

**CONSTITUTION
of the
LAFAYETTE AREA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
of the
LOUISIANA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
Affiliated with
MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

CHARTER MEMBERS

The Lafayette Piano Teachers Association was organized in October 1953.

The objectives are stated in the Constitution.

Charter Members were

- Mrs. Francis Bienvenu
- Mrs. M. Briggs
- Mrs. P. R. Dupleix
- Mrs. Julius Kahn
- A. Pedro Laurents
- Mrs. F. B. LaFleur
- Miss Pauline Massart
- Mrs. Olester
- Miss Lillian Pollingue
- Mrs. J. Richardson
- Mrs. Edith M. Richard
- Mrs. Mae Starr

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this association shall be Lafayette Area Music Teachers Association, referred to as LAMTA, affiliated with Louisiana MTA and with the Music Teachers National Association, Inc. (MTNA), Cincinnati, Ohio, a Code Section 501 (c) (3) organization.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to unite, protect, and further the interests of music teachers; to encourage good fellowship and cooperation among its members; and to advance the cause of music and the music teaching profession.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership classifications in this Association shall be: Active, Student, Associate, and Honorary Life. All members of this Association (except associates) shall hold membership in the Louisiana Music Teachers Association and the MTNA.

- A. Active Membership shall be open to all persons professionally engaged in any field of musical activity who are members of an affiliated state association and MTNA. Such membership provides the privileges of voting, holding office, and participating in the activities of the Association.
- B. Student membership is free to any member of the MTNA collegiate chapter. Student members may attend meetings and activities of the local Association, but do not have the right to vote or hold office.
- C. Associate membership shall be individuals, organizations, institutions, or business firms wishing to support the association and its activities. They shall not have the right to vote, hold office, or enter students in activities.
- D. Honorary Life may be conferred by the vote of the membership upon individuals who have given distinguished service to the Association.

Section 2. Annual local dues will be established by the Executive Committee and approved by the members. Local, state (LMTA), and national (MTNA) dues are to be paid to MTNA by July 1. The membership year shall be the same as the MTNA fiscal year, beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the association will be held at such time and place as are decided upon by the Executive Committee of the Association, but they shall be guided by the wishes of the membership.

Section 2. Annual meeting of the association will be held at the regular meeting designated as the annual meeting by the Executive Committee. The election of officers, annual reports of officers and committees, and any other business that may arise will take place at this meeting.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President or by the Executive Committee upon the written request of one quarter of the members. The purpose of the meetings shall be stated in the call.

Section 4. One quarter of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers constitute the Executive Committee.

A. The President shall preside at all meetings, announce business, preserve order, fill unfulfilled terms of office, appoint all committee chairmen, shall be chairman of the Executive Committee, and shall exercise general supervision over all business of the Association.

B. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President and serve in that capacity in the event of the President's resignation before expiration of term. A Vice-Presidential successor must be elected. The Vice-President shall serve as chairman of the Program Committee.

C. The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee, conduct correspondence of the Association, and keep a correct list of members and their contact information.

E. The Treasurer shall collect and dispense funds authorized by the President, keep a correct list of members and their contact information, and maintain an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements. A written report shall be submitted at the annual meeting of the season.

Section 2. All officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and may succeed themselves for an additional term. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, except the office of treasurer.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing committees shall be designated by the President to facilitate and accomplish the work of the association.

Section 2. The Program Committee shall be selected and chaired by the Vice-President and shall consist of at least three (3) members and the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to arrange and plan all programs for meetings. This project is to be actively supported by each member.

Section 3. The Yearbook Committee shall be chaired by the President and shall consist of the Executive Committee. The duty of this committee is to compile and publish the yearbook.

Section 4. The Communication Committee shall remind members of meetings and of matters of interest throughout the year.

Section 5. The Courtesy Committee shall be selected by the President and shall extend courtesy to members and guests of the association.

Section 6. The Publicity Chairman shall be appointed by the President to publicize the activities of the association.

ARTICLE VII – VOTING PROCEDURES

Section 1. For election of officers, a Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members, one appointed by the President and two elected by the Association. Elections shall be held at the annual meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor. Election can be by secret ballot if requested by a member. A plurality of those present casting votes shall be sufficient for election.

Section 2. One quarter of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3. Between regular meetings, the President may present urgent business to the members via e-mail. A motion must be passed by a two-thirds majority of the membership.

Section 4. Any article or section of an article of this constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at a meeting, the proposed amendment having been submitted to the members at least thirty days prior to the voting.