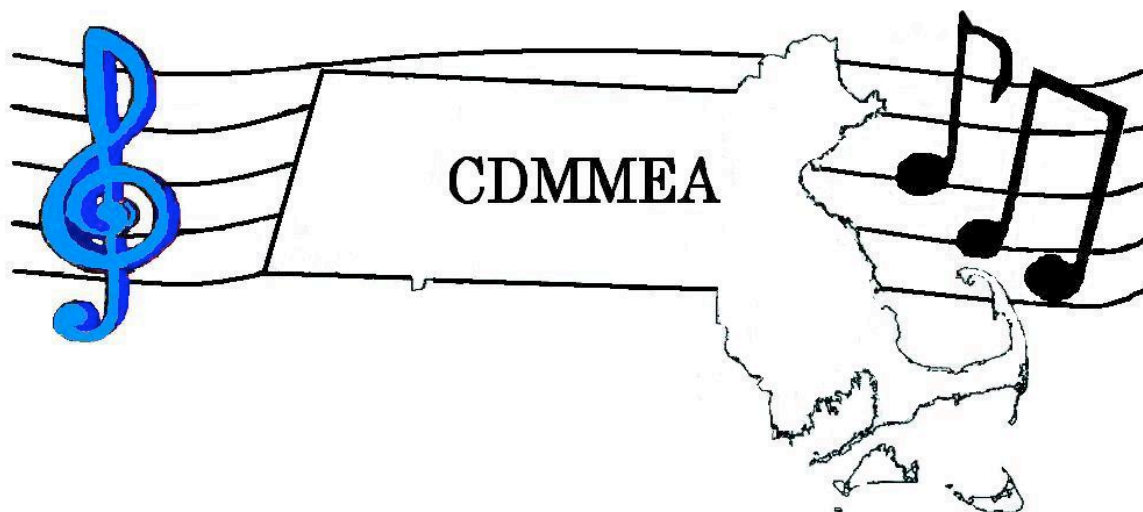


# Massachusetts Music Educators Association

**CENTRAL DISTRICT**



# CONSTITUTION

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## ARTICLE I

### Name, Purposes, Relationships

Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Central District, Massachusetts Music Educators Association, Inc. (CDMMEA)

Section 2: Purposes

The purpose of this organization shall be to:

- A. Provide educational enrichment in music, supplementing regular programs, through sponsorship of festivals, clinics, and honor group performances.
- B. Improve the professional competence of the membership through workshops, demonstrations, in-service courses, consulting and evaluative services and conferences.
- C. Communicate the achievements and concerns of the profession to its various publics through print, broadcasting, and other suitable media.
- D. Serve as a channel for communication within the profession among various individuals, grade levels (K—12), and schools (public and private).
- E. Provide forums for discussing concerns of the membership.
- F. Initiate and maintain communication and cooperation with other professional and educational organizations, especially those in the arts.
- G. Provide opportunities for Informal contacts and fellowship for educators throughout the district.

Section 3: Affiliation

This organization shall function through the Massachusetts Music Educators Association, (MMEA), an affiliate of the Music Educators National Conference, (MENC), and thus as an affiliate of the Eastern Division of the MENC. Through these affiliations it shall have a functioning relationship within all associations and auxiliary organizations as provided by the constitution and bylaws of MENC.

## ARTICLE II

### Section 1: Active Membership

Active membership shall be open to all persons engaged in music teaching or other educational work, upon payment of the prescribed dues. Only active members shall have the right to vote, hold office, participate in business meetings, and receive mailings of the districts.

### Section 2: Life Membership

Any active member of the District may become a life member upon payment of the prescribed dues and satisfying current regulations. Life membership shall have all the rights of active membership.

### Section 3: Retired Membership

Retired membership is open to any person upon retiring through the State Retirement Board, or its equivalent, provided he or she has been an active member of MMEA for at least the last five consecutive years. Retired members shall have all the rights of active membership.

### Section 4: Student Membership

Student membership shall be open to all members of Tri-M student chapters within the state upon payment of prescribed dues. Student members shall be admitted to the district, state, divisional, and national meetings and shall receive all privileges of active membership except the right to vote or hold office.

### Section 5: Introductory Membership

Introductory Membership: Introductory Membership will be open to MENC Student chapter members entering their first year of full time music teaching. Limited to one continuous membership year, the National dues will be one-half the amount of Active Membership, which will be added to the State Association dues.

## ARTICLE III

### Section 1: Active Membership

Annual dues for Active Membership shall be the amount specified by the M.M.E.A. This membership fee shall include annual subscription to the Music Educators Journal, Teaching Music, and the Massachusetts Music News. Subscription to the Journal of Research In Music Education is available for an additional fee as specified by MENC.

### Section 2: Life Membership

Life membership in MENC and M.M.E.A. is available under arrangements specified by MENC. Such membership exempts individuals from further payment of dues to MENC and MMEA. This membership fee shall include annual subscriptions to the Music Educators Journal, Music Power, and the Massachusetts Music News. Subscription to the Journal of Research In Music Education Is available for an additional fee as specified by M.E.N.C.

### Section 3: Retired Membership

Annual dues for Retired Members shall be the amount specified by the M.E.N.C. and M.M.E.A. This membership fee shall include annual subscriptions to the Music Educators Journal, and the Massachusetts Music News.

### Section 4: Student Membership

Annual dues for Student Members shall be specified by M.EN.C. plus the amount specified by MMEA. This membership fee shall include annual subscriptions to the Music Educators Journal, Teaching Music, and the Massachusetts Music News.

