

**ST. PAUL MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES, INC.
BYLAWS**

Article I. NAME: The name of this organization shall be St. Paul Mothers of Multiples, Inc.

Article II. PURPOSE: The purpose of the organization shall be as follows:

- A. To provide support and education regarding child development, parenting techniques, coping skills, sibling psychology, and other challenges unique to families that include twins, triplets, and other multiple birth children.
- B. To promote literacy and scientific purposes relative to the above within the meaning of Section 501-C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.
- C. To provide time, clothing, food, money, and other assistance to individuals in need, as well as to organizations that are described in and exempt from taxation under Section 501-C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP:

- Section 1. Qualifications: The membership of this organization shall be expectant parents, parents or guardians of multiple birth children.
- Section 2. A. The dues of this organization shall be reviewed and voted on by the Full Board as necessary. The annual membership dues are payable by August 1st.
B. After January 1, a new member shall pay reduced membership dues.
- Section 3. Each paid and honorary member shall be entitled to only one vote.
- Section 4. Honorary members shall pay reduced membership dues as stated in the Standing Rules.

Article IV. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

- Section 1. The Nomination Committee, consisting of no more than four volunteers and chaired by at least one Co-President, will present a slate of candidates for each office for the following fiscal year.

Article V. OFFICERS:

- Section 1. The officers shall be 2nd year Co-President, 1st year Co-President, Program Director, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Section 2. Term:
 - A. With the exception of the 2nd year Co-President, officers will be elected annually by the majority vote by secret ballot and tellers at the April meeting. They shall be installed in May and take active office in July.
 - B. The Co-Presidents are limited to one consecutive 2-year term in office, except as noted in the Standing Rules. The 1st year Co-President automatically becomes the 2nd year Co-President and remains on the Executive Board the following year.
 - C. The offices of Program Director, Secretary, and Treasurer are limited to serving their terms in the same office, as defined in the Standing Rules.

Article VI. EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Section 1. Membership of the Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers.

Section 2. Duties:

The Executive Board shall have the power and supervision of the affairs of the organization and shall examine and present the budget.

Section 3. Any situation or question that falls outside the Bylaws shall be voted on and decided by the Executive Board.

Article VII. FULL BOARD:

Section 1. Membership:

A. The Full Board shall consist of the Executive Board and all committee chairpersons.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS:

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided published notice of the intent to change has been made at least 14 days prior to the meeting. It is expected that amendments to the Bylaws may be discussed and voted upon at this same meeting. The approved Bylaws shall be communicated to the members in the following newsletter.

Article IX: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised and Minnesota Statutes 1965 (volume II, Chapter 817 – Non-Profit Corporation) shall be the parliamentary authority when they do not conflict with the Bylaws of this organization.

Article X: DISPOSITION OF FUNDS UPON DISSOLUTION OF THE ST. PAUL MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES, INC.:

If, for some reason, the St. Paul Mothers of Multiples, Inc. ceases to exist, all existing net funds in the treasury, and all money received from the sale of the club assets shall go to Children's Hospital, St. Paul, MN, for use by the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

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