

## Mid State Conference Guidelines

### Article I.

The name of this Conference shall be "Mid-States Conference".

### Article II.

The purpose of the Mid States Conference shall be to support & promote fellowship, good will and to improve ourselves on matters and affairs of the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association.

### Article III.

The Mid States Conference shall be composed of the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. (North and South Dakota will be considered one state for purpose of rotation of states. 2014 business meeting)

### Article IV.

- 1) The Host State will be rotated alphabetically and annually. A state will not be considered a member until dues are paid as established by these guidelines. Dues not received by the Saturday morning opening sessions of this conference will be considered delinquent.
- 2) The president of the conference will be the current state president or designee of the Host State. Other officers will rotate on continuing alphabetical state bases in the following order: Beginning in 1998 with the State of Indiana—President, Iowa, Vice President and Kansas, Secretary.

### Article V.

The governing officers of this Conference shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and a Treasurer.

- 1) President shall be from the Host State.
- 2) Vice President from the state next in line.
- 3) Secretary from the state next in line.
- 4) Treasure shall run for election each year and serve as long as the membership continues to support him/her by a simple majority vote.
- 5) They shall be elected at the spring meeting by a simple majority of the Mid States Conference.
- 6) Duties of the governing officers shall be:
  - A. President
    1. Preside and call all meetings.
    2. Vote in tie votes.
    3. Invite local speaker.
    4. Appoint the chaplain.
    5. Shall take the responsibility to inform the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association of all meetings and activities.
  - B. Vice President
    1. Replace the President in his/her absence.
  - C. Secretary
    1. Keep minutes of all meetings.
    2. Keep membership informed of all meetings.

D. Treasurer

1. Maintain the financial records of M.S.C.
2. Collect all dues, pay all bills, and maintain records.
3. File all necessary IRS reports.

**Article VI.**

Member states will pay annual dues at the rate of 25 cents per member based on the 3rd quarter remittance as published in The National Rural Letter Carrier. (Passed 2015).

**Article VII.**

- 1) Each member state shall retain its sovereignty and will not be required to vote in a Conference block.
- 2) All rural carrier members in good standing of each state shall be invited to be present at all meetings.

**Article VIII.**

The Mid States Conference shall meet the first weekend of May each year.

**Article IX.**

There shall be one or more delegates present at the annual conference from each state in the conference with the authority to act on their state's behalf. Member states unable to attend shall notify the conference president of any inability to attend.

**Article X.**

Parliamentary procedures of the Conference shall be as established in "Roberts Rules of Order".

**Article XI.**

These guidelines may be amended by a simple majority vote of the membership present at the annual meeting.

Approved May, 1999

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2003: Amended to add that \$1,600.00 will be paid to the hosting state, who will submit receipts for that amount to the Treasurer to cover those expenses

2007: Amended to add that \$1,800.00 will be paid to the hosting state, who will submit receipts for that amount to the Treasurer to cover those expenses.

2008: Amended to add that \$2,500 will be paid to the hosting state who will submit receipts for that amount to the Treasurer to cover those expenses.

2015: Amended to add that \$5,000 will be paid to the hosting state that will submit receipts for that amount to the Treasurer to cover those expenses.

Updated July 2, 2015 to reflect changes in 2014 and 2015 business meetings. In minutes.