

CONSTITUTION

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BYLAWS

Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Music Therapy Association

2016

Article I - Name

1 **Section 1.** The name of the organization shall be the Mid-Atlantic Region of the American
2 Music Therapy Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Region or the MAR.

3 **Section 2.** The Region exists as a subordinate organization within the structure of the American
4 Music Therapy Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as AMTA.

5 **Section 3.** This document does not supersede the Bylaws adopted by AMTA.

Article II - Purposes

1 The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and/or scientific
2 purposes under the section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and specifically:

3 (a) to advance the use of music for restoring, maintaining, and improving mental and physical
4 health;

5 (b) to train and educate music therapists;

6 (c) to advance and support research about music therapy;

7 (d) to provide a forum for the exchange and publication of information about music therapy;

8 (e) to provide assistance and support to its members to facilitate their role in the
9 foregoing purposes; and

10 (f) to engage in any other lawful activity incidental to the foregoing purposes, except as
11 restricted herein.

12 In order to accomplish the foregoing charitable and educational purposes, and for no other
13 purpose or purposes, this organization shall also have the power to:

14 (a) sue and be sued;

15 (b) make contracts;

16 (c) receive property by devise or bequest, subject to the laws regulating the transfer of property
17 by will, and otherwise acquire and hold all property, real or personal including shares of
18 stock, bonds, and securities of corporations;

- 19 (d) act as trustee under any trust whose objectives are related to the principal objects of the
20 corporation, and to receive, hold, administer, and expend funds and property subject to such
21 trust;
- 22 (e) convey, exchange, lease, mortgage, encumber, transfer upon trust or otherwise dispose of all
23 property, real or personal;
- 24 (f) borrow money, contract debts and issue bonds, notes, and debentures, and secure the payment
25 of any performance of its obligations; and
- 26 (g) do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of
27 the purposes of this organization; provided, however, that this organization shall not, except
28 to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in
29 furtherance of the primary purposes of this organization.

Article III - Membership

1 **Section 1.** Types of membership in the Region shall correspond to membership categories of
2 AMTA.

3 **Section 2.** Membership privileges and responsibilities shall be specified in the Bylaws.

Article IV - Officers

1 **Section 1.** The officers of the Region shall be elected and appointed. The authority and duties
2 of each officer shall be as defined in the Bylaws. The methods of the election and appointment,
3 and terms of office, shall be specified in the Bylaws.

4 **Section 2.** The elected officers of the Region shall be a President, President-Elect, Vice
5 President for Conference Planning, Vice President-Elect for Conference Planning, Vice President
6 for Membership, Immediate Past-President, Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect, Government Relations
7 Chair, Government Relations Chair-Elect, Public Relations Chair.

8 **Section 3.** The officers elected by the Mid-Atlantic Region Association of Music Therapy
9 Students, hereinafter referred to as MARAMTS shall be the Student Affairs Advisory Board
10 Representative and the Student Representative. The officer elected by the Assembly Delegates
11 and Alternates shall be the Assembly Chair.

12 **Section 4.** The appointed officers of the Region shall be the Recording Secretary, Editor of the
13 official regional publication (hereinafter referred to as the Editor), and Historian.

Article V - Executive Board

1 **Section 1.** There shall be an Executive Board consisting of thirteen (13) voting members:
2 President, President-Elect, Vice President for Conference Planning, Vice President-Elect for
3 Conference Planning, Vice President for Membership, Immediate Past-President, Treasurer,
4 Treasurer-Elect, Student Affairs Advisory Board Representative (elected by MARAMTS),
5 Government Relations Chair, Government Relations Chair-Elect, Public Relations Chair, and
6 Student Representative (elected by MARAMTS). The Recording Secretary, Editor, Historian,
7 and Assembly Chair shall be ex-officio members without the right to vote.

8 **Section 2.** The Executive Board shall have the power to transact the general business of the
9 Region and shall be responsible for the management and control of its funds. The Executive
10 Board shall review and approve a budget for the forthcoming fiscal year at the Executive Board
11 meeting at the annual conference.

