

**Constitution and Bylaws of the
PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATORS OF
THE UNITED METHODIST
CONNECTIONAL STRUCTURE
(PAUMCS)**

ARTICLE I - NAME AND RELATIONSHIP

- A. The name of the Association is the Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure (PAUMCS).
- B. In furtherance of its exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the organization is organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of the General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist Church (GCFA) and is operated, supervised or controlled by GCFA.
- C. PAUMCS is a voluntary, unincorporated association that has no principal place of business. The Association shall at all times be subject to the Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, as amended from time to time. The laws of the state of Tennessee shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of these bylaws.
- D. The General Secretary of GCFA shall assign a staff person who will be an ex-officio member of PAUMCS and the Executive Committee with all rights including vote. This person shall act as staff liaison for PAUMCS.

ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

- A. PAUMCS is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- B. Specifically, PAUMCS shall provide a supportive base for the unity and fellowship of its members in order to provide individual growth, professional development, continuing education, and spiritual enrichment.
- C. PAUMCS shall promote and encourage the training of best practices for United Methodist Church administrators and shall provide support for United Methodist Church administrators.

- D. PAUMCS shall serve as an advocate for emerging concerns that affect church administrators.
- E. PAUMCS shall encourage and assist in the establishment of chapters of church administrators, within or across jurisdictional and annual conference boundaries, and in the coordination of the program and work of these chapters.
- F. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes of the organization. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, this organization shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this organization.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

- A. **National** Membership shall be open to persons who are currently paid **or volunteer** to engage in administrative ~~and/or secretarial~~ work in any United Methodist local church, extension ministries, or in any agency of The United Methodist Church or in any Annual Conferences or any person who maintains their certification.
- B. For a member to be in good standing, annual dues must be paid for the current calendar year **by February 28**. Calendar year refers to January 1 through December 31.
- C. The members shall adhere to the PAUMCS Code of Ethics.
- D. As long as they meet all the criteria for membership, past presidents shall receive an honorary membership at no cost.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

- A. Officers of PAUMCS shall be a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. All officers shall be GCFA-certified administrators. Officers will serve as ex-officio members of the following committees and shall have voice and vote:
 - President - all committees except the nominating committee
 - Vice President - finance committee and professional training and

standards committee.

- Treasurer – finance committee
- B. Prior to the annual business meeting of PAUMCS, the nominee for the position of treasurer and treasurer in training will agree in writing to a background check, including a credit and criminal check. Any other parties designated by the Executive Committee to sign checks must agree in writing to a background check, including a credit and criminal check.
- C. All legal contracts must be signed by the president or by a party designated by the Executive Committee.
- D. Election: The nominating committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for officers. All nominees from the nominations committee shall be voted on at the annual business meeting of PAUMCS by the voting membership. The vote taken at the annual business meeting of PAUMCS will determine the list of nominations sent on to GCFA (an organization required to act in accordance with The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church) for election. Nominees shall be elected for one (1) year and may serve for a period not to exceed three (3) consecutive years in any given office, except for the treasurer who will serve a term not to exceed six (6) years.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. There shall be an Executive Committee of PAUMCS composed of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, standing committee chairpersons, and the GCFA staff representative. Detailed job descriptions shall be maintained by the nominating committee. The membership chair shall serve ex-officio on the nominating committee with voice and vote.
- B. The Executive Committee will be the governing body of PAUMCS.
- C. The Executive Committee of PAUMCS must be members in good standing and all shall be GCFA certified administrators and employed by any United Methodist local church or extension ministries in any agency of The United Methodist Church or in any Annual Conferences.
- D. The Executive Committee of PAUMCS shall reflect the diversity of the membership. Elements of this diversity are age, race, marital status, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, physically challenging conditions, sexual orientation, and geographical location.
- E. The Executive Committee members, except standing committee chairpersons, are to be elected annually and may serve for a period not to exceed three (3) consecutive years in any given office with the exception of the office of treasurer who shall serve a term not to exceed six (6) years. The treasurer in training will be elected one (1) year prior to the treasurer rotating off the Executive Committee. As the Treasurer rotates off the committee, the treasurer in training will be nominated as Treasurer and, if elected, begin to serve a six (6) year term.
- F. The Executive Committee shall have powers to act for PAUMCS during the period between PAUMCS annual business meetings but shall report to the membership its action for confirmation. If items are referred to the Executive Committee by the membership, the items shall be reported in writing to the membership within thirty (30) days following the Executive Committee meeting.

