



MASSACHUSETTS MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The Massachusetts Music Teachers Association, Incorporated (MMTA), an affiliate of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA), in order to further the art of music; and to promote the growth and professional development of its members by providing programs that encourage and support teaching, performance, composition and research; and being a not-for-profit organization whose funds are used solely to accomplish these objectives, does hereby adopt this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership classifications and privileges shall be prescribed in the Bylaws of the Massachusetts Music Teachers Association, hereinafter designated as MMTA or as the Association.

Section 2. Membership dues shall be proposed by the Executive Committee and approved by the MMTA Board of Directors.

Section 3. Membership in the Association may be terminated by the member or revoked by the Association as prescribed in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE II – AFFILIATED LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS

Section 1. Any city, town or district music teachers association may become and remain affiliated with MMTA by fulfilling the requirements of the membership as stated in the Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2. 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 MMTA Board.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

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

ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, President-Elect, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall determine policies of the Association in consultation with the MMTA 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, in execution of the 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 V – MMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The MMTA Board of Directors shall be composed of the Executive Committee, Bay State Contest Chair, MTNA Competition Chairs, Composition Commissioning Chair, Scholarship Chair, Musical Achievement Evaluations Chair, Judged Festival Chair, Independent Music Teachers Forum Chair, Public Relations/Advertising Chair, Local Association Presidents and any other chairs appointed by the Executive Committee. The manner of appointment shall be defined in the Bylaws.

Section 2. The MMTA Board of Directors shall make recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding policy and membership concerns.

Section 3. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum of the MMTA Board.

ARTICLE VI – 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 VII- 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 the 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. Seven (7) of the current membership entitled to vote and including four (4) members of the Executive Committee 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) of the Executive Committee, or upon a signed petition from seven (7) Active Members of the Association.

Section 4. The MMTA Board of Directors shall meet two (2) times each year. Special meetings of the MMTA Board of Directors may be called by the President, or upon request of not less than five (5) members of the MMTA Board of Directors or upon signed petition from seven (7) Active Members of the Association.

Section 5. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's 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 VIII – PUBLICATION OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The MMTA Constitution and Bylaws shall be printed and distributed to the membership annually.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the MMTA Board of Directors at any annual session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of those present, and in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Written notice of the Proposed amendment(s) must be submitted to the membership of MMTA at least thirty (30) days in advance of the session.

ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION

Except as may be otherwise required by law, MMTA may at any time authorize a petition for dissolution to be filed with the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws by the affirmative vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at a meeting held for the purpose of considering dissolution. In the event of any liquidation, dissolution, termination, or winding up of MMTA (whether voluntary, or by operation of law), the property or assets of MMTA remaining after providing for the payment of its debts and obligations, shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.