

**BY LAWS**  
**OF**  
**MURPHY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**As amended in 2023**

**ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATIONS**

The name of the organization shall be Murphy Alumni Association, Inc.

**ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES OF ORGANIZATION**

The objectives of the Associations shall include, but not limited to the following:

Section 1. To promote community interest in school activities.

Section 2. To promote excellence in education.

Section 3. To promote the participation of alumni in school's affairs and activities.

Section 4. To preserve the history, ideals and tradition of the schools.

Section 5. To foster the fellowship and camaraderie among the graduates of the school.

**ARTICLE III. BASIC POLICIES**

Section 1. The association shall be non-commercial and shall not endorse a commercial firm or product.

Section 2. This association shall seek neither to direct administrative activities of the school nor to control its policies.

Section 3. In the event of dissolution of this association, the assets of such organization shall be distributed for one or more of the exempt purposes specified in section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as from time to time amended.

#### **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. The membership of this club shall not be limited, except as set forth below. Any attendee of Murphy High School, or teacher or administrator who is at Murphy High School, who is interested in the objectives of the organization and is willing to uphold its basic policies and subscribe to its Bylaws may become a member upon payment of dues, as hereinafter provided. Any eligible person may become a regular member by completing the membership requirements.

Section 2. Associate membership may be awarded to persons who have been identified by the Executive Board as friends of the school. Associate members will pay dues and receive all of the privileges of regular members with the following exceptions: They may not vote; and they may not hold office.

Section 3. Honorary membership may be awarded to persons who have rendered outstanding services to the school. Honorary members must be recommended by a regular member and approved by the Executive Board. Selections must not exceed two persons per year. Honorary members will not pay dues and will receive all the privileges of regular members with the following exceptions: They may not vote; and they may not hold office.

## **ARTICLE V. DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Section 1. The annual dues shall be \$25.00 per individual, and \$35 per couple. Additional members shall be accepted at any time. Other levels of membership can be adopted from time to time by the Executive Board. A lifetime membership is available rate of \$500.00 per individual and \$750.00 for couples.

Section 2. The Executive Board is authorized to accept dues, fees, contributions, donations, and bequest to the Association from appropriate sources. Monies so received shall be placed in such fund or funds as prescribed by the Executive Board.

Section 3. There shall be no dues for the first year of membership after graduation from Murphy High School so long as proper application is submitted by the graduate .

## **ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS**

The Officers of the Association shall be elected at the organizational meeting and thereafter in April of every year, or at other times designated by the Executive Board. The officers of this club shall be a president, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. No person may serve in any one office for more than two consecutive years, other than the treasurer and Recording Secretary. Officers must be a member of the Murphy Alumni Association for at least two (2) consecutive years prior to the date of the election of officers, and must have served on the Executive Board for at least one (1) year prior to the date of election of officers.

## **ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1. The President shall preside at all the meetings of the club, appoint all committees not specified under Standing Committees, appoint committee chairmen, and shall be ex-officio, a member of all committees.

Section 2. The First Vice President shall assume all the duties of the President in his absence, shall be in charge of programs for the organization, and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President, from time to time.

Section 3. The Second Vice President shall assume the duties of the President upon the absence of the President and First Vice President, shall be primary liaison with the Murphy High School Administration, and shall perform such other duties as assigned.

Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep the records and minutes of all meetings, notify Executive board members of all meetings in advance, and furnish the President and Vice President with a copy of the minutes.

Section 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall send out correspondence on behalf of the Executive Board and/or the Murphy Alumni Association, as directed by the board or the President, and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the President, from time to time.

Section 6. The treasurer shall receive, record and deposit all funds due to the club with a bank in Mobile, Alabama, specified by the President or a Vice President. Disbursements to be paid by the consent of the Executive board with checks signed by at least two of the following officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer. A financial statement shall be submitted at each regular meeting, a copy to be placed on file with the Secretary; also, a copies to be furnished the President and Vice President. The Treasurer

shall file all necessary Federal and State Tax returns, and shall take any action required by law to maintain and protect the tax-exempt status of the club.

Section 7. The immediate past President shall be a member of the Executive Board, and shall perform such duties as assigned by the President, from time to time.

### **ARTICLE VIII. EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Section 1. The Executive board shall be composed of the officers of the club, the Immediate Past President of the club, and as many “At Large” board members selected from the general membership and approved by the Executive board, as the Executive Board deems advisable. All standing committee chairmen shall be appointed by the President.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have general supervision over the affairs of the club, but shall refer, with recommendations, proposed measures to the club for its decision. However, the Executive Board has the authority to take immediate action on items of minor importance and shall report such action to the club at the first subsequent meeting.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall meet at least quarterly. Other meetings may be called by the president.

### **ARTICLE IX. MEETING**

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held during April, unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Board. Other meetings of the association shall be set by the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be the following standing committees: Ways and Means, Public Relations, Membership, Historian, and Hall of Fame. Other Committees shall be established as the Executive Board shall determine.

Section 2. No committee work shall be undertaken without the consent of the Executive Board.

Section 3. The Ways and Means Committee shall consist of members who shall submit their plans for raising funds to the Executive Board for its approval. The Chairman shall be appointed by the President and shall appoint members. Additional members may be appointed by the chairman if necessary. The Chairman, or his appointee, shall report directly to the Treasurer on all monies received on fund-raising projects upon receipt of these monies.

Section 4. The Public Relations Committee shall consist of a Chairman, appointed by the President, and as many members as appointed by the Chairman. The Public Relations Committee shall attend to all advertising of the organization, and work with all other committee chairmen on publicizing all activities of the Association. The Public Relations Committee shall be responsible for editing and publishing the Murphy Alumni Association Newsletter.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall consist of *a* Chairman, appointed by the President, and as many members as appointed by the Chairman. The Membership Committee shall be responsible for promoting membership; keep accurate records of all members; provide the President with a roster of members; and prepare monthly reports which shall be given at the Executive Board Meetings. The committee

shall have a membership table at meetings where new members may be enrolled or greeted, and have their questions answered.

Section 6. The Historian Committee shall consist of a Chairman, appointed by the President, and as many members as appointed by the Chairman. The Historian Committee shall be responsible for preserving the history and encourage the keeping if tradition and ideals of Murphy High School.

Section 7. The Hall of Fame committee shall consist of a Chairman, appointed by the President, and as many members as appointed by the Chairman. The Hall of Fame committee shall be responsible for selecting Hall of Fame candidates and presenting them to the Executive Board for approval. The committee shall also be responsible for planning the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

#### **ARTICLE XI. QUORUM**

Section 1. A plurality of the members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. The members present at a General Membership meeting shall constitute a quorum.

#### **ARTICLE XII. ELECTIONS**

Section 1. A Nominating Committee of three persons shall be appointed by the President. They shall report at the regular February Executive Board Meeting, or at such other time as may be appropriate, depending on when the elections are to be held.

Section 2. Nominations may be made from the floor after the report of the Nominating Committee at the annual membership meeting.

Section 3. Officers elected at the annual meeting and shall take office the following month. Officers shall be elected for a period of one year, and no member shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive years, with the exception of the treasurer and recording secretary.

**ARTICLE XIII. AUTHORITY**

Section 1. The rules contained in Robert’s Rule of Order, Revised, shall govern this organization in all cases in which they do not conflict with the rules of the organization.

**ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. The By Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members voting, either at any general membership meeting, or via electronic voting. The amendments must have been presented at the preceding regular Executive Board Meeting of the club, and publicized prior to the vote on the proposed amendments.

**ADOPTED** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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