

CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL BAND ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as the North Dakota National Band Association, referred to hereafter as NDNBA.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

TO PROMOTE the musical and educational significance of bands in North Dakota.

TO DEVELOP greater communication between band directors across the state.

TO ENCOURAGE high standards in music education and the performance of band music.

TO PROVIDE a source of support to North Dakota directors who are in search of continuing professional growth.

TO ASSIST the North Dakota Music Educators Association in providing quality clinicians and workshops.

TO ASSIST in the promotion of All-State and other band events that provide quality and memorable experiences for students.

TO SUPPORT the awards system designed by the National Band Association recognizing students, directors, and other community leaders for special efforts on behalf of music education.

TO RECOGNIZE the efforts of outstanding band directors and to encourage support for excellence of service to music education.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND RULES

Section 1. General qualifications: The membership of the association shall be open to all individuals, institutions, and industries sincerely interested in bands.

Section 2. Individual Membership:

1. Membership is open to any person interested in bands regardless of profession or status.
2. Membership in the NDNBA shall be automatic for any North Dakota resident who is a current member of the National Band Association.
3. Membership in the NDNBA shall be \$40.00 for anyone not a member of the National Band Association. Dues are payable to the NDNBA Treasurer. Non-national members will have all the rights and privileges described in the NDNBA Constitution.

Section 3. Corporate Membership:

1. This includes any school, institution or other organization, with the band director or other designated person serving as the individual member.
2. Institutional and corporate membership in the NDNBA shall be a minimum donation of \$250.00 payable to the NDNBA Treasurer. Institutional and corporate members will be listed on the NDNBA website and in publications sponsored by the NDNBA.

~~Section 4. State Dues: State membership and institution dues will be established by the NDNBA executive committee and any changes in membership dues will be subject to approval of a majority vote of the NDNBA membership.~~

ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. State President Duties:

1. Preside over state NDNBA meetings.
2. Establish the following committees, of which the President is an ex-officio member:
 - a) ~~Newsletter~~
 - b) ~~Public Relations~~
 - e) a) Awards
 - d) ~~Convention~~
 - e) b) Constitution
 - f) ~~Finance~~
 - g) c) Membershipand any other committees as necessary.
3. Administer elections.
4. ~~Contribute columns to the newsletter~~ entries to the NBNBA Forum (on the website) and possibly the state MENC or other state educational organizational newsletters.
5. Act as the liaison with other state educational, arts, news, and professional organizations.
6. Attend all NBA sponsored conventions and workshops as time and money allow.
7. Maintain timely contact with the state chairman.
8. Keep current records and make all of these available to any new administration.
9. Provide as much help as possible during any change of administration.

Section 2. State Vice-President Duties:

1. Be prepared to assume presidential duties in case of absence.
2. Provide NBA input/leadership on selected state committees.
3. Chair membership committees.
4. Make regular contributions to the ~~newsletter~~ NDNBA Forum.

- Section 3. State Secretary Duties:
1. Record minutes at general meetings.
 2. Correspondence as prescribed by the president.
 3. Correspondence to membership.
 4. Membership list.
 5. Liaison with other organizations.
 6. ~~State newsletter to all NDNBA membership.~~

- Section 4. State Treasurer Duties:
1. Maintain checking account in the name of the state unit.
 2. Collect and distribute funds.
 3. Prepare financial reports to state members.
 4. Keep state membership and financial records.
 5. Annual audit of books.

- ~~Section 5. State President-Elect Duties:~~
- ~~In order to be ready to assume the presidency, the President-Elect should work very closely with the President on as many of the duties as possible. This would give the President-Elect a feeling for the total state organization.~~

ARTICLE V – ~~BOARD OF DIRECTORS~~ MEMBERS AT LARGE

- Section 1. ~~The Board of Directors shall be appointed for three year terms. It shall consist of three persons with one person leaving and a new person joining each year. The appointment will be made at All-State each year.~~
Members at Large:
1. Members at Large shall be appointed for three year terms. There shall be three Members at Large with one person leaving and a new person joining each year. The appointment will be made at All-State each year.
 2. The new board member at Large shall be appointed each year by the President. All vacancies shall be filled by Presidential appointment.
 3. The Members at Large shall serve as voting members on the Awards Committee.
 4. The Members at Large shall also serve on the nominating committee.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

- Section 1. Executive Committee: Meeting of the executive committee shall be called by the president.
- Section 2. Entire Membership: Meetings of the entire membership shall be determined by the executive committee.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. Proposed amendments to NDNBA Constitution and by-laws may be presented to the executive committee or any officer in the association. The executive committee will then determine which amendments, if any, are to be presented. A majority vote of those board members present or a majority of votes cast by mail or email will be sufficient for presentation to the membership for ratification. The proposed amendment or amendments must be presented to the membership either (1) by mail not less than two months prior to a meeting where voting will occur, or (2) by mail or email ballot to the membership, with a minimum of thirty days required for a return vote.
- Section 2. An amendment must receive two-thirds of the votes cast to pass. An approved amendment becomes effective immediately, unless otherwise stated in the amendment.
- Section 3. Several amendments may be voted upon at any one time, but each shall require a separate vote. Some amendments closely related to and affecting each other may of necessity be grouped together for consideration.

ARTICLE VIII – QUORUM

Members present at a given meeting shall comprise a quorum providing notification of the meeting has been properly publicized in the official magazine or by mail at least thirty days prior to that meeting; except that the president may call together the executive committee on ten days' notice.

ARTICLE IX – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. Elected officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, ~~and President-Elect~~.
- Section 2. Each elected officer shall serve a two year term.
- Section 3. The ~~President-Elect~~ Vice President automatically succeeds to the office of President upon expiration of the term of the incumbent President, or upon the expiration of the term of the acting President.
- Section 4. The President shall not be eligible for a second term. Upon expiration of one fully-served term as President, he shall automatically assume the office of Immediate Past President for an additional two years and shall take his place as a full voting member. All other offices shall not have limitations.
- Section 5. ~~A nominating committee of four individuals, including a chairman, shall be appointed by the President on January 15 of even numbered years. Two~~

~~nominations for each office shall be reported to the general membership at the All-State meeting that spring. The election will take place at the All-State general membership meeting on odd years with the gavel being passed at the conclusion of that meeting.~~

A nominating committee of four individuals, the three Members at Large and the NDNBA Vice-President serving as chair, shall be responsible for procuring officer candidates. Two nominations for each office shall be reported to the general membership at the All-State meeting that spring. The election will take place at the All-State general membership meeting on odd years with the gavel being passed at the conclusion of that meeting.

~~Section 6. The new board m Member at Large shall be appointed each year by the President. All vacancies shall be filled by Presidential appointment. (moved to Article V, subsection 2)~~

Section 7 6. In the event of a vacancy in any elective office other than that of President, the President, with the majority consent of the Executive Committee Board, shall appoint a member in good standing to finish the unexpired term of the last incumbent.

Section 8 7. The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may elect to alter the time frame under extenuating circumstances in order to conform to the rotation of the election process.

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