

MOMS Bylaws

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ARTICLE I. NAME, BOUNDARIES, AND CLASSIFICATION

Section 1. Name. This Society shall be the Mothers of Multiples Society, hereinafter referred to as “MOMS” or “this Society.” MOMS was founded in Littleton, Colorado in 1993.

Section 2. Boundaries. The boundaries of this Society shall include but not be limited to the Denver Metro Area.

Section 3. Classification. This Society has the IRS Employee Identification Number 84-1236681. The Society is classified as a 501(c)(3) organization and is incorporated in Colorado.

ARTICLE II. MISSION AND OBJECTIVE

Section 1. Mission. The purpose of the Mothers of Multiples Society is to support expectant, new, and experienced mothers of multiples through education, resource networking and fellowship with an emphasis toward family participation and nurturing a safe environment.

Section 2. Objectives. The objectives of MOMS were created to facilitate the above mission and include:

1. Identify expectant mothers of multiples and support them with friendship, experience, and resources.
2. Collect and exchange resources available through members, other clubs, and the community.
3. Provide support, education, and best practices to expectant, new, and experienced parents of multiples.
4. Celebrate the uniqueness of carrying and parenting multiples.
5. Support members and their families through fellowship.
6. Maintain a viable financial base.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members. Any parent or guardian of multiple birth children, multiple children born within six months of each other, or anyone expecting multiples, who agree to adhere to the Bylaws and standing rules of this Society shall be eligible for active membership in MOMS upon application through this Society. The current year’s dues must accompany the application.

Section 2. Privileges. Active Members shall be entitled to attend, make motions, and vote at general meetings of this Society; to be elected or appointed to any office, committee or similar position of this Society; and such other rights as membership of this Society may determine.

Section 3. Dues. Dues in an amount approved by the MOMS Board of Directors shall be paid annually. In certain extreme cases of hardship approved by the Board, dues may be waived for a one year period.

Section 4. New Members. New members will be accepted throughout the year and subsequent memberships will be automatically renewed on each anniversary. Members may elect to remove their membership from Auto-Renewal at any time and their membership will continue until the expiration date.

Section 6. Potential Members. Guests may attend up to two events at the discretion of the host(s).

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Section 7. Loss of Membership. A member whose dues remain in arrears for thirty (30) days shall cease to be a member of this Society and all benefits/privileges of membership will cease as well. The Board, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Directors, may also suspend, or terminate the membership of a member for cause, but no member may be suspended and no member membership may be terminated except as follows. The member shall be given not less than 15 (fifteen) days prior written notice of the expulsion, suspension or termination and the reasons therefore. At least 5 (five) days prior to the effective date of the suspension or termination by the Board, the member shall have an opportunity to be heard, orally or in writing. The Board is authorized to decide that the proposed action not take place.

Section 8. Reinstatement of Membership. Any member who has forfeited membership for nonpayment of dues may be reinstated as a member upon payment of current dues and submission of an updated membership renewal form or a new member application.

Section 9. Fiscal Years. This Society's fiscal year shall begin on August 1 of each year and end July 31 of the following year. The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually at the end of the fiscal year. The President shall appoint one member to serve as the auditor, if needed.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Composition of the Board. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers, all of whom have the right to vote.

Section 2. Meetings. Board of Directors meetings shall be held on the call of the President.

Section 3. Powers and Duties. The powers and duties of the Board shall consist of: general supervision of the affairs of this Society following a path guided by the mission statement and the objectives of this Society; making recommendations to this Society; initiating an annual audit of the financial records; presenting to the membership an annual itemized budget; being responsible for all property real and personal owned by this Society; performing such other duties as are prescribed in these bylaws; and submitting an annual report to the membership.

Section 4. Quorum. A quorum at a Board of Directors meeting shall be a majority of the officers.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers. The Board of Directors shall include, but not be limited to, the following officials: President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Director, Sale Director, Sale Co-Director, Social Director, Social Co-Director, and Support Director.

A. Qualifications. All officers shall be members in good standing of this Society.

B. Any part of a term in excess of six (6) months shall be considered a full term. Due to the timeframe of the Kids Consignment Sale by MOMS, Officers shall be elected in April and assume authority at the beginning of May. However, at the Board's discretion, the election may be postponed due to events and circumstances outside the control of the Board, including, but not limited to, government or administrative action preventing or hindering performance, war, riots, fire, flood, hurricane, typhoon, earthquake, lightning, strikes, lockouts, slowdowns, or prolonged shortage of energy.