Article VI - National Assembly of Delegates

1 Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Assembly of the AMTA shall be elected by the Region.
2 The number of Delegates is determined by directive of the AMTA Board of Directors. Their
3 election and terms of office shall be specified in the Bylaws.

Article VII - Representatives to National Standing Committees and Judicial Review Board

1 **Section 1.** A representative shall be appointed to each of the National Standing Committees and
2 the Judicial Review Board.

3 **Section 2.** The manner in which these committee and board representatives are selected shall be
4 specified in the Bylaws.

Article VIII - Regional Councils and Committees

1 **Section 1.** There shall be two standing councils: The National Service Council, and The
2 Conference Council. Members to these councils shall be appointed by the President, with
3 approval of the Executive Board, unless it is already a duty of an elected or appointed position.
4 All council members shall perform such duties as specified in the Bylaws.

5 **Section 2.** The National Service Council shall be chaired by the Immediate Past-President and
6 include regional representatives to the AMTA standing committees, regional members who sit as
7 members of the AMTA Board of Directors, and the regional representative to the Judicial

8 Review Board.

9 **Section 3.** The Conference Council shall be chaired by the Vice President for Conference
10 Planning and shall include the Vice President-Elect for Conference Planning; the Regional Event
11 Planner, the Exhibits Coordinator, the Local Host(s), the Continuing Music Therapy Education
12 Coordinator for Regional Conferences, Public Relations Chair, and the Vice President of
13 MARAMTS.

14 **Section 4.** Members of the Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, Government
15 Relations Committee, Public Relations Committee, Research Committee and Regional Ad Hoc
16 Committees shall be appointed by the President with Executive Board approval. The Finance
17 Committee, Nominating Committee, Government Relations Committee, Public Relations
18 Committee, Research Committee shall perform such duties as specified in the Bylaws. The
19 regional ad hoc committees shall perform such duties as authorized by the Executive Board.

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Article IX - Special Interest Groups and State Chapters

1 Members of the Region may petition the Executive Board to approve the formation of Special
2 Interest Groups or State Chapters of the MAR. The Executive Board, in turn, may approve such
3 Special Interest Groups or State Chapters, in accordance with procedures specified in the
4 Bylaws.

Article X - Meetings

1 **Section 1.** An annual regional conference shall be held. The location and date shall be
2 determined by the Executive Board. Business meetings, including all voting meetings shall be
3 held before the final day of the annual regional conference to ensure maximum participation.

4 **Section 2.** Notice of all regional business meetings shall be provided to members entitled to vote
5 not less than 10 nor more than 60 days prior to the meeting.

6 **Section 3.** A meeting of the Region may be called at the National Conference at the discretion
7 of the Regional Executive Board.

8 **Section 4.** Additional meetings of the Region shall be called by the President, if requested by
9 seven (7) members of the Executive Board or upon signed petition by thirty-five (35)
10 professional members of the Region.

11 **Section 5.** A minimum of two (2) meetings of the Executive Board shall be held annually. The
12 dates of these meetings shall be set as far in advance as possible and be open to all regional

13 members in good standing. Special meetings of the Executive Board shall be called by the
14 President or upon the joint written request of no less than seven (7) members of the Executive
15 Board.

Article XI - Quorum

1 **Section 1.** Quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of at least six (6) elected officers of the
2 Executive Board.

3 **Section 2.** Regional business meetings: quorum of the Executive Board plus twenty-five (25)
4 other professional members of the Region shall constitute quorum. At no time shall the lack of
5 quorum at a non-business session prevent those present from proceeding with the program of the
6 day.

Article XII - Publication

1 There shall be an official publication of the Region. Publication circulation shall be stated in the
2 Bylaws.

Article XIII - Amendments

1 **Section 1.** This Constitution may be amended at a business meeting during the regional
2 conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present provided that there is quorum and
3 provided that the proposed amendments have been submitted to the membership at least two
4 weeks in advance of the meeting. If more expedient or more fiscally appropriate, a vote may be
5 implemented if sent to all voting members with at least quorum response.

