

**BYLAWS OF THE  
CHICAGO AREA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
Affiliated with  
ILLINOIS STATE MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION and  
MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be “Chicago Area Music Teachers Association,” hereinafter referred to as “CAMTA”. It is affiliated with the Illinois State Music Teachers Association (ISMTA) and with the Music Teachers National Association, Inc. (MTNA), Cincinnati, Ohio, a Code Section 501 (c) (3) organization.

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

Section 1. The purpose of CAMTA is to further the art of music and to support the growth and professional development of music teachers in the Chicago area by providing programs and activities that encourage and support teaching, performance, composition, and research.

Section 2. CAMTA 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 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 3. No part of the net earnings of CAMTA shall inure to the benefit of any individual. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and CAMTA shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, CAMTA shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership classifications in CAMTA shall be: Active, Student, and Associate. All members of CAMTA shall hold membership in the Illinois State Music Teachers Association (ISMTA) and the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA).

A. Active membership is open to all persons professionally engaged in any field of musical activity who are members of ISMTA and MTNA. Such membership provides the privileges of voting, holding office, and participating in the activities of CAMTA.

B. A member may apply for senior status in CAMTA when he or she reaches age 65 and has been a member for ten continuous years. Local dues are eliminated. However, senior status CAMTA members must still belong to MTNA and ISMTA and pay the required fees of dues of membership for these groups. Senior distinction at the CAMTA level applies only to dues exemption. Such seniors hold Active status and hold all the privileges incurred with such status.

C. Student membership is open to any student of music subject to membership regulations of ISMTA and MTNA. Students members may attend all meetings of the CAMTA, but do not have the right to vote or hold office.

D. Associate membership shall be individuals, organizations, institutions, or business firms wishing to support CAMTA and its activities. Associate members shall not have the right to vote, hold office, or enter students in activities. Associate members must be members of ISMTA and MTNA.

Section 2. Annual dues will be established by the CAMTA Board. Dues are delinquent September 1 after which time members are not in good standing or entitled to any of the privileges of membership until dues are paid for the current membership year. Dues must be paid by July 1 in order to be included in the CAMTA yearbook.

Section 3. The membership year shall be the same as the MTNA fiscal year, beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

#### **ARTICLE IV OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of CAMTA shall be: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President in charge of Programs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in charge of Publicity, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President in charge of Membership, Treasurer, and Secretary.

A. The President shall preside at all meetings of CAMTA and the CAMTA Board, shall appoint all standing and special committees with the approval of the CAMTA Board, and shall perform such other duties applicable to the office as prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by CAMTA. He or she shall serve as an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

B. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of CAMTA and the CAMTA Board, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or prescribed by the parliamentary authority of CAMTA.

C. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of all bills authorized by CAMTA, shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, shall prepare an annual budget, and shall present reports to CAMTA as requested and shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the President or prescribed by the parliamentary authority of CAMTA..

Section 2. Each officer shall be elected for a two year term of office and shall serve until his or her successor assumes office. The term of office shall begin at the end of the last meeting within the fiscal year, and end upon the installation of the next officer. The President, Second Vice-President in charge of Publicity, and the Treasurer shall be elected in even years. The First Vice-President in charge of Programs, the Third Vice-President in charge of Membership, and the Secretary shall be elected in odd years. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, except the offices of Treasurer and Secretary.

#### **ARTICLE V ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Section 1. A Nominating Committee of three members shall be appointed and announced by the President in February. The Nominating Committee shall announce a slate of one candidate for each office up for election that year at the April Meeting. The election will take place at the May meeting. Before the election of officers at the May meeting, additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted. Terms of office will begin with the June meeting.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected by ballot, except in the event of only one nominee for an office in which case the presiding officer may declare the nominee elected by acclamation.

Section 3. A vacancy in any office, except that of President, shall be filled for the unexpired term by presidential appointment and approval by the CAMTA Board.

Section 4. Any officer shall cease to hold office upon termination of membership, or may be removed from office by two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regularly scheduled meeting. Such action may be taken when it appears evident that an officer has been or is unable to serve or is otherwise unqualified.

#### **ARTICLE VI—CAMTA BOARD**

Section 1. The officers of CAMTA, the Immediate Past President, and all committee chairs shall constitute the CAMTA Board.

Section 2. The CAMTA Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of CAMTA between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the CAMTA members, and perform such other duties as are specified in these Bylaws. It shall have discretion in the disbursement of funds of CAMTA. The CAMTA Board shall be subject to the orders of the CAMTA and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by CAMTA.

Section 3. Meetings of the CAMTA Board shall be held in January and in June.

Section 4. In order to transact business at a Board meeting, a quorum consisting of 7 (seven) members of the Board must be present (at least one of them being the President or one of the Vice Presidents.)

Section 5. Minutes of the CAMTA Board meeting shall be read at the next regular meeting of CAMTA.

#### **ARTICLE VII—COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the CAMTA Board and/or members to facilitate and accomplish the work of CAMTA.

Section 2. Other committees, such as task forces or special committees, may be appointed by the President with the approval of the CAMTA Board and/or members to facilitate and accomplish the work of CAMTA.

Section 3. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

Section 4. An audit committee of three members shall be appointed by the President to audit the books at the close of the financial year in June, to be presented at the first regular meeting in the following fiscal year.

#### **ARTICLE VIII—MEETINGS**

Section 1. Regular meetings of CAMTA will be held at such time and place as are decided upon by the CAMTA Board, but they shall be guided by the wishes of the membership.

Section 2. Two-thirds of the members present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**ARTICLE IX—PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of **Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised** shall govern CAMTA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, any special rules of order CAMTA may adopt, or a higher level rule, i.e. ISMTA or MTNA.

**ARTICLE X—AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended at any business meeting of CAMTA by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, the proposed amendment having been submitted to the members at least two weeks prior to the voting.

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

**ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION OF CAMTA**

In the event of the dissolution of CAMTA, any funds remaining in the treasury after the payment of any outstanding debts shall be contributed to the Music Teachers National Association or another 501(c) (3) organization.