

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I--NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Bellingham chapter of the Washington State Music Teachers Association (WSMTA).

ARTICLE II—OBJECT and DEFINITION

Section 1. Our purpose is to promote the art of music and its appreciation among the people of this community; and to provide opportunities for the advancement of musical knowledge through educational activities.

Section 2. Bellingham Chapter of Washington State Music Teachers Association is not organized for profit and no part of its net earnings inures to the benefit of any private individual.

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. such as the MTNA Scholarship Foundation.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership classifications in this Association shall be: Active, Student, Emeritus, Associate, and Patron.

Section 2. Membership privileges and dues are prescribed by the Bylaws of the Association.

Section 3. All members of the Chapter shall hold membership in the Washington State Music Teachers Association and the Music Teachers National Association.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. Procedures for the election of officers are specified in the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE V—EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The officers of the Association, together with the immediate Past President, shall constitute the Executive Board. Others may be included at the discretion of the President, but without right to vote.

Section 2. All meetings of the Executive Board shall be open to the membership.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall develop projects, plans, and policies to be recommended to the membership for approval or rejection.

Section 4. A vacancy in the Executive Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the general membership.

ARTICLE VI—COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint Standing Committees and other committees as their need arises.

ARTICLE VII—MEETINGS

Meetings of this Association shall be held at such time and place as are decided upon by the officers of the Association, but shall be guided by the wishes of the membership.

ARTICLE VIII—QUORUM

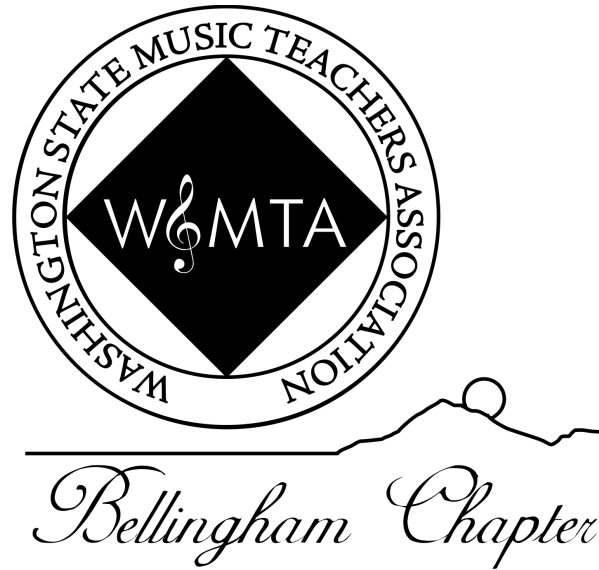
A majority of the Active members present constitute a quorum of the Association.

ARTICLE IX—FISCAL YEAR

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

ARTICLE X—AMENDMENTS

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.



Bylaws

ARTICLE I—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership Classifications: The following membership classes are open to those who meet the respective qualifications and pay the annual dues provided for the respective classification:

a. Active Membership shall be open to all individuals who are professionally engaged in any field of music activity in the State of Washington, upon application and payment of requisite fees. Active Membership conveys the privileges of participation in all Association activities, the right to attend meetings and programs, to vote, hold office, to enter students in Association programs, and receive the official Association publications. Sub-categories of active membership include:

(1) Senior Membership is available to Active members in good standing and who have attained the age of seventy (70) years and who have been Active State members for a minimum of five (5) successive years immediately preceding application for Senior Membership. Senior Membership conveys all rights and privileges of Active Membership. Senior Members pay half of National and State Dues.

(2) Dual Membership is available to a husband-wife when one qualifies as an Active member. The Active member shall pay full National and State dues; the

spouse shall pay full National dues and one half of the regular State dues. Dual Membership conveys all the rights and privileges of Active membership except the couple shall receive one subscription to Association Publications.

(3) Member-at-Large is open to all individuals professionally engaged in any field of musical activity in the State of Washington where no local chapter exists, upon application and payment of fees. Member-at-Large conveys all rights and privileges of Active Membership.

b. Student Membership is open to any music student from high school (9th grade) through the age of twenty-six (26) currently involved in regular music study in the State of Washington. Student Membership conveys all rights and privileges of Active Membership except the right to vote and hold office or enter students into MTNA competitions.

Any student beyond the age of twenty-six (26) who returns to a college, university or conservatory as a full-time music student shall have the option of Student Membership for a period not to exceed four consecutive years, subject to the membership regulations of WSMTA.

c. Emeritus Membership may be granted by the Executive Board for exceptional contribution to the chapter over the years to members who are no longer actively engaged in the profession. The chapter shall pay state dues and waive local dues. Emeritus members shall pay National dues only. Emeritus Membership conveys all rights and privileges of Active Membership.

d. Associate Membership shall be open to those businesses, corporations, institutions, organizations, and individuals who have an interest in furthering the mission of WSMTA and who pay the prescribed dues. Associate Membership shall entitle one person from the business, corporation, institution, or organization the rights and privileges of active membership with the exception of holding office or of entering students into Association competitions and activities.

e. Patron Membership shall be open to all individuals not professionally engaged in any field of musical activity, but who wish to support the programs of the Association and who make a contribution to WSMTA. Patron members shall be entitled to attend programs of the Association upon payment of the registration fee and to receive the official Association publications, but shall not have the right to vote or hold office or enter students in Association competitions and activities.

f. Joint Membership shall be open to all individuals who wish to be members of more than one local chapter upon application and payment of the other chapter dues.

Section 2. Application for Membership

Form for Application for Membership may be obtained from the Membership Chairman or online through WSMTA.net

Section 3. Ethics

All members shall conform to the Code of Ethics of WSMTA and the Music Teachers National Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II—OFFICERS

Section 1. Election of Officers.

The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President. The Nominating Committee shall present a recommended slate of officers at the April meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor (with permission of candidates). Election shall be held at the May meeting, and those elected shall take office immediately.

Section 2. President

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, shall call and preside at meetings of the officers, shall appoint all standing committees, shall appoint all special committees as needed, and shall perform all other duties implied by his/her title.

(b) The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and as such is permitted, but not required, to act as a member of the committee according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 3. Vice President

The Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of that officer and shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the President.

Section 4. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board, shall see that the minutes are in legal form and properly preserved, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 5. Treasurer

(a) The Treasurer shall receive all dues, including National, State and local, from the members of the Association as well as funds from other sources.

(b) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of all bills authorized by the Association, shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, and shall present an official report to the Association upon request.

ARTICLE III—COMMITTEES

Standing committees may include but not limited to Adjudications, Workshop, Certification, Membership, Competition, Masterclass, Scholarship Fund, and Student Recitals.

ARTICLE IV—DUES

Section 1. The membership year shall be from July 1 through June 30.

Section 2. Annual dues for membership shall include National Association dues. WSMTA dues and local chapter dues as assessed by the local chapter, unless otherwise stated under Bylaws, Article I, Membership.

Section 3. A member relinquishes all privileges of Active Membership until dues and current obligations to WSMTA are paid for the current membership year.

Section 4. Dues of new members joining after April 1st shall be applied to the following membership year. New members joining after January 1st shall pay half the regular dues for that fiscal year. This does not apply to former members or student members.

Section 5. Payment of required dues includes membership in the Music Teachers National Association, the WSMTA, the local chapter, and annual subscriptions to the American Music Teacher, the Clarion, and the Chapter Newsletter.

ARTICLE V—AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws 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. Approved amendments to these Bylaws shall take effect immediately upon passage unless otherwise specified.

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