6 **Section 2.** Bylaws may be adopted, amended, or replaced at any business meeting of any
7 regional conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present provided there is quorum and
8 provided that the proposed changes are presented to the members present and submitted in
9 writing no later than one (1) day prior to that meeting. If more expedient or more fiscally
10 appropriate, a vote may be implemented if sent to all voting members with at least quorum
11 response.

Article XIV - Charitable Activity Restrictions

1 No part of the net income of the organization shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its
2 directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and

3 empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to make payments
4 and distributions in furtherance of the purposes and objects of this organization. No substantial
5 part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying of propaganda or otherwise
6 attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in or intervene in
7 any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other
8 provisions set forth in this Constitution, at any time during which it is deemed a private
9 foundation, the organization shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section
10 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent
11 federal tax laws; the organization shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time
12 and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by
13 Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any
14 subsequent federal tax laws; the organization shall not own any excess business holdings that
15 would subject it to tax under Section 4943 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or
16 corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; the organization shall not make any
17 investments in such manner as to subject the organization to the tax imposed by Section 4944 of
18 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax
19 laws; and the organization shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d)
20 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax
21 laws. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Constitution, the organization shall not
22 conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization
23 exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding
24 provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, or by an organization contributions to which are to
25 be deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code, or corresponding provisions of any
26 subsequent federal tax laws.

Article XV - Dissolution

1 Upon the dissolution of the organization or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the
2 organization shall be distributed exclusively for charitable or educational purposes within the
3 meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal revenue code. Organizations having purposes
4 similar to those of this organization shall be preferred.

BYLAWS

Article I - Membership

1 **Section 1.** Membership shall be open to all persons and organizations who hold any type of
2 membership in the American Music Therapy Association, and who are residents, employees,
3 students, or organizations in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware,
4 Virginia, West Virginia, or the District of Columbia.

5 **Section 2.** Such membership shall provide the privileges of participation in the activities of the
6 Region and of receiving the official regional publication and all other publications of the Region.

7 **Section 3.** Only professional members in good standing, student members who have been
8 professional members but have returned to graduate school and student status, and Honorary Life
9 Members who are eligible for professional membership may hold office or vote.

10 **Section 4.** Student members in good standing shall have the right to participate in the activities
11 of the Region, to receive the official regional publication, or other publications of the Region,
12 and to hold the office of Student Representative to the Executive Board.

13 **Section 5.** All other members in good standing, except those delineated in Sections 3 and 4,
14 shall have the right to participate in the activities of the Region, and to receive the official
15 regional publication, or other publications of the Region.

Article II - Dues

1 **Section 1.** All members are required to pay dues to AMTA and the Region concurrently. Any
2 member in good standing in another Region coming into Mid-Atlantic Region will be accepted
3 in good standing for the duration of the fiscal year. Any AMTA Honorary Life Member living in
4 the MAR shall be extended an Honorary Life Membership in MAR.

5 **Section 2.** The membership year shall begin January 1 and end December 31.

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Article III - Duties of Elected Officers

1 **Section 1.** The President shall: preside at all meetings of the Region; call and preside at all
2 meetings of the Executive Board; be ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating
3 Committee; be a representative to the Assembly of Delegates; make all designated appointments
4 subject to the approval of the Executive Board; perform all other duties commensurate with the
5 stated purpose of the organization; communicate with, advise, and guide corresponding student

6 officer; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; and submit an annual
7 written report at the regional conference.

