

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN SUPPORT COUNCIL  
CONSTITUTION**

**PREAMBLE**

The purpose of the Central Michigan Support Council shall be:

1. To provide representative organization for all domestic relations personnel in the region, comprised of membership from counties who have joined or may later join.
2. To promote and maintain uniform standards and procedures within the statewide domestic relations system.
3. To promote progressive legislation, resolutions, and other desirable programs representing common interests of the children and their families of the State of Michigan.
4. To provide a forum for the continued study of problems relating to enforcement duties, the improvement and standardization of enforcement procedures, and the improvement of liaison among several Michigan circuit jurisdictions, and between Michigan and other states and territories in carrying out the intent and spirit of the domestic relations laws.
5. To sponsor, promote and present training seminars relating to domestic relations, as needed and desired by the membership.
6. To promote and foster effective communications between the members of this Council.

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this association shall be the Central Michigan Support Council (hereinafter referred to as the “Council”).

**ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1. Membership is limited to those persons who are Prosecuting Attorneys, Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys, their administrative staffs, Friends of the Court, assistant Friends of the Court, their administrative staffs, Office of Child Support support specialists and their administrative staffs and the Family Independence Agency.
- Section 2. Membership entitles the member to the right to attend all meetings of the general membership, to vote on all proceedings, to hold office and to attend all functions open to the general membership.
- Section 3. Membership dues shall be determined by the general membership.

**ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Section 1. The business and affairs of the council shall be managed and administered by the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the council and one director selected by each county in the council.
- Section 3. The Officers of the council shall be: a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and the immediate Past President.

- Section 4. The Officers of the Council shall be elected by the General Membership at the annual meeting and shall serve as an officer until the close of the next annual meeting.
- Section 5. The Directors shall serve a term of two years. One-half of the Directors shall be elected at each annual meeting. The Secretary shall list each Director position that is to be elected at the annual meeting in the meeting notice.
- Section 6. If a vacancy occurs among the Officers or Directors, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor to serve the remainder of the unexpired term, of office, except as otherwise provided in the by-laws.

#### **ARTICLE IV – COUNTIES**

- Section 1. The basic membership group of the council is the County. The present counties are, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Jackson, Ingham, Lapeer, Livingston, Shiawassee, Washtenaw, Tuscola, Saginaw, Huron and Sanilac.
- Section 2. Membership to other counties is open.

#### **ARTICLE V – LIMITATIONS**

- Section 1. The Council is non-partisan.
- Section 2. No debt shall be incurred in excess of the funds in the treasury of the Council.
- Section 3. Any proposal to affiliate with any other association or organization must be approved by a majority vote of the general membership.

#### **ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION**

An amendment of this constitution may be made by proposal made at a general membership meeting, adopted by majority vote of the membership present and voting, and ratified by a majority of the membership voting at the next general meeting.

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