

THE DURHAM MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
affiliated with North Carolina Music Teachers Association
and Music Teachers National Association

CONSTITUTION

Article I Name. The name of this organization shall be The Durham Music Teachers Association

Article II Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of the Association shall be to promote professional fraternity and to stimulate professional growth among music teachers.

Section 2. The purposes for which the organization is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 of the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

Section 3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

Article III-Membership. Membership classifications in the Association are Active and Honorary

Article IV-Officers

Section 1. Officers of this association shall be: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Performance Festival Chairperson, Scholarship Fund Chairperson and as few as one or as many as four Members-at-Large. Officers are elected to a two year term.

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

Article V-Executive Board. The Executive Board shall consist of the current elected officers and the immediate past president, and shall meet at the discretion of the president and/or board members.

Article VI-Meetings. Meetings of the Association shall be held at such times and place as decided upon by the officers of the Association, but they shall be guided by the wishes of the membership.

Article VII-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 amendments having been submitted to the members at least one week prior to the voting.

Robert's Rule of Order (Revised) shall govern this Association in all cases to which its regulations are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution and Bylaws.

Article VIII-Dissolution. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal, State, or Local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas, of the county in which the principle office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

THE DURHAM MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

Article I-Membership

Section 1. Active membership is open to teachers of music in any of its various branches. Such membership requires membership in both the North Carolina and National Music Teachers Association and participation in the activities in DMTA, NCMTA, and MTNA, of holding office and voting.

Section 2. Honorary membership may be awarded by majority vote of the Association, to persons who have been outstanding in their contribution to the profession of music teaching.

Article II-Dues. Annual dues for active membership shall consist of National, State, and DMTA dues established for the current fiscal year. Any increase in the local dues shall be voted on by the general membership. Annual dues for membership shall be due on July 1.

Article III-Duties of Officers

Section 1. 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 the title.

Section 2. The First Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of that officer, shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the President and is the Program Chair.

Section 3. The Second Vice-President shall be Chairperson of the Membership Committee and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of both the President and the First Vice-President.

Section 4. The Third Vice-President shall be Chairperson of the Publicity Committee and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, the First VicePresident, and the Second Vice-President.

Section 5. The Recording-Corresponding Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Association and the Executive Board, shall see that the minutes are properly preserved; and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President and Executive Board. In addition, the Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Association and shall provide the membership with news of the organization and notice of meetings through the monthly Newsletter.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of all bills authorized by the Executive Board; shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements; shall present a financial report to the President and Executive Board upon request; and shall submit all records to an auditor selected by the Executive Board when so requested.

Section 7. The Performance Festival Chairperson shall be responsible for the planning, preparation, and conducting of the annual Performance Festival.

Section 8. The Scholarship Fund Chairperson shall be responsible for administering all monies in the DMTA Scholarship Fund.

Section 9. Members-at-large shall represent the interests of the general membership on the board, offering input and vision about how decisions will impact the needs of the group as a whole. In that capacity, they shall attend the meetings and vote on board business.

Article IV-Election of Officers

Section 1. A Nominating Committee of three members shall be appointed by the President by April 1.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall present a recommended slate of officers to the active members of the association by June 1st. Additional nominations may be added by any active member. Members qualified to vote shall cast ballots for not more than the candidates so named and the candidates receiving the largest number of votes will be declared elected for a term of one year. The presentation of candidates and the voting may be conducted at a business meeting, and/ or via mail / electronic mail ballot.

Section 3. Officers will be installed at the June meeting of the Association following the election and will assume office immediately.

- Section 4. All board members will be furnished with a detailed job description upon assuming office, and will be responsible for updating and passing it on to the successor.
- Article V-Quorum. A simple majority of the active voting members present at a regularly scheduled meeting shall constitute a quorum of the Association for the transaction of business.
- Article VI-Fiscal Year. The fiscal year shall be the same as the membership year, beginning July 1 and ending June 30 (Revised 1983 to correspond to MTNA and NCMTA).
- Article VII-DMTA Correspondence. Any correspondence pertaining to DMTA is to be approved by the Executive Board prior to distribution.
- Article VIII-Amendments. 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 one week prior to the voting.
- Article IX-Authority. Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) shall govern this Association in all cases to which its regulations are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution and Bylaws.

(Constitution amended by Article II, Section 1 and Section 2, and by Article VIII, June 1989.)

(Constitution amended by Article IV, Section 1; and Bylaws amended by Article III, Section 2, and by Article VII, September 1993.)

(Bylaws amended by Article III, November 1999.)

(Constitution amended by Article IV, Section 1. Bylaws amended by Article II and by Article III, Sections 5 and 7, June 2005.)

(Constitution amendment by Article 4 section 1. Bylaws amended by Article 3 section 9 and Article 4 sections 2 and 4, July 24, 2012)

(Bylaws amended by Article II, October 21, 2014)

(Constitution amended by Article IV, Section 1 to state officers are elected for a two year term on 2/16/2016)

(Bylaws amended by Article IV, Section 1 to amend due date of nominating committee formation from May 1 to April 1 on 2/16/2016)