8 **Section 2.** The President-Elect shall: assist the President as requested; study the duties of the
9 President in order to be prepared at the appropriate time to take over the responsibilities of this
10 office; assume all duties of the President in case of resignation or removal of the President;
11 attend Regional Executive Board meetings; be a representative to the Assembly of Delegates;
12 seek input, lead on-going study and propose changes in the Constitution and Bylaws as may be
13 deemed necessary; oversee long-range planning; serve as a member of the Nominating
14 Committee; serve as a member of the Finance Committee; ensure that all new officers and
15 appointees receive their handbooks outlining job responsibilities; maintain on computer all
16 officer handbooks; update the handbooks on a yearly basis following the Fall Executive Board
17 meeting with input from officers and the Executive Board; present the updated handbooks to the
18 officers and Executive Board on a yearly basis at the annual Spring conference; establish and/or
19 maintain communication with the Editor(s) of the official regional publication on a quarterly
20 basis; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit an annual
21 written report at the regional conference; serve as a liaison between state associations and the
22 MAR board to facilitate communication between the states and MAR; and carry out such other
23 duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

24 **Section 3.** The Vice President for Conference Planning shall: assume the duties of the President
25 in case of absence of both the President and President-Elect; succeed to the Presidency in case of
26 the resignation of both the President and President-Elect; attend Regional Executive Board
27 meetings; chair the Conference Council; serve as Program Chair, taking complete charge of
28 program planning for the annual regional conference and conferring on all details of
29 management with any committees appointed to arrange for conference programs; develop and
30 send out conference publicity; work with the Regional Event Planner, the Local Host(s), the
31 Continuing Education Coordinator, and the Exhibits Coordinator, and the Vice President of
32 MARAMTS; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit an
33 annual report at the regional conference; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by
34 the President or the Executive Board.

35 **Section 4.** The Vice President for Membership shall: succeed to the presidency in case of the
36 resignation of the President, President-Elect, and the Vice President for Conference Planning;

37 chair the Regional Services Council; serve as regional representative to the Membership
38 Committee of AMTA; maintain official statistical records of the membership for the Mid-
39 Atlantic Region; correspond with members on related matters; correspond with the national
40 Director of Membership Services to facilitate the transmission of information to the regional
41 members; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; serve as Regional Membership Chair;
42 coordinate the implementation of the website and email tree; establish and/or maintain a
43 handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit an annual written report at the regional
44 conference; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive
45 Board.

46 **Section 5.** The Immediate Past President shall: endeavor to effect a smooth transition of power
47 by assisting and advising the new President as necessary; chair the National Services Council;
48 chair the Nominating Committee appointed by the President; present the slate of nominees to the
49 membership; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; serve as a member of the Assembly of
50 Delegates; serve as a member of a Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee; communicate
51 with, advise, and guide corresponding student officer; establish and/or maintain a handbook
52 outlining job responsibilities; submit an annual written report at the regional conference; and
53 carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

54 **Section 6.** The Vice President-Elect for Conference Planning shall: study the duties of the Vice
55 President for Conference Planning in order to be prepared at the appropriate time to take over the
56 responsibilities of the office; assist the Vice President for Conference Planning as requested;
57 maintain communication with the Vice President for Conference Planning; attend Regional
58 Executive Board meetings and regional conferences during their term of office; maintain
59 handbooks that outline the duties of the regional conference local host committee; establish
60 and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; and carry out such other duties as may
61 be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

62 **Section 7.** The Treasurer shall: pay all bills authorized by the Executive Board and issue
63 reimbursement within 30 days of receipt of the request; keep an itemized account of all receipts
64 and disbursements; present a financial report to the Executive Board regularly; publish the
65 financial report in the regional publication; provide AMTA with financial information necessary
66 to complete tax filing as requested by AMTA; chair the Finance Committee appointed by the
67 President; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; communicate with, advise, and guide the

68 corresponding student officer; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job
69 responsibilities; submit an annual written report at the regional conference; and carry out such
70 other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

71 **Section 8.** The Treasurer-Elect shall: study the duties of the Treasurer in order to be prepared at
72 the appropriate time to take over the responsibilities of the office; assist the Treasurer as
73 requested; maintain communication with the Treasurer; serve as Conference Treasurer for
74 conferences of the Region; assume all duties of the Treasurer in case of resignation or removal of
75 the Treasurer; attend Regional Executive Board meetings and conferences of the Region during
76 their term of office; serve as a member of the Finance Committee; establish and/or maintain a
77 handbook outlining job responsibilities; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by
78 the President or the Executive Board.

