

**ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION
Northern Division**

2009-2010 Constitution & Bylaws Addenda

Constitution, Article II, Purpose

Sentence 1, Add the word **middle** – The purpose of the Illinois Grade School Music Association, Northern Division, shall be to encourage, aid and advance music education in the elementary, **middle** and junior high schools of the State of Illinois through all legitimate and effective means.

Constitution - Article III, Membership

Paragraph 1 – Active members of the Association shall be those public and/or private **elementary, middle and junior high schools** represented by one governing body, who have paid a school district membership fee of \$70.00 and a \$20.00 fee for each participating **elementary, middle and junior high school** director. These yearly dues will represent the school district's and individual music director's memberships from ~~the Annual State Fall Meeting date until the next Annual State Fall Meeting~~ **September 15 of the current year through September 14 of the following year** and entitles each director to receive mailings and participate in contests.

Paragraph 1 – Last sentence: Individuals serving on the Association's Executive Board shall ~~have the individual membership dues paid by the Association~~ **be considered paid active members at the expense of the Association.**

Paragraph 2 – All membership fees shall be paid directly to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association by ~~the date of the Annual State Fall Meeting~~ **September 15** of the current school year. **A \$40.00 late fee will be imposed if the membership fee, or a form of payment verification, is not received by October 1. The late fee shall not be imposed on new memberships.** Nicole Henn Plagman moved to accept. Second: Sarah Bush Randolph **MOTION CARRIED**

Insert a new Paragraph – **IGSMA membership lists may be used only for communication regarding IGSMA activities, whether by mail, phone or email.**

Paragraph 4 (Corporate) – They shall be listed in the membership directory **but shall not have voting privileges. Corporate membership may include a link on the IGSMA website at the Executive Board's discretion.**

Paragraph 5 – (Retired) – All retired directors and **Board members** shall be given an honorary lifetime membership in the IGSMA at the state level. This will include directors and **Board members** who are active in the Association at the time of retirement.

Voting - Add the following sentence after the first sentence: **In order to be placed on the "Active Membership List" for the Fall Meeting, new and renewed memberships must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association no later than September 15.**

Voting – In cases where a ballot vote is necessary, a record of those members receiving a ballot will be held **by the Secretary-Treasurer** along with the results **until instructed by the Executive Board to dispose of them.**

Voting – Add 2nd Paragraph: **If a tie vote occurs when voting by ballot, a new vote will be taken with the vote of the President of the Association held in case it is needed to break another tie vote.**

Voting – Add 3rd Paragraph: **A vote by mail may occur if deemed necessary by a majority of the voting members of the Executive Board.**

Following Election of Officers, add New Heading: **ELECTION COMMITTEE: This committee shall be in place when voting by ballot occurs. The Election Committee shall be the Nominating Committee Chairperson, two Executive Board Members and two members from the floor, selected by the Nominating Committee Chairperson. This committee shall tally, record and report the election results. The Nominating Committee Chairperson shall read the names of the candidates and the number of votes for each. The Nominating Chairperson shall give all ballots and paperwork to the Secretary-Treasurer to be placed in storage.**

Constitution - Article IV, Officers

Add 2nd Sentence to 1st Paragraph: **The Executive Committee may transact business of this organization in an emergency. No action shall be in conflict with that having been taken by the voting body of this organization or the Executive Board.**

2nd Paragraph: Sentence 1 - The President and Vice President shall be elected annually by the active membership of the Association **and shall assume their duties at the close of the State Annual Fall Meeting.**

Officers under President, 2nd Sentence – This office, **in collaboration with the Executive Committee**, shall be responsible for making emergency decisions on questions that may arise the same to hold until the next meeting of the Executive Board or a stated meeting of the Association, when the decision shall be confirmed or rejected.

The Vice President shall be provided a \$20,000 insurance policy for medals **and awards** being housed.

