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West Virginia Bandmasters Association Constitution

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the “West Virginia Bandmasters Association.”

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of the association shall be for the advancement of band music education in West Virginia.

Article III - Membership

Section 1. This association shall consist of members actively engaged in teaching instrumental music in West Virginia schools.

Section 2. Directors of instrumental bands in the public and private schools of West Virginia shall be eligible for membership upon payment of the annual Music Educators National Conference (MENC) dues. Also after retirement, directors may retain their full membership rights upon payment of the annual dues; provided they have served five or more years in teaching school instrumental music.

Section 3. Directors of instrumental bands in the elementary and secondary schools, universities and colleges, representatives of the music trades, or any musician interested in fostering the purpose of this association, shall be eligible for membership upon payment of dues.

Section 4. All must be members in good standing of the West Virginia Music Educators Association and the Music Educators National Conference.

Section 5. Honorary life membership. Retired bandmasters who have taught music in West Virginia for ten or more years and who have participated actively in the West Virginia Bandmasters Association (WVBA) will be eligible for honorary life membership. After the executive board has established honorary life membership, the members are entitled to membership in the WVBA without further payment of dues, but this does not provide membership in the MENC and WVMEA.

Article IV - Dues

Annual dues for each year shall be covered by compliance with the West Virginia Music Educators Association and the Music Educators National Conference dues requirements. No person, otherwise eligible, can hold membership in the WVBA apart from membership in the affiliated bodies, WVMEA and MENC. (Except for Section 5 of

Article V - Officers

The officers of this association shall be a president, first vice-president (State Jazz Festival chair), second vice-president (All-State Band chair), secretary-treasurer and one representative from each of the areas designated by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission. These officers, together with the immediate past president, shall constitute the Executive Board. Additional ex-officio (non-voting) members of the executive board shall be the Regional Band Festival chairmen and the Regional Jazz Band Festival chairmen.

Article VI - Election of Officers

Section 1. Officers shall be nominated and elected at the annual meeting of the association, held in conjunction with the West Virginia Music Educator's Conference.

Section 2. Officers shall serve for two years, and shall take office as of the first day following their election. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote and hold office. The selection of officers shall be on the odd numbered years.

Section 3. Vacancies on the Executive Board shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the board.

Section 4. A nominating committee of three members shall be appointed by the president prior to the election of officers. This committee shall prepare a slate listing one or more candidates for each office. Other nominations may be made from the floor when this slate of candidates is presented.

Section 5. Paid-up members attending the spring meeting shall vote. Officers shall be elected by majority vote.

Article VII - Meeting and Quorum

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the West Virginia Music Educators Association, at such time and place as shall be named by that organization.

Section 2. Summer meetings have been abolished.

Section 3. Nine active members, including the president, secretary-treasurer, and at least one representative, shall constitute a quorum to transact any general business of the association.

Section 4. Roberts Rules of order, revised, shall be used to guide conduct of all meetings of the association.

Article VIII - Duties of the Officers

Section 1. The president shall preside at all Association and/or Executive Board meetings. He/She shall uphold the constitution and bylaws, endeavor to foster a friendly cooperative spirit among members, and endeavor at all times to advance the purpose of the organization.

He/She shall call all special and regular meetings, including any ordered by a majority vote of the Executive Board, or the Association. He/She shall appoint an auditing committee, a nominating committee, as provided in Section 4 of Article VI above, and such committees as may become necessary or advantageous from time to time.

Section 2. The first vice-president, in addition to State Jazz Festival chair responsibilities, shall assume all presidential duties and responsibilities in the absence of the president.

Section 3. The second vice-president shall act as chairman of the West Virginia All-State High School Band.

Section 4. The secretary-treasurer shall keep true and accurate records of all meetings of the executive board and the association.

At the annual meeting or whenever requested by the Executive Board or the Association, he/she shall present in writing, a complete report of all receipts and remittances. He/She shall publish all necessary information to the membership in bulletins or newsletters from time to time, and at all times have an accurate record of membership. He/She shall exchange information freely with the secretary of the WVMEA. He/She shall be responsible for the official correspondence of the Association.

Section 5. The region representatives shall assist other officers in the business of the Association as members of the Executive Board; generally representing the membership at large, as well as the particular area from which they are elected.

Section 6. The auditing committee shall inspect and audit the books and records of the secretary-treasurer, and submit a report of their findings to the Executive Board of the Association.

Article IX - Limitation of Responsibility of the Officers

The authority and responsibility for the management and for the maintenance of the good will and credit of the Association is vested in the Executive Board, but is especially understood that neither the board nor any member thereof, nor any salaried officer nor any member of the Association shall be required to accept personal financial responsibility for duly authorized bills or obligations, or for suits or litigation which may develop from authorized activities of the organization carried on in good faith and in pursuit of the objectives, purpose and activities prescribed or authorized by the constitution and bylaws.

Article X - Amendments

Any amendments to this constitution and bylaws shall be drawn up in proper form, and given to each member of the executive board prior to any general meeting of the association. The board, after studying the same, shall make available copies to the membership prior to any general meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be required for passage.

Bylaws

Article I - Honorariums

All officers shall serve without compensation except the All-State Band chair and the secretary-treasurer, who shall receive an honorarium of \$500 and \$200 respectively, per year, in addition to their legitimate expenses incurred in the fulfillment of their official duties for the Association.

Article II - Committees

The president, and/or the Executive Board, shall have the authority to appoint such committees as may be deemed necessary to carry out the work and purposes of this association, with the approval of the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

Article III - Special Meetings

The president, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall have the authority to call special meetings, either of the Executive Board or the Association, or any special committee, if and when deemed necessary.

Article IV - Voting

Only members in good standing shall be eligible to vote, or to hold office or to serve on committees or on the executive board.

Article V - Affiliation

Since the majority of the membership of the Association is composed of music educators, it is understood that this association is affiliated with the West Virginia Music Educators Association, and the Music Educators National Conference.

Article VI - Membership Cards

The standard MENC membership card will serve as the official card certifying that the director named is a member in good standing of the WVBA.

Article VII - Disposition of Assets in Case of Disbandment

In the event of the disbandment or dissolution of the organization and the liquidation of its physical and financial assets, all funds remaining after the payment of legitimate bills, and all accrued legal costs and financial obligations, including salaries or honorariums of the employees and expense allowances of officers, shall be transferred to the West Virginia Music Educators Association, unless other disposition of such funds or assets shall be directed by legal action of the membership upon recommendation of the Executive Board.

It is expressly stipulated that in the event of liquidation, funds of the West Virginia Bandmasters Association, remaining in the treasury after all financial obligations have been taken care of, shall be utilized only for the purpose of furtherance of Music Education in West Virginia, or some similar related objective which shall be in keeping with the purposed of the West Virginia Music Educators Association (MENC) or the West Virginia Education Association.