79 **Section 9.** The Public Relations Chair shall: coordinate regional public relations efforts; serve as
80 regional representative to the Workforce Development and Retention Committee of AMTA;
81 attend Regional Executive Board meetings; request that the President appoint Public Relations
82 Committee members, as needed, to assist in developing and maintaining public relations efforts
83 across the region; maintain regular communication with Public Relations Committee to assist
84 them in fulfilling their duties as outlined in Articles IX, Section 3, of the Bylaws; establish
85 and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit an annual, written report at the
86 regional conference; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President and
87 Executive Board.

88 **Section 10.** The Government Relations Chair shall: serve as regional representative to the
89 Government Relations Committee of AMTA; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job
90 responsibilities; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; submit annual written report at the
91 regional conference; coordinate state efforts in implementing the AMTA/CBMT State
92 Recognition Operational Plan within MAR; submit to the President proposed state task force
93 chairs and members for Board appointment to state task forces (for areas specified in Article V,
94 Section 2 of the Bylaws); direct and assist the State Task Forces in advocating change in public
95 policy conducive to the practice of music therapy; assist State Task Forces in facilitating
96 communication among music therapists in their areas; direct issues and concerns from the
97 membership, and/or the State Task Forces, to the Executive Board and the appropriate
98 committees; maintain regular communication with AMTA and CBMT in order to work

99 collaboratively in implementing the State Recognition Operational Plan within MAR; and carry
100 out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

101 **Section 11.** The Government Relations Chair-Elect shall: study the duties of the Government
102 Relations Chair in order to be prepared at the appropriate time to take over the responsibilities of
103 the office; assist the Government Relations Chair as requested; maintain communication with the
104 Government Relations Chair; assume all duties of the Government Relations Chair in case of
105 resignation or removal of the Government Relations Chair; attend Regional Executive Board
106 meetings during their term of office; participate in regional State Task Force conference calls;
107 establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; and carry out such other
108 duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

109 **Section 12.** The Student Affairs Advisory Board Representative shall: serve as the regional
110 representative to the Student Affairs Advisory Board of AMTA; attend Regional Executive
111 Board meetings; serve as a conduit for student problems and concerns, referring to appropriate
112 committees and officers; keep the Regional Executive Board advised of all regional and national
113 student activities; communicate with, advise, and guide corresponding student officer; establish
114 and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit a written report at the annual
115 regional conference; coordinate and administrate the Jenny Shinn Memorial Scholarship, the
116 Sophomore and Junior Scholarships, and any other student scholarships/awards initiated by
117 MAR or MARAMTS; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the
118 Executive Board.

119 **Section 13.** The Student Representative shall: hold the current office of Vice President of
120 MARAMTS; communicate with other music therapy students in AMTA affiliated schools; report
121 student views and concerns to the Board; attend Regional Executive Board meetings; and carry
122 out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board; and serve on
123 the Conference Council.

Article IV - Duties of Appointed Officers

1 **Section 1.** The Recording Secretary shall: send out meeting announcements; distribute agendas;
2 keep minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board and the general membership; and assure
3 that corporate minutes are maintained. The Recording Secretary shall submit copies of all
4 minutes to the Executive Board, Regional Delegates to the AMTA Assembly and Alternates, and

5 the Archivist. Minutes shall be made available to the general membership upon request. The
6 Recording Secretary shall also: communicate with, advise, and guide the corresponding student
7 officer; establish and/or maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; and carry out such
8 other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Board.

9 **Section 2.** The Editor shall: edit, supervise, and publish the official regional publication which
10 shall be published quarterly pending availability of funds; and submit a report at the annual
11 conference. The Editor shall: attend Regional Executive Board meetings; establish and/or
12 maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; and communicate with, advise and guide the
13 corresponding student officer. The Editor shall carry out such other duties as may be assigned by
14 the President or the Executive Board.

