## BY-LAWS MISSOURI VALLEY ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION (Adopted October 15, 2004)

## **SECTION I. MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP FEES**

- (a) There shall be two classes of membership, personal and institutional. The executive committee shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the conditions of all memberships.
- b) There shall be an annual personal membership fee. The annual personal membership fee is regarded as dues and may be separate from the annual meeting registration fee. A new personal membership shall date from the first day of the annual meeting, or from the day of payment, whichever occurs later.

If a member fails to pay the personal membership fee for a given year, the member shall remain in good standing; but the membership shall lapse at the end of that year, unless the membership fee for the year next succeeding shall have been paid. A membership which has lapsed shall be revived in the same manner as a new membership, and without penalty.

(c) The executive committee may, by rules promulgated pursuant to article IV(2)(iii) of the Constitution and implementing this subsection (c) of these By-laws, modify the provisions of subsection (b) of this By-law, in whole or in part, and may adopt a schedule of personal membership fees. This schedule may include, in addition to the annual personal membership fee, continuing, life, and student membership fees. The executive committee may prescribe regulations for the payment of all fees. (d) A registration fee for the annual meeting may be established, the amount of which is to be determined by the executive committee.

## **SECTION 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- (a) Each year the president shall appoint a committee, composed of at least four members one of whom shall be the immediate past-president, the purpose of which shall be to propose candidates for elective offices to be filled for the ensuing year. There shall be a committee of tellers consisting of the secretary and two members appointed by the president.
- (b) The secretary shall provide the members with ballots no less than thirty days prior to the annual meeting. In addition to the names of specific persons, the ballots shall contain spaces for names of write-in candidates.
- (c) At the earliest convenient time prior to the annual meeting, but no less than twenty days after ballots were mailed the committee of tellers shall meet and count those executed ballots received by the secretary, and the secretary shall certify the results of the election to the president.

The above By-Laws were, after due notice, unanimously adopted at the business meeting of the Missouri Valley Economic Association this fifteenth day of October, 2004.

Gary A. Latanich, President

Stephen K. Shaw, Executive Secretary