

Washington Music Educators Association

Constitution

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Serving All Music Educators

ARTICLE I

Name, Purpose, Affiliation, and Relationships

Section 1—Name

The name of this organization shall be the Washington Music Educators Association, hereinafter designated as “WMEA” or as “Association.” This Association shall be incorporated under the charter laws of the State of Washington.

Section 2—Purpose

The purpose of this Association is to provide and to promote educational resources for music educators.

Section 3—Affiliation

This non-profit Association shall function as a federated state association of MENC: The National Association for Music Education, hereinafter designated as “MENC.”

Section 4—Relationships

The Association shall maintain a close relationship with the state department of education and with the state and national education associations through the medium of its affiliation with MENC. It shall have a functioning relationship with other federated state music education associations, the Northwest Division of the MENC and the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1—Active Membership

Any person eligible for membership in MENC may become an active member of the Association upon payments of the prescribed dues. Active members whose dues are fully paid shall have the privilege of voting.

Section 2—Student Membership

Any regularly enrolled college student may become a student member of a duly authorized Collegiate WMEA student member chapter upon payment of the prescribed dues. Student members are entitled to full active status with the exception of voting, holding elective office and receiving publications other than *Voice*.

Section 3—Associate Membership

Any firm, institution, school, individual or club desiring to contribute to the support of WMEA may become an associate member upon payment of the prescribed dues. Associate membership shall entitle one person from the firm, institution, school or club to the rights and privileges of active membership in WMEA with the exception of voting and holding office on the Executive Board.

Section 4—Retired Membership

Any retired music educator may become a retired member of the association upon payment of the prescribed dues. Retired teachers are entitled to full active status with the exception of holding office on the Executive Board and receiving publications other than *Voice*.

Section 5—Introductory Membership

Introductory membership shall be open to graduating student chapter members who are entering their first year of music teaching or related music education work. This membership covers all privileges of active membership with the exception of holding office on the Executive Board.

Section 6—Hall of Fame

The WMEA Hall of Fame will induct up to ten (10) members at each WMEA conference. Nominations shall be solicited from members via *Voice*, the State Assembly and the Executive Board.

ARTICLE III

Officers and Government

Section 1—Government

Government of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Board, consisting of the Executive Officers, Curriculum Officers and Ex-Officio members. Regional Presidents are advisory to the Executive Board.

Section 2—Professional Involvement

Officers of the Executive Board must be active members.

Section 3—Executive Officers

The Executive Officers of the Association shall be President, President-Elect, Past President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Collegiate WMEA President.

Section 4—Curriculum Officers

Curriculum Officers of this Association shall be Administration, Band, Choral, Elementary Music, Higher Education, Jazz, Orchestra and other areas as recommended by the President and accepted or changed by the Board at the June meeting preceding each election.

Section 5—Elections and Terms of Office

The Executive Officers and Curriculum Officers shall be elected by ballot of the general membership present at the biennial conference of WMEA or by absentee ballot as printed in the *Voice of Washington Music Educators*. All Association officers shall be elected to serve for a term of two years. Terms for all officers shall begin on July 1 of even-numbered years.



Section 6–Representation

The nominating committee will be responsible to ensure that there are a minimum of three (3) board members from eastern Washington and three (3) board members from western Washington by having the appropriate number of positions where both candidates are from their respective sides of the state.

Section 7–Ex-Officio Members

The Collegiate WMEA President, the Executive Director, the Editor of the *Voice of Washington Music Educators*, and the State Supervisor of Music shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Board. The Collegiate WMEA President shall have voting privileges on the Executive Board. The Executive Director, the Editor of the *Voice of Washington Music Educators*, and the State Supervisor of Music shall be non-voting members of the Executive Board.

Section 8–Compensation

WMEA Executive Board members may not receive any compensation, either directly or indirectly, other than expense reimbursement for performance of board duties unless such compensation is approved in advance by the WMEA board.

ARTICLE IV

Regions

Section 1–Identity

The state shall be divided into regions as mutually agreed upon by WMEA and the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) for legislative and administrative purposes. The WMEA regions are designated in the WMEA Directory.

Section 2–Regional Officers

Each WMEA Region shall elect one member to serve as Region President, who shall be the administrative head of the region activities. Other officers may be elected as the region membership deems necessary in the proper conduct of its business and activities, conforming whenever possible to that of the state officers. These officers shall constitute the Region Executive Board.

Section 3–Regional Committees

The WMEA Region Executive Board may, at its discretion, appoint special Committees to serve within the Region.

ARTICLE V

Committees

Section 1–Appointed Committees

Committees necessary to the business of WMEA may be appointed by the President, subject to ratification by the Executive Board, to a term not longer than two years and in no case extending beyond the biennial election of officers next succeeding the committee appointments. Committee chairmen and members may however be reappointed at the discretion of successive Presidents and Executive Boards.

Section 2–Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the WMEA Past President, the President, the President-Elect, and three other WMEA members appointed by the President. The President-Elect shall serve as Chairman of this Committee and shall submit a list of nominees to the President by November 1 of the second year of the President's term.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

Section 1–Frequency

WMEA conferences shall be held biennially.

ARTICLE VII

Annual Meetings

Section 1–State Assembly

Meetings of the State Assembly shall be held each academic year.

Section 2–Executive Board

Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President at her/his discretion or upon request of not less than three members of the Executive Board.

Section 3–Region Meetings.

Annual meetings of the regions shall be held between September and June of each academic year. Special meetings may be called by the Region Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII

Quorum

Section 1

A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of not less than two-thirds of the voting members of the Board.

ARTICLE IX

Official Journal

Section 1–Name

The official journal of the Association shall be the *Voice of Washington Music Educators*.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

Section 1–Constitutional Amendments

The Executive Board may submit a constitutional amendment to the members by mail ballot. Such amendment will be deemed valid if approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of ballots returned within fifteen (15) days.

Section 2–Referendum

A referendum may be submitted to the Executive Board through any Region President with the approval of that region's Executive Board.