

BYLAWS
MID-ATLANTIC REGION CHAPTER
Society of Quality Assurance
(MARSQA)

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Mid-Atlantic Region Chapter of the Society of Quality Assurance, and hereinafter shall be designated as the Chapter.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Chapter shall be to:

1. Serve as the focal point for Quality Assurance interests in the Mid-Atlantic region, including but not limited to NY, NJ, PA, DE and MD.
2. Encourage interactions among those in all aspects of Quality Assurance in government industry, research/testing and academia. Provide and/or sponsor educational programs for the benefit of Quality Assurance professionals.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members of Society of Quality Assurance shall become Chapter members upon payment of Chapter dues.

Section 2. Any person having a professional interest in Quality Assurance may become a Chapter member upon payment of Chapter dues.

Section 3. Membership may be extended to interested full-time students attending area colleges or universities.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Chapter officers shall be: Immediate-Past President, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be members in good standing of the Society of Quality Assurance. The Vice-President shall be elected annually by the Chapter members. The Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected biennially by the Chapter members. They shall serve until their successors are installed.

In the first year of Chapter activity, the Secretary will serve a one-year term.

Section 2. The Vice-President automatically accedes to the office President.

Section 3. There shall be four Directors on the Board, elected from the Chapter membership, except in the first year of Chapter activity when there shall be five Directors.

Section 4. Officers and Directors shall assume their responsibilities starting on January 1 of a given year or following the MARSQA election results.

ARTICLE V – ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Section 1. Elections will be held annually, with voting to be carried out by the use of ballots and/or electronic voting mechanism (e.g., internet-based program).

Section 2. The office of the President shall be for a term of one year, after which the President will serve one year as Immediate-Past President.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall be chosen by a vote of the membership for a term of one year, at the conclusion of which the Vice-President shall automatically accede to the office of President.

Section 4. The Secretary shall be chosen by a vote of the membership for a term of two years, except in the first year of Chapter activity when the term shall be one year.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall be chosen by vote of the membership for a term of two years.

Section 6. Except for the first year of Chapter activity, there shall be four Directors, all chosen by vote of the membership for a term of two years. During the first year, three Directors will be elected by the membership to a one-year term, and two will be elected to a two-year term.

Section 7. The Chapter shall comply with provisions for continued authorization by the Society of Quality Assurance.

Section 8. The power to employ and/or terminate contract personnel as it deems necessary, shall be vested solely in the Board of Directors. Employment shall be upon such terms and at such salaries as to be determined by the Board of Directors. Subject to Board approval, Officers and Committees may delegate their respective administrative duties, as defined in the Bylaws, to the staff personnel.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings shall be held at least annually and as directed by the educational programs of the Chapter. The time and place of each meeting shall be established by the Program Committee and communicated to the membership at least two weeks before each meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President at any time, with the approval of the Board of Directors or by the presentation of a petition to the President, signed by 20% of the members of the Chapter in good standing.

Section 3. The qualifications for a quorum are 20% (i.e. Chapter).

Section 4. Board meetings shall be held at the discretion of the President at any time, providing notice of at least seven days to Board members or a quorum of 60% achieved.

ARTICLE VIII – DUES

Section 1. The dues will be established by a majority of the Chapter Board of Directors. The amount for dues may be changed, subject to approval vote by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Dues collected will be used solely for Chapter purposes.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES

Section 1. A Program Committee shall be established and made responsible for the development of educational programs and logistical concerns regarding General Membership Meetings, including, but not limited to, the arrangements for both the locality and content of such. Guidelines for all aspects of program development will be prepared by the Board and made available to the Program Committee. Such guidelines will be amended as necessary. On an annual basis, the President shall appoint a Chairperson to the Program Committee, subject to confirmation by the Board.

Once the program is finalized, the Program Committee will provide the Secretary with all information for notification of the membership.

Section 2. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed at least two months prior to the Annual election. This committee will be appointed by the Board and will be composed of at least one member.

The Nominating Committee will prepare the ballots and/or electronic voting mechanism and ensure that biographies of the nominees and the respective ballots and/or electronic voting mechanism be made available to the Membership prior to the elections.

Section 3. The President, with Board approval, shall appoint all other committees as necessary and shall automatically become an ex-office member of such committees.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to these Bylaws may be presented by any Chapter member in good standing at any regular meeting of the Chapter, or at any special meeting called for that specific purpose. Amendments shall be presented in writing and shall be offered to the membership present at the meeting on motion for consideration and circulation to the membership. A simple majority of those present shall be necessary to pass the motion.

Amendments accepted for future consideration and circulation shall be-circulated with a ballot to all members in good standing. A simple majority of votes from ballots returned by due date shall be necessary for adoption of new amendments

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