

# 2022 Constitution Revision Proposals

Submitted by the Constitution and Bylaws Revisions Committee

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## CURRENT WORDING

## PROPOSED WORDING

## RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

### Article II - Purposes

#### CURRENT

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

- (a) to improve and advance the use of music, in both its breadth and quality, in clinical, educational, and community settings for the betterment of public health and welfare.
- (b) to train and educate music therapists;
- (c) to advance and support research about music therapy;
- (d) to provide a forum for the exchange and publication of information about music therapy;
- (e) to provide assistance and support to its members to facilitate their role in the foregoing purposes; and
- (f) to engage in any other lawful activity incidental to the foregoing purposes, except as restricted herein.

In order to accomplish the foregoing charitable and educational purposes, and for no other purpose or purposes, this organization shall also have the power to: (a) sue and be sued; (b) make contracts; (c) receive property by devise or bequest, subject to the laws regulating the transfer of property by will, and otherwise acquire and hold all property, real or personal including shares of stock, bonds, and securities of corporations; (d) act as trustee under any trust whose objectives are related to the principal objects of the corporation, and to receive, hold, administer, and expend funds and property subject to such trust; (e) convey, exchange, lease, mortgage, encumber, transfer upon trust or otherwise dispose of all property, real or personal; (f) borrow money, contract debts and issue bonds, notes, and debentures, and secure the payment of any performance of its obligations; and (g) do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of this organization; provided, however, that this organization shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purposes of this organization.

## **PROPOSED**

### **Article II - Purposes**

**Section 1.** The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational etc...

**Section 2.** In order to accomplish the foregoing charitable and educational purposes, and for no other purpose or purposes, this organization shall also have the power etc...

### **RATIONALE:**

Added section headers 1 and 2 for clarity.

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### **Article IV - Officers**

#### **CURRENT**

**Section 4.** The appointed officers of the Region shall be the Parliamentarian, Recording Secretary, Editor of the official regional publication, Historian, Archivist, and Continuing Education Coordinator.

#### **PROPOSED**

**Section 4.** **The officers appointed by the President of the Region** shall be the Parliamentarian, Recording Secretary, Editor of the official regional publication, Historian, Archivist, and Continuing Education Coordinator.

### **RATIONALE:**

Clarification

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### **Article V - Executive Board**

#### **CURRENT**

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

## **PROPOSED**

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

## **RATIONALE:**

The words (elected by MARAMTS) to be removed due to redundancy (described later in the document) and for clarity.

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## **Article V - Executive Board**

### **CURRENT**

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

### **PROPOSED**

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

### **RATIONALE:**

The fiscal year was changed to match the calendar year. Adding the word “national” clarifies that it is now the national conference during which the budget will be reviewed.

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## **Article X - Meetings**

### **PROPOSED:**

**Section 1.** There shall be a virtual participatory option for all general membership meetings.

### **RATIONALE:**

The addition of **Section 1** adds virtual options for increased accessibility. Subsequent sections will be re-numbered accordingly.

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## **Article X - Meetings**

### **CURRENT:**

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

### **PROPOSED:**

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

### **RATIONALE:**

Section 2 is reworded for clarity. It is assumed that there could be general voting during all meetings, and any voting for proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, as well as voting in elections of officer positions occurs electronically.

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## **Article XI - Quorum**

### **CURRENT**

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

### **PROPOSED:**

**Section 1.** Quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of at least **seven (7)** elected officers of the Executive Board.

### **RATIONALE:**

Changed from six (6) to seven (7) as there are now 13 voting members.

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## **Article XIII - Amendments**

### **CURRENT:**

**Section 1.** Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted to the membership at least two weeks in advance of a business meeting to be held at or around the time of the regional

conference. The presentation of proposed amendments will be recorded. An electronic vote, including this recording and the proposed amendments and rationale, will be sent to all voting members within two (2) weeks of the business meeting. A two-thirds majority vote is required for passage of proposed amendments. The Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee shall present the results for publication in the first edition of the official regional publication following the vote.

**PROPOSED:**

**Section 1.** Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted to the membership at least two weeks in advance of a business meeting to be held at or around the time of the regional conference. The presentation of proposed amendments will be recorded. **As with all motions, there is opportunity for discussion and debate of the proposed changes prior to a vote.** An electronic vote, including this recording and the proposed amendments and rationale, will be sent to all voting members within two (2) weeks of the business meeting. A two-thirds majority vote is required for passage of proposed amendments. The Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee shall present the results for publication in the first edition of the official regional publication following the vote.

**RATIONALE:**

The addition of the statement: “as with all motions, there is opportunity for discussion and debate of the proposed changes prior to a vote” increases transparency of the process and reflects that the process is inclusive of membership voices.

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**Article XIII - Amendments**

**CURRENT:**

**Section 2.** Proposed amendments to these Bylaws Constitution shall be submitted to the membership at least 24 hours in advance of a business meeting to be held at or around the time of the regional conference. The presentation of proposed amendments will be recorded. An electronic vote, including this recording and the proposed amendments and rationale, will be sent to all voting members within two (2) weeks of the business meeting. A two-thirds majority vote is required for passage of proposed amendments. The Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee shall present the results for publication in the first edition of the official regional publication following the vote.

**PROPOSED:**

**Section 2.** Proposed amendments to these Bylaws shall be submitted to the membership at least 24 hours in advance of a business meeting to be held at or around the time of the regional conference. The presentation of proposed amendments **will include an opportunity for**

**discussion and debate and** will be recorded. An electronic vote, including this recording and the proposed amendments and rationale, will be sent to all voting members within two (2) weeks of the business meeting. A two-thirds majority vote is required for passage of proposed amendments. The Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee shall present the results for publication in the first edition of the official regional publication following the vote.

**RATIONALE:**

Clarification that with the introduction of electronic voting, there needs to be a clear opportunity for comments, questions, and debate, not just a presentation.