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Section I: Qualifications for Active Membership

- A. Districts within Franklin County - An Active Membership shall be a membership offered to a public school district within Franklin County, Ohio, meeting the qualifications as set forth in this section. Active Membership provides for a seat on the Governing Board as authorized in Article IV of this Constitution and participation in any or all activities of the Metropolitan Educational Council.
- B. Districts outside Franklin County - When a majority of the school districts (City, Exempted Village, Local and J.V.S.D.) of any county other than Franklin become Associate Members of M.E.C., said member districts of that county shall select a single district to represent them on the Governing Board of the Metropolitan Educational Council. Full Active Membership status shall be conferred upon the districts so selected.

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C. Conditions of Membership

An eligible school district shall meet the following conditions:

- (1) Have executed a resolution on the part of the district's Board of Education accepting the Constitution and By-Laws;
- (2) Have currently paid all dues and assessments as established by the Constitution and By-Laws.

D. Withdrawal of Active Membership

- (1) Any active member may withdraw from this organization at any time by submitting in writing its intentions giving at least one hundred twenty (120) days notice.
- (2) No dues or assessments paid by said school district shall be refunded.

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Section 2: Qualification for Associate Membership

- A. An Associate Membership shall be available to public school districts outside Franklin County, Ohio, as approved by the Governing Board.
- B. Public school districts outside Franklin County, Ohio must meet the following conditions and limitations for Associate Membership:
 - (1) Associate Members are not eligible to serve on the Governing Board of M.E.C. nor do they have any voting rights on the Governing Board unless they qualify under Article III, Section 1.B
 - (2) A resolution must be passed by the agency's legal governing body accepting this Constitution and By-Laws and requesting Associate Membership.
 - (3) Have currently paid dues and assessments as established by M.E.C. and so stated in the By-Laws of this organization.
- C. Services provided to Associate Members be the same as for Active Members.

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Section 3: Affiliate Status

- A. A private school or an educationally related non-profit corporation having a purpose and objective consistent with the constitutional mission statement of M.E.C. to "contribute to the educational services available to the youth and adults in Franklin County and surrounding areas by cooperative action" may be offered status as a non-member affiliate with M.E.C. as approved by Governing Board. Such approved entities will become affiliates.
- B. Affiliates will abide by the M.E.C. Constitution and By-Laws and may participate in activities and services of M.E.C. as approved by the Governing Board.
- C. Each affiliate shall agree in writing to the terms and conditions of affiliation as set forth in a written agreement approved by the Governing Board.
- D. Any affiliate must be exempt from tax liability to the same extent as is M.E.C. and its members with respect to all purchases, services or other benefits received from or through M.E.C. as a result of affiliation.

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- E. The M.E.C. Governing Board may, upon thirty (30) days prior written notice, terminate the affiliate agreement and terminate any and all services to the affiliate.
- F. An Affiliate membership does not provide for voting rights on the Governing Board.

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Section 4: Contracted Membership

- A. Other purchasing cooperatives made up of non M.E.C. member school districts having a mission consistent with the constitutional mission statement of the M.E.C. may be offered contracted membership status for purchasing purposes through the M.E.C. upon approval of the Governing Board and payment of appropriate fees.
- B. Contracted memberships shall abide by the M.E.C. Constitution and By-Laws and may participate in activities and services as described

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within the membership contract as approved by the Governing Board.

- C. Terms and conditions of the affiliation shall be as set forth in a written agreement between the Contracted Member and M.E.C.
- D. Any contracted member consortium or agency must be exempt from tax liability to the same extent as is M.E.C. and its members with respect to all purchases, service or other benefits received from or through M.E.C. as a result of the affiliation.
- E. All contracted memberships shall be approved on an annual basis. The M.E.C. Governing Board shall establish the annual fee for contracted members.
- F. A contracted membership does not provide for voting rights on the Governing Board.

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