

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The Florida School Music Association, Incorporated was organized and filed March 23, 1998 providing oversight for interscholastic music activities. Prior to that time, music activities had functioned under the supervision of the Florida High School Activities Association. In 1997, the legislature restructured FHSAA and mandated that group, now known as the Florida High School Athletics Association, would serve only athletics. The leadership of the Florida Music Education Association, the Florida Bandmasters Association, the Florida Orchestra Association, and the Florida Vocal Association understood that interscholastic music activities would need oversight provided by a designated state organization, and preferred to create an organization that would function in the best interests of music educators.

Article I - Name

The name of this Association shall be the Florida School Music Association, Incorporated, hereinafter designated as FSMA or as the Association.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose for which the Association is organized and operated is exclusively as a charitable organization, as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, and now exists or may hereafter be amended. The purpose of the Association shall be the oversight of interscholastic extracurricular music activities.

Article III - Membership

The membership of this Association shall be open to any school (public, private, or home education music cooperative) in the state of Florida who meets the qualifications of membership as specified in the Bylaws.

Article IV – Governance

Section 1. Geographical Districts

The Association shall be organized into two Regions - North and South, and each Region will be divided into two contiguous Sections containing an equal or nearly equal number of schools. Boundaries of these Regions and Sections shall be specified in the Bylaws.

Section 2. Constitutional Authority

The Association shall be governed by its Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies.

Section 3. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors, the constituency of which shall be specified in the Bylaws, shall be the legal representative of the Association and as such shall have, hold, and administer all the property, funds, and affairs of the Association. Provisions for the governance of the Association shall be provided in the Bylaws.

Section 4. Officers

The officers of the Association shall be elected as specified in the Bylaws.

Article V - Amendments

Section 1. Constitutional Amendments

Constitutional amendments shall require review and approval by two-thirds (2/3) vote in two consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Amendments to the Bylaws

Provisions for amendments to the Bylaws shall be contained in the Bylaws.

Section 3. Commencement of Effectiveness

All amendments and changes to the Constitution or Bylaws shall take effect immediately upon adoption unless the motion to adopt specifies another time.

Amended March, 2000

Amended October, 2015