

**CONSTITUTION OF THE MARYLAND-DC METRO CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF GERMAN**

*Adopted August 22, 1987, amended December 13, 2009, December 6, 2013 and June 17, 2019*

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of the chapter shall be the Maryland-DC Metro Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

The Chapter proposes to promote and improve the teaching of German in the geographic area covered by this chapter and to encourage a spirit of cooperation and fellowship among its members. The purpose of the Chapter conforms to that of the National Organization.

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

1. Any teacher of German, any graduate or undergraduate student, and anyone interested in the teaching of German may become a member of the Chapter by joining the National Association upon payment of annual dues as specified by the by-laws of the National Association.
2. Membership types, fee for each, membership period, and the benefits included in that membership fee are determined by the national organization.
3. All Chapter members must belong to the national organization. Chapter members may also be asked to pay annual Chapter dues.
4. Honorary membership in the AATG may be conferred only in accordance with stipulations in the national constitution.

**ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS, NOMINATING COMMITTEE, AND ELECTIONS**

1. The officers of the Chapter are the President, the Vice President/Membership Chair, the Secretary and the Treasurer.
2. Elections shall be conducted in the spring of every other year.
3. The nominating committee comprised of three to five members representative of the membership of the chapter shall prepare a slate of nomination for each office. Board members will serve if at least three chapter members are unavailable to serve.
4. The slate of officers shall be published on the Web at least three weeks prior to the date of the election.

5. Elections shall be by ballots sent to all Chapter members.

#### **ARTICLE V.**

1. The Chapter shall be administered by the Board.

2. The Board sets policies and goals, and deals with chapter business between meetings and consists of the elected and appointed officers. In addition, the most recent former president of the Chapter may be an advisory member for one year after leaving office.

#### **ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS**

1. The Board shall meet at least once a year.

2. The members present shall constitute a quorum.

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#### **ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS**

1. The Constitution of the Chapter may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any regular meeting.

2. Amendments may be proposed by the Board or by written notice to the Board by at least four members of the Chapter no later than two months in advance of the meeting at which action is to be taken.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. BY-LAWS**

By-laws may be adopted or changed at any scheduled meeting of the Chapter by a majority of the members present, provided that written notice of the proposed change(s) is(are) sent to the members at least three weeks prior to such meeting.

#### **ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION OF THE CHAPTER**

The Chapter may be dissolved only

- 1) at a special meeting called for that purpose,
- 2) through a vote by a majority of the remaining members of the Chapter or
- 3) through clear evidence that the Chapter no longer is active.

No member of the chapter shall be entitled to any distribution or diversion of its remaining property or proceeds. The balance of the money, other property or assets received by the Chapter from any source shall be distributed for exempt purposes to qualifying charitable beneficiaries, preferably the national organization, the American Association of Teachers of German, which is registered as a 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Addendum December 6, 2013:**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.