

CONSTITUTION

of the
NORTH FULTON MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
GEORGIA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
FOUNDED IN 1998

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the NORTH FULTON MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, hereinafter called the Association.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

Section 1: The object of the Association shall be the advancement of musical knowledge and education. Other goals of the Association are as follows:

- To meet the specific needs of the local music teachers
- To provide musical and pedagogical growth for teachers through a variety of programs and activities
- To provide for the exchange of ideas
- To set up and enforce a strong code of ethics and discourage professional jealousy among teachers
- To recommend and support the members and work toward reasonable income expectation for all teachers
- To stimulate interest in music and to enhance the professional image of the music profession within the community
- To provide learning experiences and musical outlets for our students and establish aid for worthy students

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 Executive Board shall make provision for payment of all liabilities of the Association, and shall then contribute any remaining funds to the Georgia Music Teachers Association.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership classifications in this Association shall be: Active, Patron and Honorary.

Section 2: Privileges and dues are prescribed by the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE IV. AFFILIATION

This Association is affiliated with the Georgia Music Teachers Association. All Active members of the Association shall hold membership in the Georgia Music Teachers Association (GMTA) and the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA).

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BOARD AND GENERAL BOARD

Section 1: The Executive Board of the Association shall be: President, President-Elect, First Vice-President (Programs), Second Vice-President (Membership), Recording/Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Publications Editor (Newsletter and Directory), 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 offices except those of President and President-Elect.

Section 2: The General Board shall consist of the eight officers named in Section 1 of this Article and the following standing committee chairpersons: Publicity, Hospitality, Certification, Auditions, Festival, Placement, and Representation. This Board shall transact all Association business not requiring vote of the membership.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

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

ARTICLE VII. QUORUM

The President and the active members present at regular business meetings shall constitute a quorum of the Association for the transaction of any business.

ARTICLE VIII. 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 IX. AMENDMENTS

This 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
of the
NORTH FULTON MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Active membership is open to all persons professionally engaged in any field of musical activity who also are members of the Georgia Music Teachers Association and the Music Teachers National Association. Such membership provides the privilege of participating in the activities of the Association, holding office, and voting.

Section 2: Patron membership is open to any individual or business interested in the promotion of the art of music through financial or other support of the Association. Patron members are not recognized as members of the state and national organizations with which this Association is affiliated, and therefore are restricted from the privileges of active membership. Categories for contributors shall be:

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| Platinum Patron - | over \$250 |
| Gold Patron - | \$100 - \$250 |
| Silver Patron - | \$25 - \$99 |

Section 3: Honorary membership is open to former active members over the age of sixty-five or those who for reason of poor health or retirement have not renewed active membership. Such members may attend regular meetings and activities, but may not hold office or vote. Honorary members who wish to enter students in local Association auditions shall hold active membership in GMTA and MTNA. Student entry fees for auditions, festivals, and other activities shall be the same as those for students of active members.

ARTICLE II. DUES

Section 1: Annual dues for Active membership shall be \$15.00.

Section 2: There shall be no dues for Patron membership. Categories for contributions are outlined in Article I.

Section 3: There shall be no dues for honorary membership.

Section 4: Annual dues shall be due on the first day of the membership year. After this date, members are not in good standing nor entitled to any of the privileges of membership, such as entering students in festivals or auditions, until dues are paid for the current membership year.

ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, shall call and preside at meetings of the General Board and Executive Board, shall appoint special committees as needed, and shall perform all other duties as implied by the title of President. This officer shall be ex-officio member of all committees and shall oversee the assignments of all officers and chairpersons. The President will serve on the Executive Board of GMTA.

Section 2: The President-Elect shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of that officer and shall act for and with the President in all duties as designated by the President so as to thoroughly learn all aspects of presidential responsibilities. This officer will serve as chairman of the nominating committee. Upon completion of the term, the President-Elect shall become President.

- Section 3:** The First Vice-President shall coordinate programs, arrange for meeting dates and locations, and shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the President. In the absence of the President and President-Elect, the First Vice-President shall assume the duties of these offices.
- Section 4:** The Second Vice-President shall perform all duties pertaining to enlisting and maintaining membership and such other duties as may be designated by the President. In the absence of the above named officers, the Second Vice-President shall assume those duties.
- Section 5:** The Recording/Corresponding Secretary shall take minutes of all meetings and shall carry on official correspondence of the Association. The Secretary shall keep a file of all minutes and a duplicate of all minutes shall be given to the President. This officer shall report the results of all voting and any announcements from meetings to the Publications Editor for inclusion in the Newsletter. Correspondence shall include thank-you notes to clinicians and judges, as well as notes of congratulation or condolence and the sending of flowers or other expressions of concern when the need arises. Copies of all correspondence shall also be filed along with any replies received. The Secretary shall appoint an assistant to take minutes in the absence of the officer or to assist in any other duties. This office may be divided into two offices, being a Recording Secretary and a Corresponding Secretary, at any time deemed necessary by the President.
- Section 6:** The Treasurer shall keep an itemized account of all receipts, disbursements, and assets of the Association, shall be responsible for the payment of all bills authorized by the Association, and shall present official reports to the Association upon request.
- Section 7:** The Publications Editor shall take responsibility for the publication of the Association Newsletter and Directory (Yearbook) and any other publications as directed by the President.
- Section 8:** 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. This office should be assumed by the immediate or other past President of the Association. Deliberations of members, officers and chairpersons shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IV. DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

- Section 1:** The Hospitality Chairperson shall coordinate refreshments whenever needed at meetings, festivals, auditions, luncheons, banquets, or other events that the Association sponsors or participates in.
- Section 2:** The Certification Chairperson shall actively promote and facilitate certification of Association members through GMTA and MTNA.
- Section 3:** The Publicity Chairperson shall provide accounts of Association activities to the local media. This officer shall also act as Archivist, keeping photos and all items of historic interest to the Association, particularly those that may be useful in presentations to new members.
- Section 4:** The Auditions Chairperson shall be responsible for the local GMTA In-State Spring Auditions.
- Section 5:** The Festival Chairperson shall be responsible for whatever form of annual student festival or performance fund-raiser the Association chooses to hold.
- Section 6:** The Placement Chairperson shall be responsible for assisting prospective students in contacting members with available openings. Members wishing to be included in this service shall provide the Placement Chairperson with the location of their studio and any brief information about themselves or their teaching that the Chairperson may have need of (such as limitations on what age or level of student they accept). The Chairperson must maintain proper ethics and may not express personal opinions to prospective students, but may only provide them with a list of appropriate available openings.

Section 7: The Representation Chairperson shall be responsible for representing or arranging for representation of the Association at meetings of other organizations with which the Association is affiliated, other than the Executive Board of GMTA. Organizations shall include the Independent Music Teachers Forum, the MTNA Foundation, and others as designated by the President. This chairperson shall be responsible for any duties required by these organizations.

ARTICLE V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1: A Nominating Committee of three members shall be recommended by the President and voted on by the membership at the January meeting of every even numbered year. The President-Elect shall serve as Chairperson of this committee.

Section 2: The Nominating Committee shall present the names of candidates who have agreed to serve at the February meeting. Election shall be held at the March 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 VI. AMENDMENTS

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