

BYLAWS OF THE  
LAKE SUPERIOR MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
of the  
MICHIGAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
Affiliated with  
MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

These bylaws are adopted as of August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and supersede any preceding bylaws.

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ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Lake Superior Music Teachers Association, referred to as Lake Superior MTA affiliated with Michigan MTA and with Music Teachers National Association, Inc. (MTNA), Cincinnati, Ohio, a Code Section 501(c)(3) organization.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE

**Section 1.** The purpose of the Association is the advancement of musical knowledge and education. Activities of the Association are aimed at the promotion of the art of music and the advancement of musical educational activities and the appreciation of music among the people of the community.

**Section 2.** No part of the net earnings of the organization 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 the organization 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, the organization 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.

**Section 3.** In the event of the dissolution of this organization, any funds remaining in the treasury after the payment of any outstanding debts shall be contributed to the Music Teachers National Association or another nonprofit organization, which qualifies under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.** Membership classifications in this Association shall be: Active, Retired, Student, and Patron. All members of this Association (except patrons) shall hold membership in the Michigan Music Teachers Association and the MTNA.

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

B. Retired Membership is open to those who have been active members for at least 20 continuous years, are age 65 or greater and are essentially retired from teaching. A member must send written notice to the MTNA executive director for this class of membership to be activated. Retired members

may vote, but cannot hold elective office at the division or national levels or enter students in MTNA competitions. A retired member must also be a member of a state affiliated association.

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

D. Patron membership shall be individuals, organizations, institutions, or business firms wishing to support the association and its activities. They shall not have the right to vote, hold office, or enter students in activities. Dues are paid to the local association.

**Section 2.** Annual dues will be established and approved by the members. Dues are delinquent June 30 for active members, September 30 for collegiate members, 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.

**Section 3.** The membership year shall be the same as the MTNA fiscal year, beginning July 1 and ending June 30 for active members; the collegiate membership year begins October 1 and ends September 30.

#### ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS

**Section 1.** The officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. (or such officers necessary for the effective operation of the Association).

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

C. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President, and shall coordinate such activities and perform such duties as may be designated by the President and/or prescribed by the parliamentary authority of the association.

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

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

**Section 2.** Each officer shall be elected 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.

## ARTICLE V—COMMITTEES

**Section 1.** Other committees, such as task forces or special committees, may be appointed by the President and/or members to facilitate and accomplish the work of the association.

**Section 2.** The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

## ARTICLE VI—MEETINGS

**Section 1.** Regular meetings of the association will be held at such time and place as are decided upon by the wishes of the membership.

**Section 2.** Annual meeting of the association will be held at the regular meeting designated as the annual meeting before the end of June. The election of officers, annual reports of officers and committees, and any other business that may arise will take place at this meeting.

**Section 3.** Special meetings may be called by the President or upon the request of one quarter of the members. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call.

**Section 4.** One quarter of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## ARTICLE VII—PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws, any special rules of order the association may adopt, or a higher-level rule, i.e. the state or national association.

## ARTICLE VIII—AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

**Section 1.** These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

**Section 2.** All amendments must be consistent with Article II of the Bylaws and a copy of same must be sent to the MTNA National Office.

NOTE: Other provisions consistent with the State and National Association Bylaws may be added as needed.