

**Constitution of the Mississippi Chapter
of the
American Association of Teachers of French**

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Mississippi Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French

ARTICLE II. Affiliation

This chapter shall remain affiliated in perpetuity with its parent organization, the American Association of Teachers of French.

ARTICLE III. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to advance the study of the French language, and the diverse literature and cultures of Francophone nations through the promotion of friendly relations among the chapter's members, through the presentation and discussion of papers at annual meetings, and through such other means as may tend to promote sympathetic knowledge and understanding of the French language, and the diverse literature and cultures of Francophone nations.

ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section I

The officers of this chapter shall be (1) President, (2) Vice President, (3) Secretary-Treasurer.

Section II

The terms of office shall be two years or until the election of successors to each office. The election and installation of these officers shall take place at the regular meeting in the fall of the year.

Section III

Whenever there is a vacancy in any office of this Chapter, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Executive committee for the unexpired term.

Section IV

Officers may be nominated by a Nominating Committee, which will submit names of one or more candidates for each office. Additional nominations can be made and seconded from the floor with the consent of the person(s) being nominated.

ARTICLE V. Duties of Officers

Section I

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the chapter. He/She shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and shall have supervision and control of the affairs of the Chapter, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, and shall exercise such other powers as may from time to time be conferred on him/her by the Executive Committee.

Section II

The Vice-President shall exercise the duties of the President in the absence of that officer and shall serve as Chairperson of the Program Committee. The Vice-President shall also serve as Chairperson of the Publicity Committee.

Section III

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a roll of the members of the Chapter and shall preserve the minutes of its meetings.

Section IV

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a detailed account of all moneys received and disbursed by him/her, which account he/she shall present to the members of the Chapter at each regular meeting.

Section V

The Secretary-Treasurer shall take charge of the correspondence of the Chapter. He/She shall send notices to each member of the date of the regular meetings, and shall distribute other necessary notifications.

Section VI

These officers will constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will have charge of all business of the Chapter that may arise between regular meetings of the Chapter. They will present their report at the regular meeting. They will provide for a time, place, and program for each meeting. They will approve the accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer, and will approve all disbursements to be made by the chapter and by a three-quarter vote in regular meetings assembled authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to make such disbursements.

Section VII

Standing Committee Chairpersons may be appointed for committees in addition to those which officers have been designated as chairs.

Section VIII

The President has the power to appoint such special committees as become necessary.

ARTICLE VI. Membership

Active membership is open to all teachers of the French language and literature, and to all others who are interested in French and Francophone culture who are current members in good standing of the American Association of Teachers of French.

ARTICLE VII. Dues

Members of this Chapter shall pay annual dues in the amount fixed by the National Organization of AATF. The National Organization of AATF will collect the dues from each individual member, will reimburse the Chapter for Chapter dues collected, and will send reports to the Mississippi Chapter reflecting National and Chapter dues reimbursed, and the active membership list. These reports will be sent by the National Organization of AATF to the Chapter Secretary-Treasurer with copies to the President and Regional Representatives.

Members who wish to affiliate with the Mississippi Foreign Language Association will pay the dues of that organization directly to the Mississippi Foreign Language Association.

ARTICLE VIII. Meetings

Regular meetings of the Chapter will be held at a time fixed by the Executive Committee. The chapter may, at any regular meeting, decide upon an extraordinary meeting, at a time other than herein provided.

ARTICLE IX. Quorum

A quorum will consist of those present at any Chapter meeting.

ARTICLE X. Amendments to the Constitution

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present, providing public notification of the proposed change has been given in written form at least one week prior to the regular meeting.

To be approved by the membership at the 2006 meeting.