- G. Members of the Executive Committee shall attend all Executive Committee meetings and fulfill their required duties. Any Executive Committee member missing two consecutive Executive Committee meetings shall be replaced by the nominating committee and confirmed by the Executive Committee during the interim until presented for final nomination before the membership at its next annual business meeting and approval at the following GCFA board meeting.
- H. Executive Committee members can be removed with or without cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership at a meeting where previous notice has been given.
- I. The organization shall have a membership chair who will serve as a resource person to chapters, maintain member profiles, serve on the Executive Committee, and will serve on the nominating committee with voice and vote.

ARTICLE VI - STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. The standing committees of PAUMCS shall reflect the diversity of the membership. Elements of this diversity are age, race, marital status, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, physically challenging conditions, sexual orientation, and geographical locations.
- B. **Nominating Committee:** There shall be a nominating committee composed of six (6) members who shall be elected by the membership in classes of two (2) for a period of three (3) years, all must be GCFA certified administrators. This committee shall nominate all officers, membership chair, communications ~~coordinator~~ **chair**, standing committee members and chairpersons, with the exception of nominating committee members and chairperson.
 - 1 The Executive Committee shall nominate a chairperson of the nominating committee; whom shall be presented with the slate of candidates to the membership.

- 2 Vacated positions on the nominating committee shall be nominated from the floor during the annual business meeting of the annual conference.
 - 3 The membership chair shall serve ex-officio with voice and vote.
- C. **Finance Committee:** There shall be a finance committee composed of six (6) members who shall be elected by the membership in classes of two (2) for a period of three (3) years. This committee shall administer financial matters of PAUMCS. The president, vice president, and treasurer of PAUMCS shall serve ex-officio with voice and vote.
- D. **PTS Committee:** There shall be a professional training and standards committee composed of six (6) members who shall be elected by the membership in classes of two (2) for a period of three (3) years who shall be GCFA certified administrators. This committee shall establish and recommend for consideration the academic standards for certification. The president and vice president of PAUMCS and the GCFA staff representative shall serve ex-officio with voice and vote.
- E. **Membership Committee:** There shall be a membership committee composed of three (3) members who shall be elected by the membership in classes of one (1) for a period of three (3) years. The president of PAUMCS shall serve ex-officio with voice and vote.
- F. **Communications Committee:** There shall be a communications committee composed of three (3) members who shall be elected by the membership in classes of one (1) for a period of three (3) years. The president of PAUMCS shall serve ex-officio with voice and vote.
- G. **Ad Hoc Committee:** There shall be such task groups or committees as PAUMCS, the Executive Committee, or the president shall designate. These groups shall serve only until their tasks or assignments are accomplished.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS

- A. At all times, at least sixty percent (60%) of the members of the organization's Executive Committee must be elected by GCFA (an organization required to act in accordance with The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church).
- B. The nominating committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for the officers, and standing committee members, and chairpersons, except for the nominating committee, of PAUMCS for presentation during the annual business meeting. The Executive Committee shall nominate a candidate for chairperson of the nominating committee. The report of the committee shall be electronically communicated to the membership at least thirty (30) days

prior to the annual business meeting. Other nominations may be made from the floor, subject to eligibility and the nominee's prior consent to serve.

