

# **The Constitution of the Michibago Music Teachers Association**

## **Article I – Name and Affiliation**

The name of this organization shall be Michibago Music Teachers Association referred to as MMTA affiliated with Wisconsin Music Teachers Association (WMTA) and with Music Teachers National Association, Inc. (MTNA), Cincinnati Ohio, a Code Section 501c3 organization.

## **Article II – Purpose**

Section 1. The purpose of this association shall be (1) to promote professional fraternity, to stimulate professional growth, and to encourage high standards in music instruction among music teachers; (2) to provide quality performance opportunities for our students; and (3) to support the objectives of WMTA and MTNA.

Section 2. Said organization (MMTA) is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 3. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170c2 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 4. In the event of the dissolution of the organization, any funds remaining in the treasury after the payment of any outstanding debts shall be contributed to Music Teachers National Association or another 501c3 organization.

### **Article III – Membership**

Section 1. Membership classifications in MMTA shall be: Active, Collegiate, Retired, Institutional, and Corporate.

Section 2. Membership privileges are prescribed in the Bylaws of the Association.

### **Article IV – Officers**

Section 1. Officers of the Association shall be a President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The manner of election and the duties of each officer shall be defined in the Bylaws.

### **Article V – Executive Board**

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. This Board shall determine policies of the Association by actively pursuing the purposes of the Association within the limits of the Constitution and Bylaws. It shall have discretion in the disbursement of all funds of the Association.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall report all decisions to the general membership in a timely manner.

### **Article VI – Meetings and Programs**

Section 1. Meetings of the Association shall be held at such time and place as are decided upon by the Executive Board of the Association, but they shall be guided by the wishes of the membership.

Section 2. Those active members present and voting who are in good standing as shown by the treasurer's records at the time of the membership meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of MMTA.

## **Article VII – Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year, and the membership year, shall begin July 1 and end June 30.

## **Article VIII – Amendments**

Section 1. 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.

Section 2. All amendments must be consistent with Article II of the Constitution and a copy of same must be reported to the Executive Director of MTNA before approval.

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# **Michibago Music Teachers Association Bylaws**

## **Article I—Membership**

Section 1. Active membership is open to all persons who are professionally engaged in any field of musical activity. Such membership provides the privileges of participation in the activities of MMTA, holding office, and voting.

Section 2. Collegiate membership is open to ~~any~~ all college ~~music~~ students. (MTNA says ‘currently involved in music study’) Collegiate membership does not include the right to vote, hold office, or enter students in MTNA competitions. Collegiate members may enter students in WMTA and MMTA events.

Section 3. Retired Membership is open to those who have been Active members for at least 20 continuous years, who have reached the age of 65, and who have essentially retired from teaching. A member must send written notice to the Executive Director of MTNA for this class of membership to be activated. Retired members are entitled to discounted dues and may vote, but cannot hold elective office at the national, division, or state levels, or enter students in MTNA, WMTA, or MMTA competitions as a Retired Member.

Section 4. Institutional Membership is open to those institutions that have an interest in furthering the mission of MTNA, WMTA, and MMTA. Institutional members do not have the right to vote, hold office, or enter students in MTNA, WMTA, or MMTA competitions.

However, the music executive or each Institutional Member who has paid the appropriate state and local membership dues shall have all the rights and privileges of Active Membership.

Section 5. Corporate Membership is open to those businesses or corporations who have an interest in furthering the mission of MTNA, WMTA, and MMTA. Corporate members do not have the right to vote or hold office.

## **Article II—Dues**

The annual dues will be determined at the first meeting of the fiscal year by a two-thirds vote of the Active members present and voting for the following fiscal year (for example Sept. 2015 general meeting will determine the dues for the July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 fiscal year.).

## **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 Executive Board, shall appoint all committees as needed, and shall perform all other duties implied by his/her title.

Section 2. The Immediate Past President shall attend all executive board meetings and participate in all proceedings of said board.

Section 3. The Vice President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, shall plan programs for membership enrichment, and shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the President.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all MMTA Executive Board and general business meetings, 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. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of all bills authorized by MMTA, shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, and shall present an official report to the Association upon request. Treasurer's records shall be subject to an audit at least every other year.

## **Article V—Executive Board**

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President.

## **Article VI—Programs and Activities**

The Executive Board, guided by the wishes of the Association, will authorize the planning of programs and activities of an educational nature to be sponsored by the Association. The Board will determine appropriate fees to be charged members and non-members.

## **Article VII—Amendments**

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended at any business meeting of MMTA 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.