



Washington Music Educators Association Bylaws

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ARTICLE I

Administrative Authority

Section 1

The executive authority for the administration of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in the President, in consultation with the Executive Board.

Section 2

The Executive Board may assign specific duties to the Executive Officers and/or the Curriculum Officers.

ARTICLE II

Duties of Officers

Section 1—President

The President shall preside at all meetings and shall be responsible for the general administration of the Association. In the event of the incapacity or absence of the President, the President's duties shall be performed by the Past President. The President shall represent the Association as a member of the Executive Board of the Northwest Division of MENC.

Section 2—President-Elect

The President Elect shall work closely with the President in all matters pertaining to the administration of the Association and perform duties as assigned by the president.

Section 3—Past President

The immediate Past President shall act in an advisory capacity to the President and perform duties as assigned by the president.

Section 4—Vice President

The Vice President shall be responsible for the selection of performing groups at state conferences and perform duties as assigned by the president.

Section 5—Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping a record of all meetings of the Executive Board and the State Assembly and shall present the minutes of each for approval by the Board and make them available to the membership. The Secretary-Treasurer shall present for approval at each meeting of the Executive Board an account of all money received and disbursed.

Section 6—Collegiate WMEA President

The Collegiate WMEA President shall be the student member representative to the Executive Board, shall provide communication with student chapter advisers and shall be responsible for collegiate in-service opportunities.

Section 7—Curricular Officers

Curricular Officers will be responsible to communicate to the membership on their curricular area, plan and supervise their curricular events at the biennial conference, and advise the President on matters concerning their curricular area.

ARTICLE III

Dues

Section 1—Active Membership Dues

Annual Dues shall be the state dues, which will be set at one-half the dues for membership in MENC, plus the national dues for membership as set by MENC, provided that state dues will not be lowered without consent of the WMEA State Assembly.

Section 2—Student Membership Dues

Annual dues shall be those as prescribed in the MENC Constitution.

Section 3—Associate Membership Dues

Annual dues shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 4—Retired Membership Dues

Annual dues shall be set at 50% of Active Dues but shall not increase by more than \$2 per year until the 50% threshold has been reached.

Section 5—Introductory Membership

Annual dues shall be one-half the amount of the annual Active Membership dues plus the dues for membership in MENC as prescribed in the MENC Constitution.

Section 6—Honorary Life Membership

WMEA dues shall be waived for individuals granted Honorary Life Membership status.

Section 7—Subscription to *Voice*

Membership dues shall include \$25.00 designated for the subscription to *Voice* magazine.



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ARTICLE IV

Disbursement of Funds

Section 1

The income from membership shall apply toward the administrative expenses of the Association, including conferences.

Section 2

The primary use of membership rebates to WMEA Regions is to assist with in-service projects for the region's music teachers.

Section 3

Expenses incurred by special activities such as contests, clinics, festivals, shall be covered by registration and enrollment fees paid by the participating individuals or groups unless specifically authorized by the Executive Board.

Section 4

In the event of dissolution of the Association, all remaining funds will revert to the national office, MENC: The National Association for Music Education.

Section 5

The Executive Director shall deposit the funds of the Association in a depository approved by the Executive Board. All disbursements made by the Executive Director will be made in accordance with board policy, budget and established practice. The Association President has the authority to approve any emergency transactions.

ARTICLE V

Vacancies in Office

Section 1

Vacancies in state offices may be temporarily filled by the Executive Board upon recommendation of the President. In the event of the vacancy of the office of President, the Past President will assume the office of President to complete the term.

ARTICLE VI

WIAA Music Committees

Section 1—WIAA State Music Committee

The State Music Committee will be composed of five school administrators and five music educators. The five school administrators shall be appointed by WIAA Regions. The five music educators shall be appointed by WIAA through the regions from a list recommended by WMEA. The chairman will be selected by the WIAA Executive Board.

- a) The term "school administrator" defines an educator serving as school administrator or as a supervisor in curriculum or holding some other supervisory position.
- b) The President of WMEA shall be an ex-officio member of this committee.
- c) The term of office for members shall begin September 1 for a term of five years. At the expiration of a term, the WIAA Region that has been represented by a music educator will nominate a school administrator and vice versa.
- d) The Music Committee recommends changes in rules and acts on items submitted by the WIAA/WMEA Regions.
- e) The WMEA Executive Board is an advisory body to the State Music Committee
- f) The Chairman of the State Music Committee is to report at the meetings of the WIAA Representative Assembly.

Section 2—WIAA District Music Committee

The WIAA District Music Committee shall consist of two music directors appointed by the WMEA regional boards of the WIAA district and approved by the WIAA District Executive Board. Also, the WIAA State Music Committee member and any WMEA State Officers in the WIAA District are members of this Committee. The Chairman of the WIAA District Music Committee shall be an ex-officio member of the District Executive Board. WMEA and the WMEA Regional Boards will act in an advisory capacity to all WIAA District Music Committees.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

Section 1

The Bylaws of the Association may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Executive Board, except in matters relating to the dues of active members.

Section 2

Dues of active members shall be altered in the same manner as prescribed in the Constitution, Article X.