1. The President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Director, Sale Director, Social Director, Support Director, and any other officer the Board of Directors deems necessary for any given fiscal year shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, or until their successors are elected, and tenure is encouraged to be limited to two (2) consecutive terms.

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2. The Assistant Treasurer, upon completion of their first one (1) year term in office, shall automatically succeed to the office of Treasurer for a one (1) year term.

3. The Sale Co-Director, upon completion of their first one (1) year term in office, shall automatically succeed to the office of Sale Director for a one (1) year term.

4. The Social Co-Director, upon completion of their first one (1) year term in office, shall automatically succeed to the office of Social Director for a one (1) year term.

C. Election. The Nominating Committee will review all those interested in an office. The Nominating Committee will develop a recommended Board slate. This slate shall be reviewed by the Board. After Board review, the slate will be presented via in person, online, or email to the Membership for voting to approve or disapprove the slate. Should the slate not be approved, the Nominating Committee will modify the slate and repeat the process until the Membership has approved the slate by a majority vote of the voting members.

D. Vacancies. If there becomes a vacancy in any office the Board of Directors shall fill the vacancy until the next election.

E. New Officers and Chair Positions. A new official position or a chair position may be designated by a majority of the Directors then in office whenever, in its judgment, the best interest of this Society would be served thereby.

F. Duties.

1. President shall preside at all meetings; maintain order and see that the rules of this Society are followed; protect the rights of all members; make appointments to special committees; and approve disbursements of this Society's funds.

2. Secretary shall take and keep accurate and unbiased minutes and attendance of members at all meetings. She shall have custody of this Society's official records except for those pertaining to the office of Treasurer. She shall provide oversight for member communication methods.

3. Treasurer shall keep detailed books of accounts, be custodian of ALL organizational funds, and give an itemized report of receipts and disbursements at all business meetings. At the close of the fiscal year she shall submit the books and records for auditing, and deliver the books to her successor.

4. Assistant Treasurer shall serve as assistant to the Treasurer. She shall assist the Treasurer for any and all duties before, during and after the bi-annual sales. In the Treasurer's absence or inability to serve, she shall perform the duties as Treasurer.

5. Membership Director is responsible for member retention. She shall manage recruitment and membership and record appropriate member information in the membership management system. She shall also manage the playgroups.

6. Sale Director shall oversee all aspects of the semi-annual MOMS Sales.

7. Sale Co-Director shall work with the Sale Director in the planning and coordinating of the semi-annual MOMS Sales.

8. Social Director shall serve as the chairman of all socials and activities this Society organizes and promotes. This position plans all parties and events, including, but not limited to, the summer picnic, harvest festival, holiday party, spring event, and membership appreciation event. The Social Director is responsible for managing within a set budget.

9. Social Co-Director shall work with the Social Director in the planning and coordinating of MOMS social functions.

10. Support Director shall serve as the chairman of all support chair volunteers. This position focuses on connecting each expectant/new mom member with the support services the club offers and helps all members feel supported and welcome.

G. Removal. Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Directors then in office whenever in its judgment the best interest of this Society would be served thereby.

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ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. This Society shall meet at a time and place determined by the Board.

Section 2. Special Meetings. The President may call a Special Meeting with the approval of a majority of the Board.

Section 3. Annual Meetings. Annual Meetings shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the Board.

Section 4. Quorum. A quorum shall be twelve (12) members of this Society, including three (3) members of the Board for transaction of official business at any meeting.

Section 5. Proxies. At any meeting of the members, a member in good standing may vote by proxy executed in writing or electronically.

ARTICLE VII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order this Society may adopt.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws of this Society shall be amended, altered, or repealed by a majority vote of members in attendance at a meeting when a quorum is present. Alternatively, the Bylaws of this Society shall be amended, altered, or repealed by a majority vote of members submitting a written or electronic ballot. Ballots must be sent to all members in good standing at least ten (10) days in advance of the close of balloting.

ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of this Society, the Board shall dispose of all remaining assets to one or more organized and qualified professional societies, charitable, educational, scientific, or philanthropic group(s).

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