

Washington Music Educators Association Constitution

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Serving All Music Educators

ABOUT WMEA

The Washington Music Educators Association provides and promotes educational resources for music educators and students in our public, private schools and colleges. Opportunities for teachers to improve their skills exist through conferences, in-service events and publications.

Students are showcased at regional solo and ensemble contests, the State Solo and Ensemble Contest, by participation in All-State performing groups, in clinics, workshops, conferences and at a variety of statewide in-service events.

WMEA believes a good music education is a critical component of a basic education for all students.

ARTICLE I – Name, Purpose, Affiliation and Relationships

Section 1 – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Washington Music Educators Association, hereinafter designated as WMEA or as Association. This Association shall be incorporated under the State of Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act, chapter 24.03 RCW.

Section 2 – Purpose

The purpose of this Association is to provide and to promote educational resources for music educators.

Section 3 – Affiliation

This non-profit Association shall function as a federated state association of The National Association for Music Education, hereinafter designated as NAFME.

Section 4 – Relationships

The Association shall maintain a close working relationship with appropriate state and national agencies that oversee and implement education institutions. It shall have a functioning relationship with other federated state music education associations, the Northwest Division of NAFME and the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association.

Section 5 – Official Journal

The official journal of the Association shall be the *Voice of Washington Music Educators*, hereinafter designated as *Voice*.

ARTICLE II – Membership

Membership in the Association may be divided into such classifications for annual membership dues or such purpose as the Bylaws may prescribe or as the Executive Board designates. The conditions, terms, privileges, rights and duties of membership shall be stated in the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE III – Government

The Executive Board 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 regulation of all functions of the Association shall be provided for in the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE IV – Elections

The manner of the election or appointment of the Executive Board and its committees shall be provided for in the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE V – Amendments

Section 1 – Constitutional Amendments

The Executive Board may submit a constitutional amendment to the members by mail or electronic ballot. Such amendment will be deemed valid if approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of ballots cast and received within fifteen (15) days of the date the ballot was sent to the members.

Section 2 – Referendum

A referendum to amend the Constitution may be submitted to the Executive Board through any Region President with the approval of that region's Executive Board.