Add new paragraph: **Vacancies: If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice President shall serve as President for the unexpired term. A vacancy occurring in any other office shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person appointed by a majority vote of the remaining voting members of the Executive Board, notice of such appointment having been given. In case a vacancy occurs in both the office of President and Vice President, the Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall call a special general membership meeting for the purpose of filling the vacant officer positions, prior notice having been given.**

Constitution – Article V – Executive Board

Add new sentence two to 1st paragraph: **The Chairperson of each district shall be elected or appointed by their district and shall serve until their successor is elected or appointed.**

Add to current 2nd sentence: The Executive Board shall perform such legislative duties as cannot properly be brought before the membership, due to the set time of meetings, **and may communicate by mail, phone or email.**

Add to current 7th sentence: Each Executive Board member shall be entitled to one vote, **with the exception of the advisors**, on matters presented to the board for action.

Remove the following sentence: **Those Advisors serving currently (1995-96) shall retain voting privileges for the remainder of their term on the board.**

Constitution – Article VII, Meetings

Add to 3rd Sentence: Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President or a majority **of the voting members** of the Executive Board, including at least one officer, two weeks notice having been given.

Add new sentence 2: **Special meetings of this Association may be called by a majority of the voting members of the Executive Board, including at least two officers, with two weeks notice having been given.**

Add a paragraph - **QUORUM - A quorum for the transaction of the business of this Association shall consist of 15 voting members including at least two officers. A quorum for the transaction of the business of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of voting members including at least two officers.**

Constitution – Article XIII, Barbara Buehlman Young Conductor Award

Remove the following sentence listed in Logistics, Selection Committee: **The first two years of the award, the current committee will serve.** And remove the next words, **After two years.**

Bylaws – Districts

Item 4 – Add new sentence 2 – **Exceptions will be made for those Districts having participants not wishing to participate at the State level.**

Bylaws – Contests – General Information

Awards – Item 2 – Sentence 2 currently reads: These medals may be purchased from the Contest Host on the day of the contest. Change to read: **These medals have been prepaid as a part of the contest entry fees.**

Eligibility – Add new item 2 and renumber accordingly: **All reference to 9th graders shall refer to those 9th grade students attending an Elementary/Junior High or Middle School configuration.**

Rules Governing Ensembles

#11 - Vocal ensembles shall be classified as Duets, Trios, Quartets and may include up to three voices on each part. In grouping vocal ensembles (not including Madrigals or Chamber Choirs) classify in the following order: 1) Boys, Girls or Mixed 2) Single or Double (on each “double” will include two or three on each part) and 3) The number of parts for which the selection is written.

Change to read: **Vocal ensembles shall be classified as Duets (2-Part Music), Trios (3-Part Music) and Quartets (4-Part Music) and may include up to three voices on each part. In grouping vocal ensembles (not including Madrigals or Chamber Choir) classify as follows: 1) Boys, Girls or Mixed and 2) Duet, Trio or Quartet (the number of parts for which the selection is written).**

State Contest/Festival Procedures

#5 – Now reads: Directors shall have the option of three tape adjudicators or one tape adjudicator and two adjudicators writing comments, at the State Contest/Festival only. Change to: **Directors shall have one recording adjudicator and two writing comments at the State Contest/Festival only.**

Contest – General Information

Awards #1: All district medals must be purchased by the District Chairperson ~~from the Vice President of the Association~~ and their distribution shall be determined by the District.

Rules Governing the District and State Organization Contests/Festivals

Band/Jazz Band/Orchestra – Item 3 in Concert Band and Item c in Orchestra: The use of electronic equipment is prohibited unless ~~required~~ **indicated by the score**

Other Action Taken:

- 1) Election of Officers: Mr. George Pierard elected as President and John Armstrong elected as Vice President
- 2) Appointment: Executive Secretary-Treasurer: Edward F. Jones
- 3) Increase officer salaries by 3%:

President	\$4,012.00
Vice President	\$5,016.00
Secretary-Treasurer	\$10,031.00
Clerical	\$5,517.00

Notes:

- 1) The 72nd Annual State Fall Meeting will be held on September 27, 2010.
- 2) The Cloyd Myers Memorial Award was given to Pamela Edwards, Retired Choral Director from Geneseo.
- 3) The Barbara Buehlman Young Conductor Award was given to Nicole Henn Plagman at Kelvin Grove MS in Lockport.