

By-Laws

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the organization shall be the MARYLAND LARGE COUNTY COALITION (Coalition).

ARTICLE II

Organizational Purpose

The purpose for which this Coalition is formed is to provide an organizational structure for elected officials representing counties with population over 200,000 residents to present and respond to issues affecting their constituency; to promote, educate and inform its members and the greater audience of issues with specific effect on Maryland's larger counties; and to serve as a central point for information and participation within the Maryland Association of Counties.

ARTICLE III

Membership

The Coalition shall be a membership organization with no capital stock. No dividends or pecuniary profit of any character shall inure to the benefit of its officers, members, or employees.

Members of the Coalition shall be county elected officials representing counties with a total population of at least 200,000 residents. The privilege of voting and holding an elective office in this Coalition shall be limited to active members.

Any other person having an interest in the purposes and programs of the Coalition may be admitted at any event or meeting of the Coalition. Associate members may include individuals interested in running for public office, municipal elected officials, and county administrators.

Honorary membership is automatically conferred upon each past President of the Coalition and may also be conferred upon any person in accordance with a resolution being duly adopted at any meeting of the members.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings

There shall be meetings of all members of the Coalition as determined by the membership, but not less than once per year. The Coalition shall endeavor to hold meetings at times and locations that promote participation by as broad a membership as possible, including using time within and around statewide events of the Maryland Association of Counties.

Upon thirty (30) days' notice, including notice of the content to be considered, special meetings of the membership may be called by the president with due consideration to providing the full membership opportunity to participate.

The official business of the Coalition shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised) when not inconsistent with the By-Laws or Rules of the Coalition.

ARTICLE V

President and Leadership

The active members of the Coalition shall elect a President every two years to serve in a leadership capacity to organize the affairs of the Coalition and promote its effectiveness. The President must be among the active members of the Coalition. A President may serve more than one two-year term consecutively, but the membership must elect a President every two years.

The President shall preside at all meetings of members (both general and special). The President shall appoint other officeholders or committees to fulfill the goals and objectives of the Coalition.

The President shall appoint such committees as may, from time to time, be deemed proper for carrying on the business of the Coalition; provided that committees shall also be appointed in accordance with any resolution adopted by the members in conference assembled.

The President may be removed by a 2/3 (super-majority) vote of active members.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of all votes cast on the question; provided, however, that any proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the President of the Coalition at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the meeting of the Coalition. Amendments to the by-laws shall become effective upon adoption unless otherwise specified.