### Section 5: Membership Year

Membership will be for one year from processing at the office of the MENC and will be renewable on the anniversary of that day. If dues are not paid by the anniversary date, the member is considered delinquent and forfeits all membership.

## Article IV

### Section 1: Officers

The Officers of Central District shall be:

#### A: Elected Officers

1. District Chair
2. Chair Elect
3. Past—Chair
4. Recording Secretary
5. Senior High School Representative
6. Junior High/Middle Representative
7. Elementary School Representative

#### B. Appointed Officers (no voting power)

1. Director of Public Relations

#### C. Stipendiary Positions (No voting Power)

1. Executive Secretary/Treasurer
2. Auditions Coordinator

### Section 2: Terms In Office

- A. The Chair Elect shall serve in that capacity for two years, following which he or she shall serve as District Chair.
- B. The Past-Chair shall serve for a term of two years and may serve no more than a second consecutive term. Nominees for the office of Past-Chair must have served as a District Chairman in the past.
- C. The Recording Secretary shall serve for a term of two years.
- D. Each Representative shall serve for a two year term.
- E. The Appointed Officers shall serve for one term at the pleasure of the executive board.
- F. All Officers and Committee members will serve until their successors are elected and installed normally at the conclusion of the Spring business meeting.

### Section 3: Government

The government of this district shall be vested In the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall consist of the Elected Officers and Public Relations.

## ARTICLE V

### Section 1: Elected Officers

The elective offices of the Central District, MMEA shall be filled in the following manner:

- A. The District Chair shall appoint and announce a Chair of, and a Nominating Committee on or before October 15 of an election year. NO MEMBER OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL BE A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members including its chairman, consisting of the following:
  1. Current Past-Chair (if available) — To be the Chair of the Nominating Committee.
  2. A Music Department Administrator from the District membership.
  3. A District member scheduled the majority of the time in Elementary Music programs.
  4. A District member scheduled the majority of the time in Middle and junior High School programs.
  5. A District member scheduled the majority of the time in High School Music programs.
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  1. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of the officers in even—numbered years for the offices of Chair—Elect, , Secretary, Treasurer, Elementary Representative, Junior High/Middle School Representative, and Senior High Representative. When possible, the Nominating Committee will present t least two candidates for each office. Space will be available for write-in candidates.
  2. The Nominating Committee Chair shall receive an updated list of those eligible for office from Board twice a year. The results of the election shall be communicated to the membership at the annual Spring business meeting, if practicable, and posted to the website.

### Section 2: Appointed Officers

- A. The Executive Board shall appoint the Director of Public Relations and shall determine the duties of this position.

- B. The District Chair shall appoint the Chair the Nominating Committee, as outlined in Article V, Section IA.

Section 3: Stipendiary Positions

The Stipend for each stipendiary position shall be set at the discretion of the Executive Board. The list duties for each stipendiary position will be maintained and posted by the District chair and an evaluation of the person in those positions will be conducted by the Spring Dinner meeting each year.

Section 4: Removal of the Executive Board Member or Stipendiary personnel.

A member of the Executive Board or stipendiary personnel may be removed from office for failure to carry out the duties of that office. Such member may be suspended by a vote of three-quarters of the membership present at the next duly called meeting.

Section 4: Filling Vacancies

In the event of vacancy for any elective office, the Executive Board will appoint a replacement for the remainder of the current term. Continued service in this and any subsequent office is subject to the vote of the membership at the next general election.

## ARTICLE VI

### Committees

Standing or special committees of the Central District not otherwise established by this constitution may be appointed by the chairman with the approval of the Executive Board. Members of such committees must be active members of the MMEE.

## ARTICLE VII

### Quorum

Section 1: A quorum of the Central District shall consist of all those members present at a duly called business meeting.

Section 2: A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of its members.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### Meetings

#### Section 1: District Meetings

The Central District shall hold at least two business meetings annually. Special meetings may be called by the District Chairman at his/her discretion, or at the request of ten or more active members of the District, with two weeks prior notice to the general membership. The fall business meeting shall occur prior to October 15th, the Spring business meeting shall occur prior to June 15th, both at a location within the Central District.

#### Section 2: Executive Board Meetings

The Executive Board of the Central District shall meet at the discretion of the District Chair or at the request of three or more Board members, with at least one week prior notice.

## **ARTICLE IX**

#### Section 1: Proposed Amendments

- A. Members proposing amendments to Constitution and Bylaws shall do so in writing to the District Chair and to the Executive Board.
- B. The District Chair shall submit all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws to the Executive Board at least thirty days prior to the date of the meeting when voting shall take place.
- C. Written notification of the amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws will be sent to all members (2) weeks before the meeting at which they are to be considered.

#### Section 2: Voting to amend the Constitution and by-laws

- A. The Constitution may be amended with a (2/3) majority vote of all members voting in person or by proxy at any business meeting of the District, or at a special meeting called by the District Chair specifically for this purpose.
- B. The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all members voting in person or by proxy at any business meeting of the District, or at a special meeting called by the District Chair specifically for this purpose.

#### Section 3: Proxy Votes

Members not attending a meeting at which voting will take place may vote by proxy. Required proxy ballots will be mailed upon request.

## **ARTICLE X**

### Disposition of Assets

In the event of the o disbandment or dissolution of the District, all funds remaining after payment of legitimate bills shall be transferred to the Massachusetts Music Educators Association.