

# CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be Northwest Suburban Music Teachers' Association (NWSMTA) affiliated with Illinois State Music Teachers Association (ISMTA) and 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 scientific 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 member trustees, 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 a non-profit organization which qualifies under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

## ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.** Membership classification and privileges shall be prescribed in the Bylaws of Northwest Suburban Music Teachers Association, hereinafter designated as NWSMTA or as the Association, and must be consistent with the membership classifications provided in the Bylaws of MTNA.

**Section 2.** Membership dues are prescribed by the Bylaws of the Northwest Suburban Music Teachers' Association.

#### **ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATION**

All members of the Association shall hold membership in Illinois State Music Teachers' Association and the Music Teachers National Association.

#### **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS**

The officers of the Association shall be: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. The manner of election and the duties of each officer shall be defined in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors shall be composed of the officers, Committee Chairpersons, and the Immediate Past President and shall determine policies of the Association by actively pursuing the purposes of the Association within the limits of the Constitution and Bylaws. It shall have discretion in the disbursement of all funds of the Association.

**Section 2.** Ten Board Members, three of whom must be officers, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at Board Meetings.

#### **ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** Meetings of the Association shall be held at such time and place as are decided upon by the Board of Directors of the Association, but they shall be guided by the wishes of the membership.

**Section 2.** 15% of the Active members constitute a quorum of the Association for the transaction of business at general meetings.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year shall be the same as the membership year, beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

## **ARTICLE IX - 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(s) having been submitted to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the voting.

**Section 2.** This Constitution may also be amended by a majority vote of the membership via paper or electronic ballot. The ballot and proposed amendment(s) may be submitted to the members at least 30 days in advance of the required return date. The date for the return of the completed ballots must not be less than 30 days and such date must be clearly stated on the ballot.

**Section 3.** All amendments must be consistent with Article II of the Constitution and a copy of same must be reported to the Executive Director of MTNA before approval.

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