15 **Section 3.** The Assembly Chair shall: serve as a liaison among the Executive Board, Assembly
16 Delegates and Alternates and the general membership; attend Regional Executive Board
17 meetings, disseminate information related to issues expected to come before the Assembly to the
18 general membership; solicit feedback from the membership on issues that are to come before the
19 Assembly; ensure that Alternate Delegates receive a copy of any correspondence from the
20 Speaker, including the mid-year report; submit a written report for publication in the newsletter
21 following the annual Assembly of Delegates meeting; work with the President and the Delegates
22 and Alternates to insure attendance and participation in Assembly meetings at each national
23 conference; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive
24 Board.

25 **Section 4.** The Historian shall publish any findings of historical value in the regional publication;
26 coordinate historical displays and the dissemination of historical information; establish and/or
27 maintain a handbook outlining job responsibilities; submit an annual written report at the
28 regional conference; and carry out such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the
29 Executive Board.

Article V - Appointed Positions

1 Appointed positions shall consist of the following: Parliamentarian, Registration Chair of the
2 Regional Conference, Public Relations Representatives, Members of the MAR Government
3 Relations Committee (which encompasses the State Task Forces), Archivist, Continuing Music
4 Therapy Education Coordinator, Exhibits Coordinator, Regional Event Planner, and Assistant

5 Editor, should one be needed. Specific duties of each position shall be defined and assigned by
6 the President and/or the Executive Board. The Region will maintain handbooks delineating the
7 current duties of each appointed position.

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Article VI - Elections, Terms of Office, and Vacancies

1 **Section 1.** A Nominating Committee consisting of the Immediate Past President, who will serve
2 as chair, and five (5) professional regional members representing five (5) different areas of the
3 Region shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board

4 **Section 2.** The Nominating Committee shall draw up a slate of consenting candidates for each
5 elective office to be presented, along with respective biographical information, to the general
6 membership at the annual regional conference or via special election procedures as specified in
7 the Bylaws, Article VI, Section 5. The Committee shall make every attempt to present at least
8 two (2) candidates for each elective office. They shall also draw up a slate of at least twice as
9 many nominees as there are designated positions for the Assembly of Delegates. Additional
10 nominees of consenting candidates for elective offices shall be accepted from the floor at the
11 annual regional conference or via special election procedures as specified in the Bylaws, Article
12 VI, Section 5.

13 **Section 3.** All elections shall be held by secret ballot. For regular elections, ballots will be
14 distributed no later than two (2) weeks following the conclusion of the annual regional
15 conference. All nominees shall be listed on the Region's website with accompanying
16 biographical information. For each office, the nominee receiving the greater or greatest number
17 of votes shall be considered elected. In the event that this greater or greatest number is a tie, the
18 members of the outgoing Executive Board shall cast a deciding vote. This shall apply to tie votes
19 for the Assembly only when the tie would result in (a) one candidate serving on the Assembly
20 and the other serving as an Alternate; or (b) one candidate serving as an Alternate and the other
21 not being included as an Alternate. Ties within the list of Alternates shall be ranked and called at
22 the discretion of the President. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall present the results
23 for publication in the first edition of the official regional publication following the election and
24 shall notify AMTA of the election results.

25 **Section 4.** Should a vacancy occur in an elective office, which is not filled through regular
26 succession of that office, the President shall appoint someone to fill that position until it is filled

27 by regular or special election, as specified in the Bylaws, Article VI, Sections 2, 3, and 5.

28 **Section 5.** A special election will be completed within four (4) months of the vacancy of an
29 elective office, which is not filled through regular succession of that office, as specified in the
30 Bylaws, Article VI, Section 4. In the event a special election is held between conferences of the
31 Region, the nomination and election shall be conducted via electronic media as follows: The
32 Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominees to the members. In the two (2) weeks
33 that follow, members may nominate additional consenting candidates. Ballots will then be
34 distributed within two (2) weeks following the end of the nomination period. When a special
35 election is held during a regional conference, should only one nominee be identified by the end
36 of the final business meeting of the same conference, the members present can vote for the one
37 nominee, thereby suspending the ballot process.

