

Wisconsin DeMolay

By-Laws:

Article I: Name

1. The name of this organization shall be Wisconsin DeMolay.

Article II: Purpose

1. The purpose of Wisconsin DeMolay is to assist the Executive Officer and His staff for the mutual benefit of all chapters, the welfare of DeMolay in general, and to help DeMolay members realize more vividly that they are members of a global organization that adheres to principles that inspire and assist members in becoming outstanding individuals.
2. This body shall be governed primarily by the by-laws and Rule and Regulations of DeMolay International followed by the direction of the Executive Officer and these By-laws.

Article III: Membership

1. This body shall consist of all chapters in the State of Wisconsin (operating under letters temporary or full charter.)
2. At its Congress, this body shall include three (3) official delegates from each chapter.
3. Each delegate shall have one (1) vote.
4. Elected State Officers (if utilized by the State Master Councilor) shall have one (1) vote each and will be independent from chapter delegates.
5. A chapter instituted or functioning under Letters Temporary during the period between Congresses shall have delegates recognized with all rights and privileges of membership at the Congress following the institution of such chapter.
6. No Chapter delegation shall be recognized at the Congress unless accompanied by at least one (1) advisor from that chapter.
7. In order to vote on legislation or State Officer elections a delegate must have their obligation card or have one Advisor from their Chapter vouch for them.

Article IV: Officers & Elections

1. Elected officers shall be the State Master Councilor and three (3) State Councilors as elected at the Special Communication. Appointed officers shall be the District Master Councilor(s) and any other individual DeMolay(s) the State Master Councilor assigns a duty to, with permission from the State Officer Advisor and Executive Officer.

2. Candidates for elected and appointed state offices must:
 - a. Be present or past Chapter Master Councilors
 - b. Complete all parts of the Leadership Correspondence Course
 - c. Be an active member of DeMolay at the time of the special communication
 - d. Serve at the will and through the final approval of the Executive Officer
 - e. Turn in a completed Representative DeMolay form by the Winter Retreat they intend to run for office
 - f. Receive the Representative DeMolay award by the time their term as a State Officer is completed
3. Candidates for the office of State Master Councilor must have served a minimum of one (1) term as an elected State Officer.
4. Candidates must complete and submit the application form and other required materials for Office by the posted deadline. This application includes the following signatures of authorization: the candidate, his parent(s) or guardian(s) and the Chapter Advisor from his Chapter (or Chairman if Chapter Advisor is the parent or guardian).
5. All elections of officers at both State and Chapter levels, in the Jurisdiction, shall be complete without the use of Negative Campaigning. Each position shall be attained through the merit of service to the Order on the respective levels.
6. The election of State Officers shall take place during a Special Communication by written ballot. The election of State Officers must take place at least 60 days prior to the Congress. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary for each election. In the event no candidate obtains a majority vote, subsequent ballots will be used to determine the official candidate.
7. State Sweetheart elections will be conducted in the same manner as State Master Councilor elections.
8. At the Installation of the State Master Councilor the calendar of State Events will be made available to the chapters, but subject to change and addition if necessary.
9. The term of office for all elected and appointed State Officers will be one (1) year or until their successors are duly installed.
10. Any elected State Officer may be disciplined or removed from any office by the Executive Officer for failure to perform duties, violations of obligations, landmarks, the standards of DeMolay International or for the general good of Wisconsin DeMolay.
11. No State Master Councilor or State Sweetheart shall be allowed to serve more than one (1) term as such.
12. The number and composition of the State Officer Corps may be modified at the discretion of the Executive Officer.

Article V: Meetings & Events

1. Notice for all State Events shall be dated no later than six (6) weeks prior to the start of the event.
2. The required state level events for each year are as follows: Conclave, a winter activity, Honors Day, DeMolay Prom, Ritual Tournament, and State Officer elections. Conclave will be held in either July or August and the winter activity will be held in February or March.
3. The Congress will be held at Conclave each year. At Congress, the Pledge of Allegiance will be said before the proceedings of Congress.
4. As part of the Annual Conclave event, an award shall be presented to an advisor selected by the members of the Chapters. This award shall be called the Robert E. Simon award and shall be awarded for outstanding service to Wisconsin DeMolay. The award recipient shall be selected by a vote of the members of each chapter recorded on a ballot form set to each Chapter by the State Master Councilor. A Chapter Advisor shall validate the ballot and submit the results to the State Master Councilor. The advisor with the most votes shall be given the award at Conclave.

Article VI: Districts

1. Prior to the beginning of his term the State Master Councilor shall determine districts for the state under the approval of the Executive Officer.
2. The Districts shall ideally consist of no fewer than three chapters within the same area.
3. The State Master Councilor may appoint District Master Councilors to function as liaisons and contact persons for that district. The State Master Councilor has the authority to remove and reappoint a District Master Councilor during his term, with the approval of the Executive Officer.
4. The District Master Councilor must be a member of a chapter within his District, or reside within the geographical boundaries of the District he is appointed to represent.
5. Districts shall have numbers determined with one (1) starting at the Northern and Western most location and moving first east and then south at the discretion of the State Master Councilor and Executive Officer.

Article VII: Amendments

1. These by-laws may be amended by changes proposed by any member of Wisconsin DeMolay who presents such proposed amendments, in writing, to the State Master Councilor and Executive Officer at the Congress.
2. If supported by two thirds (2/3) of the voting delegates, and approved by the Executive Officer, such amendments will become effective following the installation of State Officers for the immediate term.

3. Any and all legislation must be submitted to the Executive Officer and the State Officers at least 30 days prior to the Congress.

Article VIII: International Supreme Council

By-laws for Wisconsin DeMolay shall be consistent with the Statues of DeMolay International.