

By-Laws
of the
Atlanta Metropolitan Area Chapter
Morehouse College Alumni Association

Article I — Name

The name of this organization shall be **The Atlanta Metropolitan Area Chapter, Morehouse College Alumni Association**, herewith referred to as the **Metro Chapter**.

Article II — Purpose

The purpose of the organization shall be to promote, aid, encourage, perpetuate and develop the aims and objectives of Morehouse College.

Article III — Membership

Section 1— All persons residing in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area who have successfully completed, in good standing, at least one academic year at Morehouse College shall be regular members of the Metro Chapter.

Section 2 — Honorary members of the Metro Chapter may be nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by majority vote of the chapter membership.

Section 3 — All regular members in good financial standing with the Metro Chapter may vote and hold office in the chapter.

Article IV — Officers

Section 1 — Officers of the chapter shall be president, vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and treasurer. Each officer shall be elected as provided in the By-Laws of the chapter.

Section 2 — Duties of Officers

a.) **President** — The president shall be the chief executive officer of the chapter. He shall preside at all meetings of the chapter and the Executive Committee; or, he may appoint a presiding officer. The president, within thirty (30) days next succeeding the beginning of his term of office, shall appoint such committees as are necessary; and, he shall be an

ex-officio member of all committees. He shall be authorized to countersign checks issued on behalf of the chapter. He shall perform other duties as may be provided by these By-Laws and by the resolution of the chapter or the Executive Committee.

b.) **Vice President** – The vice president shall perform such duties as may be required by the chapter, the Executive Committee or the president. He will assume the duties of the president in his absence. He will serve as an ex-officio member of all committees. This provision shall not be construed so as to prevent the vice president from serving as a committee chairman if appointed by the president.

c.) **Recording Secretary** – The recording secretary shall keep all non-financial records of the chapter, including a current register of membership. He will keep and report minutes of each meeting. He will serve as secretary of the Executive Committee.

d.) **Corresponding Secretary** – The corresponding secretary shall receive all correspondence of the chapter. He will send the required notices of all meetings and other correspondence as directed by the president, Executive Committee or the chapter.

e.) **Treasurer** – The treasurer shall be the financial officer of the chapter. He will be an ex-officio member of any committee established for budgetary or financial purposes. He will see that all monies owing to the chapter are collected and paid pursuant to the direction of the chapter or Executive Committee. The treasurer shall be authorized to countersign checks, oversee the preparation of all proper statements and reports of the financial standing of the chapter, see that copies are distributed to all members of the Executive Committee and shall oversee all financial records of the chapter. The treasurer, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may make arrangements with a certified public accountant, who shall not be a member of the Executive Committee, to perform an audit of the chapter finances as needed.

Section 3 – The president shall appoint a person to fill the unexpired term of an officer by nominating such person to the Executive Committee for confirmation.

Section 4 – Only persons who have been voting members of the chapter for one year next preceding their election shall be eligible for election as officers of the chapter.

Section 5 -- Terms of Office – The president shall serve for a term of two years and may succeed himself subject to re-election. All other officers shall serve for a term of one year, subject to re-election.

Article V - Elections

Section 1 - All officers shall be elected by written ballot by the voting members of the chapter at the regular meeting in **May** and shall take office on the first day of **July**.

Section 2 - An eligible member shall qualify for office by notifying in writing the president or the secretary during the regular **April** meeting of the chapter. Such notification shall include the person's name and office being sought.

Section 3 - Nominations for any office may be made from the floor during the **May** meeting by any member in good standing .

Section 4 - No member shall vote, qualify for or hold office in the chapter unless he is in good financial standing with the chapter.

Section 5 - Vacancies - In the event the president fails to serve out his term of office, the vice president will assume the position as president. The vacancy created in the office of vice president shall be filled by nomination of candidates and voting by members of the chapter at the next regularly scheduled meeting after the vacancy is created.

Article VI - The Executive Committee

Section 1 - The officers of the chapter and three (3) members-at-large shall constitute the **Executive Committee**. The president shall serve as chairman. The members-at-large shall be elected by majority vote of the chapter.

Section 2 - The **Executive Committee** shall administer the affairs of the chapter consistent with the will of the chapter and its By-Laws. The committee shall meet at least once per month, on call of the president or a majority of the Executive Committee members, upon proper notice to all members of the same. The **Executive Committee** shall be vested with all of the power and authority of the chapter except as to those matters which, in the opinion of any three (3) members of the committee, shall be referred to the chapter.

Section 3 - All meetings of the **Executive Committee** shall be recorded by the recording secretary, and minutes of same shall be read by the recording secretary at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the chapter. Three members of the **Executive Committee** shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII - Committees

1 - There shall be such committees, each of which shall be of at least three members, as the president or Executive Committee may deem necessary and proper. The president shall appoint the members of all committees.

2 - All committees shall report regularly to the president or to the Executive Committee, and shall serve until the expiration of the fiscal year in which it was appointed and until a successor committee is appointed.

Article VIII - Amendments

By-Laws or any portion thereof may be amended, repealed or revised in whole or in part, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members present at any meeting of the chapter, provided that no later than 30 days next preceding the date of such meeting, the corresponding committee shall have notified the members in writing, that matters pertaining to the By-Laws will be considered at the meeting.

Article IX - Dissolution

The chapter may be dissolved by the vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members. In the event of dissolution, the property of the chapter shall be distributed to the Morehouse College National Alumni Association, Incorporated.

Accepted and approved

April 14, 1993

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