

**BYLAWS OF THE
MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES**

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Maryland Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, hereafter referred to as MAFCS.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES AND MISSION

The purposes of this organization are the same as the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) as stated in their bylaws Article II.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP, DUES, FEES, AND PRIVILEGES

Membership, dues, fees, and privileges shall be as determined by the AAFCS board of directors.

ARTICLE IV

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Section 1. MAFCS shall be composed of AAFCS members. MAFCS members shall pay dues simultaneously to AAFCS and MAFCS.

Section 2. MAFCS shall be represented in the AAFCS Affiliate Presidents Unit and AAFCS Leadership Council by its president and president-elect or their designees.

ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. MAFCS shall have an Executive Board.

(a) The board shall act as the legal representative of MAFCS, set association policy, and provide leadership for and manage the affairs and funds of MAFCS.

(b) The board shall consist of five directors. A majority of the currently serving directors shall constitute a quorum.

(c) Meetings may be held in-person or by means of telephone or other technology-assisted options.

Section 2. The Assembly of Members shall consist of members in good standing with AAFCS and MAFCS. The assembly shall elect the Executive Board.

Section 3. Directors shall serve two-year terms.

Section 4. The board shall select, from among the elected directors, individuals to serve as the officers.

Section 5. The functions of MAFCS officers shall be as determined by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI

AAFCS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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ARTICLE VII

AAFCS COMMUNITIES

MAFCS members may join AAFCS Communities to serve as a conduit of professional action, dialogue, and promotion of the mission.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES

Section 1. The following Standing Committees are established by the Executive Board with defined purposes and responsibilities as needed to carry out the work of MAFCS:

- (a) Finance Committee
- (b) Awards and Recognition Committee
- (c) Publications Committee
- (d) Nominations Committee

Section 2. Special committees are established by the Executive Board with defined purposes and responsibilities as needed to carry out the work of MAFCS.

ARTICLE IX

AAFCS UNITS

MAFCS members may join AAFCS units to coordinate, strengthen, and promote AAFCS programs.

ARTICLE X

MEETINGS

There shall be at least an annual meeting of MAFCS. However, in the event of an emergency, the annual meeting may be cancelled by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XI

PUBLICATIONS

MAFCS shall publish at least one Marylander Newsletter or President's Alert, either of which shall be an official publication.

ARTICLE XII

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of MAFCS shall be determined by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. MAFCS Bylaws may be amended by action of the Executive Board and a vote of the majority of the Assembly of members present and eligible to vote at any annual meeting of the membership, provided that notice of any proposed amendment(s) be given electronically or by mail through one of the official publications of MAFCS to all members at least thirty days prior to the meeting at which the vote is taken.

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Section 2. I In the event of an emergency as determined by the Executive Board, the By-laws may be amended by mail ballot and/or technology-assisted communication by a majority of the eligible voting members who respond.

ARTICLE XIV

TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

Being an affiliate of AAFCS, MAFCS operates under the tax-exempt status as stated in Article XIV of the AAFCS Bylaws.

ARTICLE XV

DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION

Being an affiliate of AAFCS, MAFCS operates under the defense and indemnification procedures as stated in Article XV of the AAFCS Bylaws.

ARTICLE XVI

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Except as otherwise provided in its bylaws and policies, MAFCS shall be governed in its proceedings by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.