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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF  
MILITARY MARCHING BANDS

CONSTITUTION  
and  
BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I  
Name

The name of the organization shall be the National Association of Military Marching Bands hereinafter referred to as NAMMB.

ARTICLE II  
Purpose

The NAMMB is organized to promote, encourage participation in and maintain military marching bands in the U.S.A. The organization shall maintain cooperative relationships with other agencies and organizations which have as their purpose the development of music education in America.

This Association is organized exclusively for educational purposes, including for such purposes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future federal tax code.

No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or any other private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article above. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by the Association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code.

Upon dissolution of the Association assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any corresponding sections of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principle office of the Association in then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

### ARTICLE III Creed

Recognizing the importance and rich heritage of the precision marching unit, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MILITARY MARCHING BANDS hereby affirms to promote and preserve the military precision style of performance among marching bands in America, and to encourage the superior performance of traditional march music from the band literature.

### ARTICLE IV Membership

NAMMB membership shall be defined according to the following categories:

ACTIVE - Any person who is involved with marching bands and who is current with his dues.

ASSOCIATE - Any other interested person including directors of other musical disciplines, institutions, other groups, and lay citizens.

### ARTICLE V Dues

Dues for membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE VI Government

SECTION 1. THE PRESIDENT. The President shall assume office in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws.

SECTION 2. THE PRESIDENT ELECT. The President Elect shall assume office in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws.

SECTION 3. THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT. The Immediate Past President shall assume office in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws.

SECTION 4. THE MEMBERS AT LARGE. The Members at Large shall assume office in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws.

SECTION 5. THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. The Executive Secretary shall assume office in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws.

SECTION 6. THE CONTEST CHAIRMAN. The Contest Chairman shall assume office in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws.

SECTION 7. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, the President Elect, the Immediate Past President, and two members elected at large.

SECTION 8. ELECTIONS. Election of officers shall be held as prescribed in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII  
Finances and Assets

Except as provided in the By-Laws, fiscal responsibility for the operation of NAMMB shall rest in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII  
Convention-Clinic

SECTION 1.(a). The ultimate governing authority of NAMMB shall be exercised by its membership in a Business Session. Decisions of the Board of Directors may be appealed to the general membership in any Business Session.

SECTION 1.(b). The date, time and place of a Business Session and/or Convention-Clinic shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to plan and execute educational activities for the Association, including contests, clinics, and other activities benefiting the membership.

ARTICLE IX  
Publications

The Board of Directors shall have full supervision and control of NAMMB publications.

ARTICLE X  
Rules of Order

Roberts Rules of Order, Revised shall be the authority whenever correct parliamentary procedures are required.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I  
Membership and Dues

SECTION 1. FOUNDING MEMBERS are life members of NAMMB. The Founding Members are Butch Almany, Mark Brakin, Matt Brakin, Waymon Bullock, Bobby Goff, Jimmie Hudgins, Bruce Hughes, Barry Johnson, Don Lawler, Blanton McDonald, and Raymond Thomas.

SECTION 2. CHARTER MEMBERS are those who paid an initial \$100 membership fee before the first Business Session (as their dues for the first year) in order to fund the fledgling organization's efforts.

SECTION 3. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP shall be open to any person who is involved with marching bands. Payment of the prescribed dues will allow the individual to participate in NAMMB activities, the right to vote and hold office, admittance to meetings upon compliance with registration requirements, and to enter students in competitive events.

SECTION 4. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP shall be open to any other interested person including directors of other musical disciplines, institutions, other groups, and lay citizens. Payment of the prescribed dues will allow the individual admittance to meetings on compliance with registration requirements and to participate in NAMMB activities with the exception of entering students in competitions. Associate members shall not be allowed to vote or hold office.

SECTION 5. THE MEMBERSHIP YEAR shall be August 1 through July 31.

## ARTICLE II Government

SECTION 1.(a). DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT. The President shall be the presiding officer of NAMMB meetings and of the Board of Directors. He shall appoint members to committees and shall represent NAMMB or appoint an alternate in his place at meetings deemed relevant to the welfare of NAMMB. He shall be responsible for the overall program of the meetings at the discretion of the Board of Directors and shall perform all other duties pertaining to the office. He may appoint a Parliamentarian as needed and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He shall perform duties as prescribed in the Officers Handbook.

SECTION 1.(b). PRESIDENTIAL TERM OF OFFICE. The member is elected as the President Elect. After having been elected, the member shall serve a term of two years as the President Elect, and two years as President. The term shall begin immediately upon election and shall last until his successor is duly elected.