38 **Section 6.** Votes for Assembly Delegates will be tabulated and nominees will be ranked from
39 highest to lowest. Primary Delegates will be those receiving the highest number of votes.
40 Alternate Delegate positions will be filled from the remaining nominees in rank order until all
41 positions have been filled. In the event of a tie for the final Assembly position, the members
42 shall cast a deciding vote. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall present the results for
43 publication in the first edition of the official regional publication following the election and shall
44 notify AMTA of the election results.

45 **Section 7.** All elected officers except the Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect, and Assembly Delegates
46 shall commence office June 1st and continue for a term of two (2) years or until the next
47 subsequent election. The incoming President shall be formally introduced at the closing session
48 of the annual spring conference. The Treasurer's and Treasurer-Elect's terms will commence
49 with the start of the new fiscal year following the election. The Assembly Delegates' term of
50 office will coincide with the terms of the national officers.

51 **Section 8.** The President and President-Elect may not hold the same office for more than one
52 (1) consecutive term.

53 **Section 9.** Should a vacancy occur in an elective office, which is not filled through regular
54 succession of that office, the President shall appoint someone to fill that position until the next
55 annual regional conference. Immediately thereafter, the vacant position shall be filled by regular
56 or special election, as specified in the Bylaws, Article VI, Sections 2 and 3.

57 **Section 10.** Removal of an officer shall be dealt with as stated in Article XIII-75, Trial of

Article VII - Assembly of Delegates

1 **Section 1.** The Regional Delegates elected to the AMTA Assembly of Delegates shall attend all
2 business meetings of the Assembly and represent the interests of the Region.

3 **Section 2.** Delegates and Alternates shall commit themselves to attendance at all regional
4 business meetings, as well as regional and national conferences during their term of office. If a
5 Delegate cannot attend a national conference, he/she shall inform the Assembly Chair at least
6 one (1) month prior to the conference so that the Assembly Chair may ensure that an Alternate
7 attend in the Delegate's place. The Assembly Chair may at the time of the annual Assembly of
8 Delegates substitute an active Mid-Atlantic member for an absentee Delegate or Alternate.

9 **Section 3.** The Delegates and Alternates shall be elected by secret ballot as outlined in Article
10 VI, Section 4. Immediately following the Assembly-Elect meeting at national conference in odd-
11 numbered years, the Assembly Delegates and Alternates present shall elect one Delegate to serve
12 as Assembly Chair. Current voting members of the Executive Board shall be deemed ineligible
13 to serve as Assembly Chair.

14 **Section 4.** The term of office for Regional Delegates shall be two (2) years.

Article VIII - National Standing Committees and Boards

1 **Section 1.** The National Standing Committees are: Academic Program Approval Committee,
2 Affiliate Relations Committee, Association Internship Approval Committee, Clinical Practice
3 Networking Committee, Continuing Education Committee, Diversity and Multiculturalism
4 Committee, Government Relations Committee, International Relations Committee, Membership
5 Committee, Professional Advocacy Committee, Reimbursement Committee, Research
6 Committee, Standards of Clinical Practice Committee, and Technology Committee, Workforce
7 Development and Retention Committee.

8 **Section 2.** The National Boards are the Judicial Review Board and the Student Affairs
9 Advisory Board.

10 **Section 3.** Representatives to each of these committees and national boards shall commit
11 themselves to attendance at all national meetings, which occur during their terms, perform the
12 functions of the committee, and submit a report to the National Services Council Chair prior to

13 each Regional Executive Board meeting and at the regional conference.

14 **Section 4.** The representatives to the national standing committees and the Judicial Review
15 Board shall be appointed for a two (2) year term by the President with the approval of the
16 Executive Board. Representatives may be reappointed at the President's discretion.

17 **Section 5.** Prospective appointed committee and council members shall submit a short biography
18 to the Executive Board for consideration before approval.

