

NWSMTA BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active membership is open to all persons who are actively engaged in a music profession. Such membership provides the privileges of participation in the activities of the Association, holding office and voting. Senior status is granted to any person who has attained the age of seventy (70). Such status provides all privileges of Active membership, as well as a reduced rate of the cost of Active membership.

Section 2. Student membership in NWSMTA is available to college students as defined by MTNA. Student members may attend all meetings of the Association. Under the supervision of an Active member, they may enter their students into NWSMTA activities as well as ISMTA Syllabus examinations. Student members shall not have the right to vote, hold office or enter students into NWSMTA, ISMTA, or MTNA competitions.

Section 3. Honorary membership may be conferred by the NWSMTA Board upon any individual who has given distinguished service to NWSMTA. This membership carries all rights and privileges of Active membership and shall be exempted from payment of NWSMTA dues for life.

Section 4. All members who have paid their dues by July 1 and Honorary members shall be listed in the NWSMTA Yearbook. Visitors shall be allowed to attend two (2) meetings without payment of MTNA, ISMTA and NWSMTA dues.

Section 5. In order to participate in events sponsored by NWSMTA, members must abide by the rules of those as approved by the Board.

ARTICLE II – DUES

Section 1. Annual dues for Active members shall be set by the Board. Senior status members shall pay a reduced rate of Active membership dues.

Section 2. Annual dues for Student members shall be set by the Board.

Section 3. Annual dues for Honorary members shall be waived.

Section 4. Membership dues are due on or before July 1, and on or before October 1 for student members each year, after which date members are not in good standing nor entitled to any of the privileges of membership until their dues are paid for the current fiscal year.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1. The President shall conduct all meetings and appoint Chairpersons of all committees, except the Nominating Committee. The President or an alternate shall attend the ISMTA conference and participate in the ISMTA Advisory Council. Compensation shall be made for registration fees, transportation and lodging upon submission of an expense account voucher. The President shall also appoint all special committees, as needed, and shall perform all other duties implied by this title.

Section 2. The First Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and serve as Program Chairperson.

Section 3. The Second Vice President shall preside in the absence of both President and First Vice President and serve as Membership Chairperson.

Section 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of each general and board meeting and shall send out any necessary communication to members.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of all bills authorized by the Association and keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements and shall present an official report to the Association at general and board meetings. An auditor selected by the NWSMTA governing board shall make an annual review.

Section 6. The Board shall include the officers, the immediate past President, and Committee Chairpersons.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

Section 1. General meetings shall be held monthly from September through November and from January through May.

Section 2. Board meetings shall be held at least twice during a fiscal year, one preceding the general September meeting and one as a joint meeting with incoming and outgoing Board members following the election of new officers. Other meetings may be held as deemed necessary.

Section 3. The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the Association.

Section 4. The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian to provide parliamentary opinion during the deliberations of the Board and during general meetings.

ARTICLE V - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. A Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) members, preferably one to be a past President, elected by the membership. The Nominating Committee shall elect the Chairperson.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall submit names for the offices of President and First Vice President on even years for a two-year term at the March meeting, and shall submit names for the offices of Second Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer on uneven years for a two-year term at the March meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor any time prior to election. No name shall be placed in nomination without the consent of the nominee.

Section 3. No members shall hold the same office for two (2) consecutive terms. A member may be elected to the same office after serving a partial term by appointment. Vacancies in office will be filled by appointment of the President, subject to the approval of the Board. However, if the vacancy occurs while the Nomination Committee is in session, the Nomination Committee shall offer the name of the candidate for the unexpired term of the vacancy.

Section 4. Election of officers shall take place at the April meeting, a majority vote being necessary to elect. If there be but one nominee for each office, the vote may be by acclamation.

Section 5. Officers are to be installed at the May meeting.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the President upon his/her election, and committees will be formed to conduct the business of the organization.

Section 2. The Chairperson of each committee is expected to form his/her own committee.

Section 3. Rules and regulations, if any, set up by any committee shall be approved by the Board and shall be adhered to by all the membership.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws, upon Board recommendation, may be amended at any general 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. Changes in Membership Bylaws required to match changes in MTNA Membership Bylaws do not require formal amendments voted by the general membership; however, the general membership must be notified of such changes by mail or email at least 30 days prior to instituting any such changes.

All other Bylaws may also be amended by a two-thirds vote of returned ballots of the membership via paper or electronic ballot. The ballot and proposed amendment(s) must 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 to the Bylaws must be consistent with Article II of the NWSMTA Constitution.

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