

Massachusetts Government Information Systems Association

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be:

Massachusetts Government Information Systems Association.

Article 11 - Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- Section 1** To promote and encourage appropriate use of equipment and techniques for the improvement of government information systems.
- Section 2** To provide a platform for showing and exchanging ideas, techniques, material, and procedures among government organizations relating to information systems.
- Section 3** To promote the general recognition of the vital professional role played by information systems specialists in a modern community and of the high level of competence required for this role.
- Section 4** To conduct educational seminars and conferences.

Article III - Membership and Dues

- Section 1** Membership shall be open to cities, towns or county government within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as well as agencies, commissions or authorities of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Each entity accepted for membership shall be entitled to all of the privileges of membership in said Association. Membership as described herein shall constitute regular membership.
- Section 2** Each regular membership shall have one vote.
- Section 3** Dues for membership shall be voted on at an annual meeting.

Article IV - Officers, Executive Committees

- Section 1** The officers of this Association shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairpersons of the Standing Committees.
- Section 2** The Executive Committee shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairpersons of the Standing Committees.
- Section 3** The President shall, with the advice and approval of the Executive Committee, conduct all business of the association during intervals between meetings. The President may, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, appoint such Standing and Ad Hoc Committees as are deemed necessary.

Section 4 The Standing Committees shall consist of: Program; Communications; Membership; Standards; Ways and Means; and shall be activated as deemed necessary by the President.

Section 5 A quorum at an Executive Committee meeting shall consist of seventy five percent (75 %) of the current Executive Committee membership.

Article V - Meetings and Elections

Section 1 Meetings shall be held at such times and places as the Executive Committee may Determine, provided that there shall be one annual election meeting before November 1.

Section 2 Officers shall begin their terms on November 1.

Section 3 The Executive Committee shall determine the procedure for the election of officers.

Section 4 Vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

Section 5 The Executive Committee may provide, at its discretion, for issues to be submitted for vote of members by mail or at a general meeting.

Section 6 Quorum at a general meeting shall be 25 % of the total membership.

Article VI - Finances

Section 1 All monies belonging to the Association shall be collected and disbursed by the Treasurer in a manner to be prescribed by the Executive Committee.

Article VII - Amendments

Section 1 Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by an officer, by the Executive Committee, or by any member.

Section 2 This constitution may be amended in whole or in part by the two-thirds vote of those present and voting at any general meeting called for this purpose, or by a two-thirds majority of the ballots received in response to a request for a vote by mail provided that notice of proposed amendments has been given to members at least two weeks prior to such meetings or counting of mailed ballots returns.