

Madison-Grant Alumni Association, Inc. Bylaws

Effective Date: January 1, 2026

ARTICLE I

NAME, PURPOSE, AND AFFILIATION

Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the **Madison-Grant Alumni Association** (hereinafter referred to as the “Association” or “MGAA”).

Section 2. IRC Section 501(c)(3) Purposes

This corporation is organized and exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 3. Specific Objectives, Purposes, and Affiliation

The organization is being established as an Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) public charity. The purpose of the organization is to promote and support Madison-Grant Schools.

- The specific Objectives of the Association are:
 1. To assist in the mission of Madison-Grant United School Corporation.
 2. To promote alumni unity through communication, reunions, and activities, and to locate alumni and preserve school and Association memorabilia.
 3. To provide members’ time, talents, and resources for programs that benefit students.
 4. To contribute funds, individually and collectively, to support and promote Madison-Grant Schools.
 5. To instill long-term loyalty and dedication to Madison-Grant Schools and their programs.
 6. To create social, educational, and service-oriented events for members.
 - Affiliation
The Association operates as an independent nonprofit organization and works in cooperation with Madison-Grant United School Corporation. The Association does not govern, control, or officially represent the School Corporation unless expressly authorized to do so.
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ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Classes of Membership

Membership in the Association shall be open to individuals who support the purposes of the Association, including:

- Graduates of Madison-Grant High School
- Non-graduates who attended Madison-Grant Schools
- Current or former administrators, faculty, staff, or employees of Madison-Grant Schools
- Parents or legal guardians of current or former students
- Family members of alumni or students
- Community members with an interest in Madison-Grant Schools
- Honorary Life Members elected by the Board of Directors

Section 2. Membership Dues

Membership shall be granted upon submission of an application and payment of annual dues as determined by the Board of Directors. The Board may establish different dues categories and may waive dues for hardship, honorary, student, or other special circumstances. Membership runs from January 1 through December 31 and is not prorated.

Section 3. Termination of Membership

Membership shall terminate upon failure to pay annual dues or for conduct detrimental to the Association, as determined by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Voting Rights

Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote at the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors shall act on behalf of the Association between meetings.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meeting

An Annual Meeting of the membership shall be held in Fairmount, Indiana, at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the membership may be called by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Conduct of Meetings

The President, or in their absence the Vice President, shall preside. The Secretary shall record minutes.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Authority and Responsibility

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors, all of whom shall be members of the Association and shall act in the best interests of the Association.

Section 2. Number and Composition

The Board shall consist of nine (9) Directors.

Section 3. Election and Terms

Directors shall be nominated by members of the Association and elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting. Directors shall serve staggered three-year terms, with no Director serving more than two consecutive terms. After two consecutive terms, a Director must remain off the Board for one year.

Section 4. Removal and Vacancies

A Director may be removed for cause, including excessive absences or violation of fiduciary duties, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board. Vacancies may be filled by majority vote of the Board for the unexpired term. A Director may resign at any time by notifying the Board of Directors in writing.

Section 5. Meetings and Quorum

Regular meetings shall be held at times and places determined by the Board. A majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum. Each Director shall have one vote.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers

The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President/President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers shall serve one-year terms beginning January 1.

Section 2. Duties

- **President:** Provides leadership, presides over meetings, appoints committees, and serves as primary spokesperson.
- **Vice President/President-Elect:** Assists the President and assumes duties in the President's absence.
- **Secretary:** Maintains records, correspondence, membership records, compliance filings, and Association communications.
- **Treasurer:** Oversees finances, prepares budgets and financial reports, and ensures proper financial controls.

Section 3. Compensation

Officers shall not receive compensation but may be reimbursed for approved expenses.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES

The Board may establish standing and special committees, including but not limited to Scholarships, Events & Reunions, Communications, Fundraising, and Awards & Recognition. Committee actions are subject to Board approval.

ARTICLE VII

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND ETHICS

All Directors and Officers shall act in the best interests of the Association and disclose any potential conflicts of interest. Individuals with conflicts shall abstain from discussion and voting on related matters.

ARTICLE VIII

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

All funds shall be used exclusively to further the purposes of the Association. The Board shall approve annual budgets and require appropriate financial controls, including dual signatures for expenditures exceeding limits set by the Board.

ARTICLE IX

NONDISCRIMINATION

The Association shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, or national origin.

ARTICLE X

DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Association, all remaining assets shall be distributed to Madison-Grant United School Corporation or another organization qualifying under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS and OTHER PROVISIONS

Section 1. Funds for the Association

Initially, funds for the Association shall be established by the Board of Directors. Other funds and/or contributions to the Association shall be used to promote the goals and purposes of the Association as set forth in the Purpose of these by-laws and shall be held under the authority of the Board of Directors. No funds of the Association may be used in any other manner than as stated in these by-laws.

Section 2. Books and Records

The officers of the Association shall keep the books and records of accounts for the Madison-Grant Alumni Association and shall be responsible for the accounting of all funds.

Section 3. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

ADOPTION

These bylaws were adopted by the Board of Directors on _____.

Andrew VanNess, President

Randall Collins, Vice-President

Angie Armstrong, Secretary

Jerri Ainsworth, Treasurer

Eric Draper, Member At-Large

Marla Brewer, Member At-Large

Beth Jones, Member At-Large

TJ Herniak, Member At-Large

Meylissa Stanley, Member At-Large
