

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Missouri Choral Directors Association

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- Article I - Name

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be the Missouri Choral Directors Association, hereinafter referred to in this constitution as MCDA.

- Article II - Purpose

Section 1: The purposes of MCDA shall be:

to encourage higher standards of choral music and its performance;

to improve the professional status of the choral director;

to provide any assistance to the membership that will insure the highest level of musicianship within choral music,

to foster statewide fellowship within the organization;

to stimulate participation in choral singing at all age levels;

to work for better cooperation between church, professional, school and community groups;

to inform members of new materials, techniques, and literature within the choral field;

to foster and promote membership and the activities of ACDA;

to counsel with state educational agencies and with other professional organizations in establishing educational standards of choral music;

to work in concord to further purposes of the national organization.

- Article III - Organization

Section 1: MCDA shall be constituted as an educational non-profit organization.

Section 2: MCDA shall be a state chapter of the American Choral Directors Association and subject to the constitution and by-laws of the national organization.

Section 3: The legislative power of MCDA shall be vested in the membership and in the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall have general executive powers to administer the affairs of the organization with authority to enact legislation and to execute policy.

Section 4: The Executive Board shall consist of the duly elected state officers: President, President-Elect, Past-President and District Representatives and the Membership Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be appointed by the President. Advisory members of the Board are the Repertoire and Standards Chairpersons, the Recording Secretary, the All-State Choir Coordinator, the Editor of the MCDA Reporter, the Awards Coordinator, and the Webmaster to serve two-year terms.

Section 5: Elected Officers will serve for two years beginning on July 1 of the odd-numbered year through July 1 of the succeeding odd numbered year.

Section 6: Election for elective office shall be by mail ballot by March 1 of the odd-numbered year.

Section 7: At the end of the term, the President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of President.

Section 8: In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the immediate Past President shall complete the unexpired term of the office of President.

Section 9: The President will appoint those to fill any vacancy that might occur during his term of office for the duration of the unexpired term.

Section 10: The President shall confirm District Representatives elected by members of their respective districts for two year terms by March 1 of even numbered years. These Representatives shall serve from July 1 of the appointment year until July 1 of the succeeding even numbered year. District Representatives shall represent the following geographic areas: Central, East Central, Kansas City Metro, Northeast, Northwest, South Central, Southeast, Southwest, St. Louis Metro, St. Louis Suburban, and West Central.

Section 11: Upon assuming office, the President shall appoint the advisory members of the Executive Board including: Repertoire and Standards Chairpersons, the Recording Secretary, the All-State Choir Coordinator, the Editor of the MCDA Reporter, the Awards Coordinator, and the Webmaster to serve two-year terms.

Section 12: The parliamentary procedures as set forth in Roberts Rules of Order shall govern in all cases not covered in the National ACDA Constitution or in this Constitution, as stated therein.

Section 13: Neither the Executive Board, nor any member thereof, nor any appointed officer or director of MCDA shall be required to accept financial responsibility for activities duly authorized by the organization and executed in good faith in the pursuits of the purposes and functions prescribed or authorized by the Constitution.

Section 14: MCDA shall not be responsible for any unauthorized expenditures by any member of the organization.

- Article IV - Amendments and Revision

Section 1: Amendments and/or revision to these bylaws may be initiated by the Board, or by a petition signed by 10% of the state membership.

Section 2: These bylaws may be amended by an approving vote of 2/3 of the general membership present at a MCDA business meeting, or by 2/3 of those members casting ballots by mail. All amendments or revisions must be preceded by a notification to amend or revise, by mail or by newsletter, at least 30 days prior to the vote.