

**Museum Educators of Puget Sound  
Bylaws, adopted 9/20/2011**

**Name:**

The name of the organization shall be Museum Educators of Puget Sound (MEPS).

**Mission:**

The organization's mission is to share the educational resources of Puget Sound's many museums and related arts, cultural, and scientific institutions.

**Membership:**

The organization will have three classes of membership:

**Institutional:** open to museums and related institutions in the Puget Sound area.

**Individual:** open to individuals working in, or wishing to work in, museum education and related fields. (Individuals can include employees, contractors and volunteers)

**Student:** students of museum education and related disciplines.

**Officers:**

The organization will be led by three officers elected to two-year terms, elected by a majority vote of those attending the annual meeting. The offices shall be as follows:

**President** – schedules and runs meetings, provides overall coordination of organizational activities, sets goals for organization.

**Treasurer** – Maintains accounts, manages non-profit related paperwork, pays bills, maintains membership database.

**Secretary** – maintains member email list, monitors and updates social media, keeps meeting notes/minutes

Should an officer leave the organization or otherwise vacate a position during a term, a special election can be held at the next regular meeting to fill that position on an interim basis until the original term expires.

**Meetings:**

Meetings will generally be held bimonthly, with each meeting hosted by a different institution. The annual meeting will be held in September.

**Dues:**

Annual dues will be assessed as a requirement of membership. Scholarships can be offered to individuals and/or institutions for whom the dues would be a hardship. Current levels are \$25 for institutions, \$15 for individual and student members.

The level of dues will be reconsidered at each annual meeting and can be changed by a majority vote of those attending the meeting.

**Amendments:**

These bylaws can be amended by a majority vote of those attending the annual meeting.