

CONSTITUTION  
of  
MATTACHINE MIDWEST  
(adopted \_\_\_\_\_ 1965)

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be Mattachine Midwest.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

1. It is the purpose of this organization to act by any lawful means:

- a. To inform and enlighten the public about human sexual behavior;
- b. To secure for all individuals regardless of sexual orientation the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, as proclaimed for all men by the Declaration of Independence, and to secure for these individuals the basic rights and liberties established by the word and the spirit of the Constitution of the United States;
- c. To equalize the status and position of members of sexual minorities by achieving equality under law, and equality in the society of their fellow men, and by eliminating adverse prejudice, both private and official;
- d. To secure for all individuals regardless of sexual orientation the right, as a human being, to develop and achieve their full potential and dignity, and the right, as a citizen, to make their maximum contribution to the society in which he lives;
- e. To assist, protect, and counsel members of sexual minorities;
- f. To discourage its use as an agency for personal introductions.

2. This organization will cooperate with other organizations on approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

1. There are three classes of membership: Active, Honorary, and Contributing.



2. Active members are persons 21 years of age or older, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or sexual orientation, who meet the requirements of membership as provided by the By-laws.

3. Honorary members:

a. Are individuals who have been awarded Honorary membership in the organization by the Board of Directors because of their contribution and leadership in the fields of endeavor in which the organization works;

b. Shall be exempt from payment of dues;

c. Do not have voting privileges.

4. Contributing members:

a. Are individuals who meet the qualifications for Active membership but who cannot actively participate in the affairs of the organization;

b. Shall have all the privileges and responsibilities of Active membership except the right to vote and hold office.

5. In case of serious misconduct by a member so that the standing of the organization can be endangered, his membership can be suspended or revoked as provided by the By-laws.

#### ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

1. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers, the immediate past President, four elected Directors, and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees.

#### ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

1. An annual meeting shall be held, the date to be determined by the Board of Directors, at which time the officers and Directors are elected.

2. Monthly business meetings shall be held on a regular date to be determined by the Board of Directors.

3. Special meetings may be called as provided by the By-laws.

## ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

1. Committees shall be designated either Standing or Special as provided in the By-laws.

2. Standing Committee Chairmen shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Active members who are present in person or represented by proxy at any regular business meeting. But no amendment shall be voted upon without thirty days' notice, in writing, to the Active members.

## ARTICLE VIII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern in all matters not covered by this Constitution and By-laws.