

Constitution: Cobb Chapter Georgia Music Teachers Association, INC (Revised 7/97)

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Cobb County Music Teachers Association, hereinafter called the Association.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1: The objectives of the Association shall be to promote professional fraternity and stimulate professional growth among music teachers, and to support the objectives of the Greater Atlanta Music Alliance, the Georgia Music Teachers Association, and the Music Teachers National Association, with all of which it is affiliated.

SECTION 2: The Association is a not-for-profit organization, and no part of its net earnings inures to the benefit of any private member or individual.

SECTION 3: In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the Board of Directors shall make provision for payment of all liabilities of the Association, and shall then contribute any remaining funds to the Georgia Music Teachers Association, the Greater Atlanta Music Alliance, or other tax exempt musical organization.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association shall be Active or Honorary. Privileges and dues are set forth in the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE IV. AFFILIATION

All members of the Association except Honorary shall hold membership in the Georgia Music Teachers Association and the Music Teachers National Association. Upon joining any of the chapters of the metropolitan area, they automatically become members of the Greater Atlanta Music Alliance at no cost.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be the President, President Elect, four Vice-Presidents, Recording/Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Publication Editor and Parliamentarian. Procedures for the election of officers are specified in the Bylaws of the Association. Two members may share the title and duties of any of the above officers.

ARTICLE VI. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1: The Administrative Committee shall consist of the above officers.

SECTION 2: The Executive Board shall consist of the seven officers named in Article V and the following standing committee chairmen: Publicity, Membership, Hospitality, Telephone, Scholarship, Certification, Placement, IMTF and GAMA. This Board shall transact all Association business not requiring vote of the membership.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Meetings of the Association shall be held at such time and place as are decided upon by the members of the Association, guided by the wishes of the membership.

ARTICLE VIII. QUORUM

One third of the members present constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IX. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall be the same as the membership year of GMTA and MTNA beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30 of the following year.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended at any business meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting, the proposed amendment having been submitted to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to voting.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: Active membership is open to all persons professionally engaged in any field of musical activity. Such membership provides the privilege of participating in the activities of the Association, holding office, and voting.

SECTION 2: The Honorary Membership category may be used only to recognize former active members who for reason of poor health, age, or retirement have not renewed active membership.

SECTION 3: For membership in the Cobb County Music Teachers Association, a teacher must live in and/or teach in Cobb County, or students must live in Cobb County. Furthermore, membership is offered to a teacher in surrounding counties who are without a local chapter of the Georgia Music Teachers Association.

ARTICLE II. DUES

Annual dues for all categories of membership shall be nine dollars (\$9.00) and are due on the first day of the membership year, July first, after which date members are not in good standing nor entitled to any of the privileges of membership, such as membership rates at conventions, entering students in Auditions, non-competitive activities, and certification, until dues are paid for the current year. Renewing members must have all State, National, and Local dues paid by October 1 in order to enter students in any CCMTA sponsored event. It is the members' responsibility to prove to the chairman of the event that they are in good standing.

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 Administrative Committee, shall appoint special committees as needed, and shall perform all other duties implied by the title of President.

SECTION 2: The President-elect shall act for and with the President in all duties as needed so as to learn thoroughly all aspects of presidential responsibilities.

SECTION 3: The First Vice-President shall assume all duties designated by the President and President-elect in their absence, and shall coordinate programs.

SECTION 4: The Second Vice-President shall be responsible for the Local GMTA Spring Auditions.

SECTION 5: The Third Vice-President shall be responsible for the CCMTA Solo Festival.

SECTION 6: The Fourth Vice-President shall be in charge of fund-raising.

SECTION 7: The Recording/Corresponding Secretary shall take minutes of all meetings, and shall carry on official correspondence of the Association.

SECTION 8: The Treasurer shall be responsible for payments of all bills authorized by the Association, shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, and shall present official reports to the Association upon request.

SECTION 9: The Publications Editor shall be in charge of publication of the CCMTA Newsletter and Yearbook.

SECTION 10: The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for the orderly and proper transaction of business at meetings, and for revision of the Constitution and Bylaws as necessary. The immediate or other past president should assume this office. Deliberations of members, officers, and chairmen shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: A Nominating Committee of three or more members shall be recommended by the president and elected by the membership at the February meeting of each fiscal year.

SECTION 2: The Nominating Committee shall present the names of candidates who have agreed to serve at the March meeting. Election shall be held at the April meeting. Additional nominations of candidates willing to serve may be made from the floor. Qualified members shall cast ballots or vote by a show of hands. Those candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected for a term of two (2) years. They will assume office at the last meeting of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE V. AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at any business meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting. Amendments must have been previously submitted to the membership at least thirty (30) days before voting.