- C. All nominees for the Executive Committee from the nominating committee shall be voted on at the annual business meeting of PAUMCS. The vote taken at the annual business meeting of PAUMCS will determine the list of nominations sent on to GCFA (an organization required to act in accordance with The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church) for election. Nominees shall be elected for one (1) year and may serve for a period not to exceed three (3) consecutive years in any given office, except for the standing committees which shall be elected by classes of two (2) for three (3) years, and the membership committee which shall be elected by classes of one (1) for 3 years and the treasurer who will serve a term not to exceed six (6) years.
- All nominees for standing committee members, excluding the chair of these committees, shall be elected during the annual business meeting of PAUMCS. They shall be elected by classes of two for three (3) years or classes of one (1) for membership committee and the communications committee.
- D. All standing Committee nominees, excluding the chair of these committees, shall assume their duties at the close of the annual conference meeting at which they were elected.
- E. The Executive Committee members, including standing committee chairs, shall assume their duties at adjournment of the GCFA board meeting at which they are elected.
- F. Any vacated term on the Executive Committee shall be filled by the nominating committee and confirmed by the Executive Committee until election by GCFA. The person filling the vacancy may serve in the position an additional three (3) consecutive years, if elected.
- G. Two (2) members shall be nominated from the floor to serve on the nominating committee. Nominees are required to have attended at least two (2) annual conferences of PAUMCS, one (1) of which may include the current conference.
- H. Any vacated position, besides the chair who shall be elected by GCFA, on a Standing Committee shall be filled by the nominating committee and approved by the Executive Committee. The person filling the position shall remain in the position for the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE VIII – VOTING

All members, as defined in Article III of the bylaws, are eligible to vote.

ARTICLE IX – DUES

- A. Annual dues shall be established by PAUMCS during its annual business meeting to be effective for the following calendar year.
- B. Any change in the amount of the dues shall be proposed in writing to the membership of PAUMCS at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE X – MEETINGS

- A. There shall be an annual conference of PAUMCS for the purpose of transacting the business of PAUMCS and to provide an opportunity for fellowship and the sharing of ideas with programs particularly unique to The United Methodist Church. The programs and seminars/workshops presented during the annual conference shall be of such content and with qualified leadership to provide for continuing education credit to meet the established requirements for re-certification as a church administrator. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to recommend the time and place and to direct the planning of the annual conference.
- B. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each year.

ARTICLE XI – CHAPTERS

Chapters of the Professional Administrators of the United Methodist Connectional Structure may be established after consultation with the Membership Chair and with the approval and support of the Executive Committee of PAUMCS in accordance with the current chapter guidelines.

ARTICLE XII - TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

- A. GCFA, in consultation with the PTS committee, shall determine and establish training standards and the standards and procedures for certification.
- B. GCFA shall be the sole agency for certifying United Methodist Church Administrators.
- C. **To recertify, one must pay their back membership dues AND Provide proof of 5 hours annually of training with documentation (with approval by PTS) OR retake the PAUMCS Certification course**

ARTICLE XIII – DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

- A. Upon the dissolution of the organization, all assets of the organization remaining after all liabilities and obligations of the organization have been paid, satisfied and discharged, will be transferred, conveyed, and distributed half to the United Methodist Committee on Relief, (“UMCOR”) and half to United Methodist Women (“UMW”).

If on the date of such proposed distribution, UMCOR or UMW is no longer in existence or does not qualify for exempt status under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, the assets of the organization shall be transferred, conveyed, and distributed to the United Methodist entity (the “Successor Organization”) entitled under The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, or by other General Conference, Jurisdictional Conference, Annual Conference, or District action, to receive the assets of UMCOR or UMW upon its dissolution.

If pursuant to the preceding paragraphs, the organization’s assets are to be distributed to the Successor Organization, but on the date of the proposed distribution, the Successor Organization is no longer in existence or does not qualify for exempt status under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, the assets of the organization shall be transferred, conveyed, and distributed to such other United Methodist related organization(s) as may be specified in, or provided for, under a Plan of Distribution adopted by this organization; provided, however, that in any event, each such distributee organization shall be exempt under the provisions of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE XIV – AMENDMENTS

- A. Subject to section C of this Article, these bylaws may be amended by PAUMCS during the annual business meeting by a majority vote of the membership present and voting provided that:
1. Such amendment has been submitted to the Executive Committee for its recommendation prior to presenting it to the membership for vote.
 2. A written notice of the proposed amendment has been provided to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual business meeting.
- B. If it becomes necessary to propose an amendment between annual business meetings, the Executive Committee may call for a vote with an appropriate

electronic communications ballot following these procedures:

1. The process of the electronic communications of ballots to all members in good standing shall be administered by GCFA.
 2. A majority affirmative vote of all members shall be required for adoption. The Executive Committee shall report during the next annual business meeting indicating:
 - a) the number of ballots electronically communicated.
 - b) the number of ballots required for adoption
 - c) the number of ballots returned
 - d) the number of defective ballots
 - e) the results of the ballot
 3. Section C of this Article also limits electronic communicated ballots.
- C. Any amendments to the following provisions shall require the approval of GCFA:
1. Article I (B)
 2. Article II (A) & (F)
 3. Article IV (D)
 4. Article V (G)
 5. Article VII (A) & (C)
 6. Article XIII
 7. Article XIV (C)

ARTICLE XV - PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED SEPTEMBER 2020 shall be the official guide for this Association.