Article IX - Regional Committees and Auxiliary Organizations

1 **Section 1.** Members and duties of the Nominating Committee are set forth in Article VI of the
2 Bylaws.

3 **Section 2.** The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, who shall serve as chair,
4 Treasurer-Elect, President, President-Elect, Past President and at least one (1) MAR member.
5 Duties of the Finance Committee shall be to make recommendations to the Executive Board
6 regarding fiduciary responsibility of the financial resources held by the region; to assist the
7 Treasurer in the construction of the proposed annual budget; and to assist the Treasurer in
8 developing and maintaining fiscal policy recommendations to the Executive Board.

9 **Section 3.** The Public Relations Committee shall consist of the Public Relations Chair and a
10 minimum of three (3) MAR members. Duties of the Public Relations Chair are specified in the
11 Bylaws, Article III, Sec. 9. Duties of the Public Relations Committee members are to assist the
12 Public Relations Chair in carrying out his/her duties.

13 **Section 4.** The Government Relations Committee shall consist of the Government Relations
14 Chair, Government Relations Chair-Elect, and the members of the State Task Forces within
15 MAR. The State Task Forces include at least three and no more than six professional voting
16 members and one Student Representative. Duties of the Government Relations Chair and
17 Government Relations Chair-Elect are specified in the Bylaws, Article III, Sections 10 and
18 11. Duties of the Government Relations Committee members are to participate in AMTA
19 national advocacy activities and assist with the implementation of the AMTA and CBMT
20 State Recognition Operational Plan within MAR.

21 **Section 5.** The Research committee shall consist of the MAR Representative to the AMTA
22 Research Committee, who shall serve as chair, and five (5) MAR members with expertise in
23 music therapy research. Members to this committee will be appointed by the President with

24 approval from the Executive Board. Duties of the Research Committee shall be to serve as a
25 resource for MAR members interested in carrying out research projects; to submit research
26 articles to the regional newsletter; to sponsor the Research Poster Session at the annual
27 conference; and to sponsor research related activities.

28 **Section 6.** The establishment of auxiliary organizations is authorized by the Executive Board.
29 Each of these organizations adopts the purposes and goals of the MAR, agrees to conform to the
30 Bylaws of the MAR, and submits a copy of its constitution and/or bylaws to the Executive Board
31 for formal approval. The relationship of such organizations to the MAR may be defined from
32 time to time by the Executive Board.

33 **Section 7.** Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Music Therapy Students

34 (a) The Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Music Therapy Students (MARAMTS) is the
35 official student organization of the MAR and will conform to the requirements for auxiliary
36 organizations as specified in the Bylaws.

Article X - Special Interest Groups and State Chapters

1 **Section 1.** Members of the Mid-Atlantic Region may petition the Executive Board for
2 recognition as a Special Interest Group for reasons of professional development in specialized
3 areas of clinical practice. Members desiring to form a Special Interest Group (SIG) must present
4 a request in writing from five (5) members stating the specialty area involved, the need for the
5 SIG, and the educational and professional goals for the SIG. SIGs may request special
6 programming for the annual conference and/or offer workshops and symposia in their field of
7 specialization with the approval of the Executive Board.

8 **Section 2.** Members desiring to form a State Chapter of the MAR must present a request in
9 writing, a copy of their Constitution and Bylaws and a current roster to the MAR President.
10 These documents must be re-submitted when changes are made.

11 **Section 3.** SIGs and State Chapters may request special programming or meetings for the
12 annual conference and/or offer workshops and symposia in their field of specialization with the
13 approval of the Executive Board. Recognition is contingent upon an affirmative majority vote of
14 the Executive Board.

Article XI - MAR Advocacy Award

- 1 An annual award may be presented to one or more individuals who are not music therapists who
- 2 have made an outstanding contribution to either the Mid-Atlantic Region or the field of music
- 3 therapy.

Article XII - Annual Regional Conference

- 1 The annual conference of the Region will be not less than two (2) days in length.

Article XIII - Rules of Order

- 1 Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, most recent, shall govern this organization in all cases to
- 2 which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws

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