

# **District V Vocal Music Teachers' Organization**

## **Constitution**

### **Preamble**

Realizing certain necessities in the promotion and preservation of both Ourselves and our work, we, a group of professional teachers of vocal music in the parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis, and Vernon have come together to form an organization with the following aims and purposes:

1. To promote a high standard of teaching, study, and performance.
2. To vigorously encourage and support all worthwhile musical activities in the communities represented by the membership.
3. To develop a complimentary relationship between private teachers and public and parochial school systems.
4. To provide a means of exchange of ideas, experience, and inspiration among teachers.
5. To promote and maintain a high level of ethical and business practices in the music and teaching profession.
6. To enjoy the social pleasures and mutual benefit of friendly contact among members.
7. To present a unified front whenever and wherever necessary to protect the common interests of all concerned.

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Name**

The name of this Corporation is District V Vocal Musical Teachers' Organization.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Terms of Existence**

The term for which this Corporation shall exist shall be a period of fifty years.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Officers at the Time of Incorporation**

The following officers will serve until their successors are duly elected, qualified, installed, as prescribed in Article V, Section 1.

PRESIDENT - Lamar Robertson  
VICE-PRESIDENT - Leonie Prudhomme  
SECRETARY - Robert Smith  
TREASURER - Nelda Boese  
PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN - Anna Lou Babin  
PAST PRESIDENT - Peggy Corley

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Basis**

This corporation is organized on a non-stock, non-profit basis. Membership in the corporation shall be of the types described herein.

SECTION 1. Active membership in the District V Vocal Music Teachers' Organization is open to all persons aligned with vocal music education, upon payment of the annual dues as stipulated in Article VIII. An active membership entitles a member to one voice and participation in all music activities sponsored by the organization.

SECTION 2. Associate membership is granted to any individual

not actively engaged in the teaching of vocal music, but who is interested in the advancement of music education in District V. Such members do not have the right to vote, but have the privilege of attending all meetings and of participating in discussions. The annual associate membership fee is as stipulated in Article VIII, Section 4.

- SECTION 3. Student membership is granted to any college student majoring in vocal music education. Such members do not have the right to vote, but have the privilege of attending all meetings and participating in discussions. The annual student membership fee is as stipulated in Article VIII, Section 4.
- SECTION 4. The membership year shall be from September 1 to September 1.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Officers**

- SECTION 1. The officers of the Corporation shall include a President, Vice-president, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer each for a term of one year.
- SECTION 2. The retiring President shall automatically serve on the Executive Board, which shall consist of the officers listed in Article V, Section 1 and the Committee Chairmen.
- SECTION 3. The positions of Librarian, Honor Chorus Chairmen, Social Chairman, Publicity Chairman, and Festival Chairman shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.
- SECTION 4. The duties of each officer shall be as follows:

President - To represent the Corporation in all public relations and contact with other organizations and individuals. To preside at all meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board. To call meetings of the Executive Board as needed.

Vice-President - To assist the President at all times

and to assume the duties of the President on occasion of the President's absence.

Recording Secretary - To keep the minutes of all regular and Executive Board meetings.

Corresponding Secretary - To handle all official correspondence of the Corporation. To maintain and distribute all written information concerning the activities of the Corporation.

Treasurer - To receive and disburse all funds belonging to the Corporation and to keep accurate records of the bank account of the Corporation. To give a financial report at each meeting.

SECTION 5. The President shall have the authority to fill by appointment any vacancy on the Executive Board. Such appointments shall be not more than 30 days, at which time a called election shall be held by the membership.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Meetings**

SECTION 1. a. Meetings of the membership shall be held from September through May. At such meetings a vote of the majority present shall govern.

b. The President may call a meeting of the Board at any time the need arises.

SECTION 2. A monthly meeting may be canceled or omitted by action of the Executive Board. Monthly meetings may not be canceled or omitted in two consecutive months except in time of public emergency or in very unusual circumstances.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Elections**

- SECTION 1. Election of officers shall be held at the April meeting of the year. Election shall be by members in good standing.
- SECTION 2. Nomination of officers shall be made by a nominating committee not less than one month prior to election. Said committee shall be appointed by the President. Additional nominations from the floor may be made at the time of the election.
- SECTION 3. Officers shall assume their duties on June 1.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Funds**

- SECTION 1. All monies received from any source whatsoever are the funds of the Corporation and shall be turned over to the Treasurer and properly receipted.
- SECTION 2. Funds of the Corporation shall be disbursed by the Treasurer or by the President in the absence of the Treasurer.
- SECTION 3. Dues of the organization shall be paid to the Treasurer.
- SECTION 4. Associate and student membership dues shall be waived.
- SECTION 5. The Executive Board shall have the power to set dues for a period of one year, to be approved by a majority of members at the next regular meeting.
- SECTION 6. In the event of dissolution, the assets will be distributed to an organization exempt from income tax under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or to the Federal or State Government. Said Recipient shall be voted on by the membership.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Scholarship**

- SECTION 1. A scholarship shall be awarded to one McNeese State University vocal music education major for both Fall and Spring semester. The choral director of said university shall nominate a student named by the MSU Audition Committee for approval by the Corporation at the May meeting. The scholarship nominee must have participated in District V VMTO activities as high school student and must have completed one year of university study. If no students from District V meet the criterion, students who participated in programs outside the district will be considered to insure the scholarship is given every year.
- SECTION 2. The scholarship recipient must maintain at least a **B** average in music subjects and a **C** average in other subjects. Failure to maintain the above stipulated averages in the Fall semester forfeits the scholarship for the Spring semester.
- SECTION 3. Each scholarship recipient shall be required to perform for the Corporation membership at one meeting during the school year. In lieu of performance, the scholarship recipient may elect to assist in one activity of the Corporation during the school year.
- SECTION 4. A savings account shall be maintained by the Corporation for the purpose of funding the scholarship.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Amendments**

- SECTION 1. Amendments to this constitution may be adopted by not less than a 2/3 majority of the votes cast.
- SECTION 2. Before an amendment shall be proposed for adoption, it shall be studied by a Constitutional Committee

appointed by the President. This committee shall be composed of five persons three of whom shall be regular members and two shall be members of the Executive Board.

### **AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1. Each member of the Executive Board shall receive a copy of the Corporation Constitution, which shall be reviewed at the first Executive Board meeting of the year.