Standing Rules for the

PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATORS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CONNECTIONAL STRUCTURE (PAUMCS)

A. RESPONSIBILITY

1. All officers and standing committee chairpersons should be active supportive members of PAUMCS in good standing.
2. All members are expected to subscribe to PAUMCS Code of Ethics.

B. FINANCES

1. PAUMCS shall pay travel, room, and board for the officers, and chairpersons of committees, on official business for PAUMCS.
2. Expenses for meetings of standing committees shall be allowed as recommended by the finance committee.
3. All expense vouchers and matters pertaining to the expenditures of PAUMCS must be submitted to the finance committee chair with proper documentation for review and approval before forwarding to the treasurer for payment within 30 days of expenditures.
4. An annual review of the financial records shall be performed with an audit at the end of the treasurer's term of office, in addition to a monthly review of original bank statements by the finance chair.
5. An investment fund shall be maintained with the General Council on Finance and Administration. The balance in this fund should represent up to 25% of the annual operating budget.
6. The funds of the Professional Administrators of The United Methodist Connectional Structure shall be maintained in an interest-bearing checking account with minimal service charges when possible.
7. An annual budget shall be presented to the organization at the annual business meeting with documentation supporting actual expenditures for the previous years.
8. The Finance committee, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, shall recommend the amount of money to be allocated to the chapter(s) hosting PAUMCS annual conference.
9. All other expenses above the amount allocated by the finance committee shall be the responsibility of the chapter(s) hosting the annual conference.
10. The site chairperson shall be invited to the Executive Committee meetings when appropriate, with approved expenses paid.
11. PAUMCS shall pay expenses of annual conference speakers and workshop/seminar leaders, with a contract outlining terms and conditions of services provided and proper documentation for complying with IRS guidelines in regard to miscellaneous income.
12. PAUMCS Insufficient Fund Checks Policy & Procedure: Once notification has been received from the bank that a check is returned for insufficient funds and the amount of the service fee, the Treasurer must:
 - a. Notify the appropriate person: Membership Chair for membership dues, Registrar for any registration fees, etc.
 - b. Send a letter to the person with a copy of the check and service fee charge that came from the bank requesting payment be sent for the total of the check in addition to any service fees in the form of

a cashier's check or money order within 30 days. If a check is received with insufficient funds a second time from the same person, that person shall be notified to submit the correct amount due and that no check will be accepted in the future for any reason, only cashier's check or money order.

C. PROCEDURE

1. An officer who is unable to attend a specific meeting shall consult with PAUMCS president.
2. In the event the chairperson of PAUMCS nominating committee is unable to officiate and it becomes necessary to elect a chairperson pro-tem, the members of the Executive Committee shall conduct the election by e-mail or conference call.
3. The outgoing Executive Committee members and nominees shall work together for training purposes until the incoming nominees are elected at the GCFA board meeting following the Annual Conference. This group shall meet together for evaluation time immediately following the annual conference.

D. SCHOLARSHIP

1. The PAUMCS Memorial Scholarship Fund, hereafter referred to as Scholarship Fund, is established and maintained solely for the purpose of granting financial aid to those attending an annual conference or certification class of PAUMCS. Members of the National Association submitting proper application to attend an annual conference of PAUMCS will be given preference. Other applicants will be considered as funds are available.
2. Scholarships to individuals shall be granted only once in a period of four (4) years.
3. Deadline for applying for a scholarship shall be determined by the Executive Committee.
4. Scholarships shall be granted based on individual applications and limited to an amount determined annually by the Executive Committee, based on recommendations from the Finance Committee.