SECTION 1.(c). VACANCY IN OFFICE. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President for any reason, the President Elect shall ascend to the office of President.

SECTION 2.(a). DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT ELECT. The President Elect shall preside at NAMMB meetings and at meetings of the Board of Directors in the absence of the President. He shall perform duties as prescribed in the Officers Handbook.

SECTION 2.(b). PRESIDENT ELECT TERM OF OFFICE. The President Elect shall serve a term of two years as President Elect and then two years as President. The term shall begin immediately upon election and shall last until his successor is duly elected.

SECTION 2.(c). VACANCY IN OFFICE. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President Elect for any reason, the Board of Directors shall appoint an interim President Elect until the next election.

SECTION 3.(a). DUTIES OF THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT The immediate Past President shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors. He shall perform duties as prescribed in the Officers Handbook.

SECTION 4.(a). DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS AT LARGE. The Members at Large shall be voting members of the Board of Directors. They shall perform duties as prescribed in the Officers Handbook.

SECTION 4.(b). MEMBERS AT LARGE TERM OF OFFICE. Members at Large shall serve a term of two years. The term shall begin immediately upon election and shall last until his successor is duly elected.

SECTION 4.(c). VACANCY IN OFFICE. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Member at Large for any reason, the Board of Directors shall appoint an interim Member at Large until the next election.

SECTION 5. ELECTION. Each odd numbered year the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee to present a slate of Officers to the Business Session. Further nominations may be taken from the floor at the Business Session. The general membership of NAMMB shall vote in the Business Session on the offices of Members at Large, President Elect, and President. If there is no clear majority, a secret ballot will be cast, with the individual receiving a simple majority of the total votes cast being declared the winner.

SECTION 6.(a). DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. The Executive secretary shall keep a complete record of all NAMMB Business Sessions and regular and called meetings of the Association and Board of Directors, keep an accurate record of membership of the Association, receive all monies due NAMMB, countersign all disbursements, keep an accurate and true account of all money received and paid out by him, be custodian of all NAMMB property and publish an account of NAMMB finances annually, and fulfill other duties customarily assigned to his office or directed by the Board of Directors. The Executive Secretary shall conduct the business of the Association in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws and in all matters shall be under the direction of the Board of Directors. He may engage assistants as needed to whom he may delegate authority in the execution of NAMMB business. He shall perform duties as prescribed in the Officers Handbook.

SECTION 6.(b). EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TERM OF POSITION. The position of Executive Secretary shall be considered annually by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6.(c). VACANCY OF POSITION. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Executive Secretary for any reason, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement.

SECTION 7.(a). DUTIES OF THE CONTEST CHAIRMAN. The Contest Chairman will work in conjunction with the Executive Secretary in organizing and overseeing all NAMMB events. He shall perform duties as prescribed in the Officers Handbook.

SECTION 7.(b). CONTEST CHAIRMAN TERM OF POSITION. The position of Contest Chairman shall be considered annually by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7.(c). VACANCY OF POSITION. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Contest Chairman for any reason, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement.

SECTION 8.(a). THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, and two members chosen at large. Ex-officio members shall be the Executive Secretary and Contest Chairman. It shall be responsible for: (1) the business management and operation of NAMMB and for the management and control of funds thereof; (2) fixing the time and place of meetings and cooperating with the President in planning details of such meetings; (3) adopting annual budgets as needed; (4) approving Presidential appointments filling vacancies as they occur; (5) fixing the amount of dues for membership; (6) fixing Regional and Area boundaries; (7) interpreting the Constitution and By-Laws; (8) and having the authority to pass upon all matters referred to it by the NAMMB in Business Sessions and by the President.

SECTION 8.(b). MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors shall meet on call of the President or on a request of three-fifths of the membership of the Board. Three voting members present shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 8.(c). Executive authority not defined, delegated, or prohibited herein is reserved to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8.(d). APPEAL. A decision of the Board of Directors may be appealed to the NAMMB membership in a regular or called Business Session.

ARTICLE III  
Annual Workshop/Clinic

SECTION 1. Business of the Association not covered in any other meetings for the year shall be conducted at a Business Session held in conjunction with the Annual Fall Workshop/Clinic held in August at a sight, date, and time designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV  
Fiscal Year and Special Funds

The Fiscal Year shall be from August 1 through July 31.

ARTICLE V  
Order of Business

Call to Order  
Invocation  
Reading and Approval of the Minutes  
Reports of Special Committees  
Reports of Standing Committees  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Adjournment