CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
South Carolina Professors of Middle Level Education

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this Special Interest Group of the South Carolina Middle School Association shall be the South Carolina Professors of Middle Level Education.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purposes of the Special Interest Group are to:

A. Provide a professional network to enhance the exchange of information and ideas, as well as encourage the discussion of topics related to the preparation of middle level educators.

B. Contribute to the development of an expanded middle level research base; provide additional means for sharing and disseminating current research and ideas among those interested in middle level education.

C. Serve actively as advocates for the middle school movement, especially in terms of promoting middle level concepts among various publics commonly dealt with in the preparation of middle level educators.

D. Share in advocacy for the middle school movement by supporting the stated purposes and goals of the South Carolina Middle School Association.

ARTICLE III MEMBERS

Section 1

Membership in the South Carolina Professors of Middle Level Education (SCPOMLE) shall be open to anyone joining SCMSA and interested or involved in middle level education and the preparation of middle level educators.
Section 2

Under “umbrella” requirements set for affiliates by the National Middle School Association, members of SCPOMLE are encouraged to also hold membership in NMSA and National Professors of Middle Level Education (NaPOMLE).

Section 3

The membership fee for SCMSA shall be paid annually. The term of membership shall be for one calendar year. No additional fee will be charged for membership in SCPOMLE.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1

The officers of SCPOMLE shall be a President, a President-Elect, immediate Past President, a Secretary/Treasurer, and four Representatives. These officers shall perform the duties described by these bylaws and by the parliamentary procedures of ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER.

Section 2

Only members of SCPOMLE shall vote in the election of officers.

Section 3

The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for two years.

Section 4

The President shall serve as a Higher-Education Representative on the South Carolina Middle School Association Executive Board.
ARTICLE V        SCPOMLE MEETINGS

Section 1

The business meeting of SCPOMLE shall be held concurrent with and as part of the annual meeting of the South Carolina Middle School Association, and shall be held for the purpose of conducting business that may arise.

Section 2

Members of the SCPOMLE, present and in good standing, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI        THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of SCPOMLE, the SCMSA President-Elect and the Executive Director of SCMSA, a representative from the Commission on Higher Education (CHE), a representative from the South Carolina Department of Education’s (SCDE’s) Division of Educator Quality and Leadership (DEQL). In addition there shall be present, at the discretion of the President, those whose responsibilities promote the functioning of SCPOMLE.

Section 2

Four representatives shall be selected, two on an at-large basis, along with one representative from a public institution and one representative from a private institution. They shall serve two-year overlapping terms.

Section 3

The SCPOMLE Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the SCPOMLE, fix the hour and place of meetings, make
recommendations to the membership, and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. The Board of Directors shall be subject to the orders of the Special Interest Group, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Special Interest Group.

Section 4

The Past-President shall become a member of the Board of Directors for one (1) year following the term of office.

Section 5

Members of the Board of Directors who are unable to attend board meetings may be replaced. The President may appoint a person to fill the unexpired term of the member.

Section 6

The President, Secretary/Treasurer, Past-President, President-Elect, and members of the Board of Directors shall have a vote.

Section 8

Five, to include at least one officer, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS

Section 1

The President shall serve as the Conference/Events Coordinator, and as ex-officio member of all sub-committees.

Section 2

The SCPOMLE Board of Directors shall appoint sub-committees, as needed. The sub-committee chairs shall be appointed by the President.