



Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC)

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Mission Statement

The mission of MASC is to foster a statewide environment for all secondary school students to express and exchange opinions and ideas, develop leadership skills, and promote student representation and involvement in all groups and organizations impacting the lives of students. (Leadership Development & Youth Collaboration; Legislative Advocacy; Student Service Learning)

Student Leaders

Local School Student Councils

Regions—comprised of school student councils from one county, a group of counties or Baltimore City. (21 Regions)

MASC Executive Board—comprised of four elected officers (president, 1st vice president [HS], 2nd vice president [MS], and treasurer); *appointed staff positions; regional presidents, middle school representatives, and student members on Boards of Education (SMOB); State SMOB; regional advisors and MASC executive directors (*advisors have all rights save suffrage*)

MASC General Assembly—comprised of the Regions (individual school voting rights); executive board; associate members (non-voting). Convenes during the Fall Leadership Conference (if needed), the Legislative Session, and the Spring Convention.

Calendar Overview (leadership training at all events)

May: Staff Interviews & Appointment of Staff

June: NASC Conference

July: Appointed Staff Development Day

August: "Advance" (3 day) – technical training (certifying student workshop presenters); Fall Leadership Conference workshop training; Executive Board Meeting (selection of State Charity)

October: Executive Board Meeting and Educational Forums; Regional Advisor Meeting

November: Fall Leadership Conference (1 day)

December: Executive Board Meeting

January: State SMOB Interviews; Legislative Session workshop training

February: LEAD Conference; Legislative Session (1 day - selection of final state SMOB candidates; stances on youth related bills); Executive Board Meeting and Health/Social Issues Forums

April: Spring Convention (3 day – election of officers, workshops, speakers); staff applications

**Appointed Staff Positions are subject to change with new officer elections – defined in bylaws, which are approved yearly:*

- Chief of Staff (COS)
- Corresponding Secretary
- Divisional Liaisons
- Environmental Affairs
- Evaluations
- Forums (Educational/Health & Social Issues)
- Historians
- Parliamentarian
- Publications
- Recording Secretary
- State Charity (SCC)
- State Legislative Affairs (SLACer)
- Student Training Coordinator(s) (STC)
- Webmaster

Awards:

- Principal of the Year
- HS & MS Advisor of the Year
- MS & HS Felix Simon Awards (*student council organization & participation*)
- Susan Nash Travetto Friend of MASC Award (determined by MASC executive directors & officers)
- Catherine Nora Murray Unsung Hero Award (determined by Executive Board)
- Conference Hosts



State Student Member on the Board of Education (SMOB):

Maryland has an appointed student member on the State Board of Education. MASC elects the two finalists and the Governor appoints one student. The student has all voting rights as the adult members except for matter of negative personnel. Most of the counties in Maryland have SMOBS, varying from no vote, opinion vote, partial vote, vote on all except negative personnel, and Anne Arundel County's SMOB has full voting privileges.



Student Service Learning - State Charity:

A Maryland based charity selected each year at the August executive board meeting. The state charity coordinators select three charities to present and the executive board discusses and votes.



Legislative Advocacy:

MASC takes legislative stances on bills and sends students to Annapolis, our state capital, to advocate before committees and build relationships with their legislators.