by the Active Membership. Dues are subject to change. Currently the dues are as follows:

Atlanta Chapter Member Annual Dues - \$35.00
2. Payment of Annual Dues – Annual dues are paid for the fiscal year that begins on October 1st of a year and ends on September 30th of the next year. (October 1st – September 30th).
3. Annual dues are applied to the current fiscal year regardless of when payment is received within the fiscal year, unless paid after June 30 or specifically designated for another year. All dues are non-refundable.

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chapter leadership shall consist of a Board of Directors selected from the general membership.

A. Officers - The Board of Directors shall consist of the following officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, & Financial Secretary.

1. President - The president shall be the chief executive officer of the Chapter and, in general, shall supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Chapter. He/she may sign, with any Officer of the chapter authorized by the Board of Directors, any contracts or other documents which the Board has authorized to be executed; and he shall perform all such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board from time to time.
2. Vice President – In the event of the illness, death, resignation or removal of the President, the person who serves as Vice President shall assume the office of President until the Board of Directors elects a successor to the President and shall perform all such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.
3. Recording Secretary – The recording secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and general membership; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws or as required by law; be custodian of the Chapter Records; & perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President or the Board of Directors.
4. Treasurer – The treasurer should be responsible for all funds and securities of the Chapter; deposit such money in the name of the chapter in such banks or depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws; and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board of Directors.
5. Financial Secretary – The financial secretary shall receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Chapter collaborate with the Treasurer to create a budget for each fiscal year; be the custodian of the membership records; and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

- B.** The Board of Directors is vested with the authority to manage all of the following business and affairs of this chapter, including, but not limited to the following:
1. Developing chapter goals and priorities.
 2. Establishing and approving the budget for the chapter and receiving, administering, and disbursing all funds.
 3. Adopting, amending, or rescinding Chapter Bylaws consistent with the provisions contained herein; and
 4. Performing any other acts necessary or incidental to managing the business and affairs of this chapter.

C. Eligibility

Only contributing members may serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

D. Election

1. In the Inaugural year of establishment, the Board of Directors positions shall be appointed with members taking the initiative to establish this chapter.
2. In subsequent years, Board of Directors positions shall be elected by Contributing Members at the Annual Membership Drive Meeting in October.
3. Self-nominations are permitted.
4. Any member may submit nominations for each of the elected positions.
5. All contributing members may vote and may cast only one vote.
6. A vote by ballot shall take place, and the person receiving a majority of votes cast for each position will be elected.

E. Terms of Office

1. The terms of the elected Board of Directors positions shall be as follows:
 - a. Each Officer shall hold office for a term of three years and thereafter until his/her successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

F. Meetings

The Board of Directors shall hold an Annual Membership Drive Meeting in October and should otherwise meet quarterly or more often as determined by the President or upon the petition of the majority of the board members.

ARTICLE V – REGULAR COMMITTEES

- A. The Chapter Board of Directors may establish regular committees to assist it in the performance of its duties as it considers appropriate. It shall have the power to create and dissolve regular committees and appoint their Chairman and Officers.
 1. The Chairman and Officers of each such committee shall have such duties as the President prescribes.
- B. The following Standing Committees shall exist as deemed necessary by the Chapter Board of Directors:
 1. Finance Committee – The Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Board of Directors and is chaired by the Board Treasurer & co-chaired by the Finance Secretary. The Finance Committee responsibilities include: to provide guidance for financial matters; reviews all financial statements; reports on all financial activity to the board; and approve the annual budget to submit to the full board for approval.
 2. Social Events Committee – The Social Events Committee will be responsible for planning & organizing social activities and meetings; researching potential locations; and planning for the decorations, refreshments, and venue. All events must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to planning. Events shall be promoted by the Social Events Committee through Facebook, Email, Newsletter, and/or Flyers, etc.

3. School Support/Fundraising Committee – The School/Fundraising Committee will be responsible for planning specific fundraising events and activities; will raise the amount needed to meet the proposed budget and work cooperatively with the President and Treasurer with financial receipts and disbursements for the activity.

ARTICLE VI – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- A. **Dissolution** – Upon dissolution of the Chapter, the Chapter Board of Directors shall provide for the discharge of all liabilities of the chapter and shall transfer all remaining assets of the chapter to the McDonogh 35 National Alumni Association in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- B. **Conflict of Interest** – Any possible conflict of interest on the part of any member of the Board, Officer, or employee of the corporation shall be disclosed in writing to the Board of Directors. At such time as any matter comes before the Board in such a way as to give rise to a conflict of interest, the affected Director shall make known the potential conflict and will withdraw from the meeting for as long as the matter shall continue under discussion. Should the matter be brought to a vote, neither the affected director nor any other Director with a pecuniary benefit transaction with the Chapter will vote on it. The board will comply with all requirements of Georgia law where conflicts of interest are involved.

ARTICLE VII – RELATIONSHIP WITH MCDONOGH 35 HIGH SCHOOL

In accordance with the stated purposes of the Chapter, the Board of Directors shall make all reasonable efforts to maintain good relations and communication with McDonogh 35 Senior High School (“the School”), its successors and its constituents. The finances of the Chapter shall be separate and apart from the school. The Chapter may donate funds to the School for various purposes.

ARTICLE VIII – ANNUAL BUDGET

The Board of Directors shall adopt a budget for each fiscal year for the purpose of estimating the Chapter’s income and anticipated expenses.

ARTICLE IX – FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall follow the National Association’s fiscal year as outlined in the Bylaws and shall be from October 1st – September 30th.

ARTICLE X – CHARITABLE PURPOSE

It is the intention of this Chapter to qualify as a charitable association under the laws of the State of Georgia and the United States Internal Revenue code in order that, among other things donations made to the corporation may be deductible for income tax purpose to the donors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the foregoing was adopted as the Bylaws of the McDonogh 35 Alumni Association Atlanta Chapter, Inc., a voluntary association organized under the laws of the State of Georgia.

This 5th day of April, 2022

Yolanda Stewart
President

Adrienne Griffin
Vice President

Tiffany Dixon
Recording Secretary

Shaun Lain
Treasurer

Cindy McGinnis
Financial Secretary

McDonogh 35 Alumni Association Atlanta Chapter, Inc.



VISION

The McDonogh 35 Alumni Association will be a dynamic, member-focused organization - driven by ideals directed toward sustaining the McDonogh 35 Senior High School legacy of Strength, Scholarship, Leadership, Excellence, and Truth.

MISSION

The mission of the Alumni Association is to advance the legacy of McDonogh 35 Senior High School as an institution of academic excellence and cultural pride by fostering alumni involvement through advocacy and volunteerism, offering financial support and lifelong commitment to the student body and school, and promoting lasting relationships among its graduates.

MOTTO

Forever a Roneagle...
Giving Back and Paying Forward

ALMA MATER

Roneagles' strength and wisdom

the world we share.

Maroon and Gold, the colors

we proudly bear.

High Thirty-Five greater heights each day.

Your torch of knowledge will light the way.

McDonogh 35 you will always be

The pride your sons and daughters will bring to thee.



We hail thee,

Fair Thirty-Five, ever fair, even fairer!

Brave Thirty-five, ever brave, even braver!

Thirty-Five ever high, Thirty-Five ever high!

High Thirty-Five, ever high even higher!

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