



SAINT LOUIS AREA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
**BYLAWS**  
(Revised August 2020)

Article I. ASSOCIATIONAL STRUCTURE

Section 1. The Saint Louis Area Music Teachers Association (SLAMTA) is a Missouri non-for-profit corporation. SLAMTA has been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) public charity. SLAMTA will be referred to herein as an “Association”.

Article II. ORGANIZATIONAL OBJECTIVE

Section 1. SLAMTA’s organizational objectives are the promotion of the arts of music, the advancement of musical educational activities, and the appreciation of music among the people of the community.

Article III. AFFILIATION

Section 1. SLAMTA is affiliated both with the Missouri Music Teachers Association and the Music Teachers National Association.

Article IV. COMPLIANCE WITH RULES FOR CHARITIES

Section 2. SLAMTA is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including for such purpose, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 2. No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private person, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the Association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not

participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of the document, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an Association exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and (b) by an Association, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 3. In the event of the dissolution of this Association, any funds remaining in treasury after the payment of any outstanding debts shall be contributed to MTNA, as long as it is a qualifying 503(c)(3) Association, at the time of dissolution. Otherwise, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purpose within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purpose or to such Association or Associations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

#### Article V. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. There shall be two classes of members: Active and Student.

Section 2. Active membership shall be open to all persons professionally engaged in any field of musical activity. Active members shall participate in organizational activities and may hold office and vote.

Section 3. Student membership shall be open to any bona-fide high school or college student of music. Student members shall participate in organizational activities, but shall have no role in governance.

Section 4. Membership shall be annual, concurrent with the organization's fiscal year.

Section 5. The Board may expel, suspend, or discipline a member for good cause.

#### Article VI. MEMBERSHIP IN AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS REQUIRED

Section 1. All members of the Association shall be members of the Missouri Music Teachers Association and the Music Teachers National Association.

#### Article VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Association shall have a Board of Directors. The Board shall have final responsibility for management and control of the Association, including defining a mission

statement, fulfilling that mission, controlling finances, and selecting officers. The President shall preside at meetings of the Board.

Section 2. The Board shall have between 6 and 12 members. All Board members shall be paid up members of SLAMTA. Members shall be elected for two year terms, concurrent with the organization's fiscal year.

Section 3. A quorum of the Board shall be 50% of the members.

Section 4. The Board shall be self perpetuating, such that current members of the Board shall elect new members.

Section 5. The President shall call at least one meeting of the Board per year, and any three members of the Board may call a meeting of the Board at any reasonable time.

Section 6. A Board member may serve no more than three consecutive terms or parts of terms on the Board.

Section 7. The Board may terminate, suspend, or discipline a Board member for good cause.

#### Article VIII. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be at least: President, Immediate Past President, President-Elect, Vice President for Membership, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board may create other offices.

Section 2. The duties of the officers shall be the duties customarily associated with persons holding such titles. Officers shall also have specific responsibilities as follows: The President shall handle day-to-day issues such as approving expenses, making programming decisions, and retaining an accountant, if needed. The Secretary shall keep the membership rolls and the minutes of meetings of the members and the Board, and be the custodian of the organization's records. The Treasurer shall submit a budget before each fiscal year and shall report on the assets and surplus or deficit at all Board meetings and at the conclusion of each fiscal year. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for assuring that the bank account is managed properly and that the association makes all required tax filings. The president Elect shall be responsible for interacting with affiliates.

Section 3. The Board shall elect the officers for annual terms, concurrent with the organization's fiscal year . Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Board may create a Nominating Committee to create a slate of proposed officers. The Board shall fill vacancies.

Section 4. No person may hold an office for more than three consecutive terms.

Section 5. The officers shall constitute an Executive Committee of the Board. The Executive Committee may act between meetings and/or in emergency situations.

Section 4. The Board may terminate, suspend, or discipline an officer for good cause.

#### Article IX. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. The Association shall hold an annual meeting of the membership, and may hold other meetings of the membership as called by the President or by the Board of Directors. It is customary to hold meetings in June, August and January.

Section 2. At meetings of the membership the members shall discuss topics of interest to the organization. Members may introduce topics introduced from the floor. The President shall preside over meetings of the membership.

#### Article X. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President shall appoint standing and special committees as the President sees fit, and shall select committee chairs. All committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

Section 2. There shall be a Program Committee.

#### Article XI. NON-DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT

Section 1. The association shall not discriminate, and will not tolerate harassment of any kind.

#### Article XII. DUES

Section 1. Annual dues shall be set by the Board. Total dues shall include membership in the Saint Louis Area MTA, MMTA, and MTNA. The treasurer shall transfer dues to those other organizations, if appropriate.

#### Article XIII. BANK ACCOUNT

Section 1. The Association shall maintain a bank account with at least two officers as signatories.

#### Article XIV. NOTICES

Section 1. All notices shall be by reasonable methods likely to give actual notice, shall be in reasonable form, and shall be delivered with reasonable advance time under the circumstances.

#### Article XV. FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. The fiscal year and the membership year shall end on June 30.

#### Article XVI. AMENDMENT

Section 1. Once passed by the membership at a proper meeting with proper notice, these By-laws shall be subject to further amendment only by the Board with an absolute 50% vote.

APPROVED BY VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP AT ANNUAL MEETING ON 8/12/2020:

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Secretary

Print Name: Mihyun Lee

Date: 08/14/2020