

THE CONSTITUTION
of the
NEW HAMPSHIRE MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be New Hampshire Music Teachers Association affiliated with Music Teachers National Association, Inc. ("MTNA "), Cincinnati, Ohio, a Code Section 501 (c)(3) organization.

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

- Section 1. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and artistic purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. .
- Section 2. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (A) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (B) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- Section 3. In the event of the dissolution of this organization, any funds remaining in the Treasury after the payment of any outstanding debts shall be contributed to MTNA.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Membership classifications and privileges shall be prescribed in the Bylaws of New Hampshire Music Teachers Association, hereinafter designated as NHMTA or as the Association, and must be consistent with the membership classifications provided in the Bylaws of *MTNA*.
- Section 2. Membership dues shall be approved by the Executive Board and approved by the membership of NHMTA.
- Section 3. Membership in the Association may be terminated by the member or revoked by the Association as prescribed in the Music Teachers National Association Bylaws.
- Section 4. All members of this Association eligible for active or student membership in NHMTA must hold membership in *MTNA*.

ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATED LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS & STUDENT CHAPTERS

- Section 1. Any city, town or district music teachers association may become and remain affiliated with NHMTA by fulfilling the requirements of membership as stated in the Constitution and Bylaws.
- Section 2. Any college or university music association may form a student chapter following the guidelines set forth by *MTNA*. This chapter may also become and remain affiliated with NHMTA by fulfilling the requirements of membership as stated in the Constitution and Bylaws.
- Section 3. The Executive Committee may suspend or terminate any affiliated Association at any time for justifiable cause, as outlined in the Bylaws, subject to ratification of this action by the NHMTA Board.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Officers of the Association shall be a President, President-Elect, Vice President for Programs, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Competitions, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. The manner of election and the duties of each officer shall be defined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, President-Elect, Three Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President.
- Section 2. The Executive Committee shall determine policies of the Association in consultation with NHMTA Board and within the limits of the Constitution and Bylaws. It shall actively pursue the purposes of the Association and shall have discretion in the disbursement of all funds of the Association. It may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of Association business as shall be deemed advisable and may, the execution of powers granted, appoint such agents, as it may consider necessary.
- Section 3. In order to transact business a quorum consisting of four (4) voting members of the Executive Committee, at least one of them being the President or President-Elect, must be present.

ARTICLE VII - NHMTA BOARD

- Section 1. The NHMTA Board shall be composed of the Executive Committee, MTNA Foundation Chair, Student Chapter Advisor(s), Independent Music Teachers Forum Chair, Newsletter Editor, Publicity Chair, MTNA Competition Chair(s), Granite State Auditions Chair(s), Evaluations Chair, Hospitality Chair and Local Association President(s). The manner of appointment shall be defined in the Bylaws.
- Section 2. The NHMTA Board shall make recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding policy and membership concerns.
- Section 3. The NHMTA Board shall have the power to rescind by a two-thirds vote any decision of the Executive Committee.
- Section 4. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum of the NHMTA Board.
- Section 5. The Executive Committee may submit items of business by mail to the full membership of the NHMTA Board requesting a vote via a mail ballot. The contents of the proposals and the result of each mail ballots shall be reported to the Secretary, approved and incorporated in the minutes of the next meeting of the NHMTA Board.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

The President, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint such standing and ad hoc committees and chairs as may be required by the Constitution and Bylaws, or as he or she may deem beneficial to the Association. The President shall be a member ex officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

- Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Association, time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee. Notice of such meeting shall appear in an official Association publication at least thirty (30) days prior to the time appointed. At this meeting, the President shall permit the general membership to bring forward items for consideration.
- Section 2. Twelve (12) active members shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers and for the transaction of business at any annual or special membership meeting.
- Section 3. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President, or upon the request of not less than four (4) members of the Executive Committee, or upon a signed petition from one-third of the Active members of the Association.
- Section 4. The NHMTA Board shall meet at least one (1) time each year. Prior to such meetings the Executive Committee will meet when necessary to prepare various items to be presented before the NHMTA Board. Special meetings of the NHMTA Board may be called by the President, or upon the request of not less than five (5) members of the NHMTA Board or upon a signed petition from one-third of the Active members of the Association.
- Section 5. The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association or any special rules of order the Association may adopt.
- Section 6. The President may appoint a parliamentarian to provide opinion during various meetings.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any business meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the active members present and voting, the proposed amendment having been submitted to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the voting.
- Section 2. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the NHMTA Board this Constitution may be amended by a mail ballot. Approval by a two-thirds vote shall constitute amendment. The ballot and proposed amendments must be submitted to the members of NHMTA at least thirty (30) days in advance of the required return date. The date for return of the completed ballots must be clearly stated on the ballot.
- Section 3. All amendments must be consistent with Article II of this Constitution and a copy of same must be reported to the Executive Director of MTNA before approval.