

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
KANSAS CHAPTER
OF THE
AMERICAN ORFF-SCHULWERK ASSOCIATION**

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1-Name

The name of this organization shall be the Kansas Chapter of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association.

ARTICLE II-Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Kansas Chapter AOSA shall be:

- to promote interest in Orff-Schulwerk and complementary philosophies throughout the State of Kansas
- to provide a network of support for those involved in Orff Schulwerk
- to provide opportunities for professional growth and development
- to stimulate avenues of self-expression and creativity
- to review materials
- to encourage attendance at all state workshops ad national conferences
- Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future deferral tax code

ARTICLE III-Membership

Membership to this organization shall be determined by payment of National AOSA dues. It shall be open to all persons interested in furthering the goals of this organization.

Section 1. An ACTIVE member is one who has paid dues to AOSA. They have full voting privileges.

Section 2. FULL TIME STUDENTS, FIRST YEAR TEACHER, and RETIRED TEACHERS can have voting rights and/or serve on the Board if they are a member of AOSA.

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ARTICLE IV-Organization

Section 1. The Chapter Board shall be the governing body of the chapter.

Section 2. The Chapter Board consists of five elected officers, hereafter referred to as the Executive Board.

- (a) President
- (b) President-elect
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Treasurer
- (e) Past President

* Plus up to ten elected board members

Section 3. All Chapter board members shall be members of the National AOSA.

Section 4. The officers and board members will serve a two-year minimum term.

Section 5. The Program Chairperson shall be a member of the board and be appointed by the President with the approval of the other board members.

Section 6. Any officer or board member may be relieved of his duties if the Chapter board sees fit. The President with the approval of the Chapter board would appoint someone to finish the term of the office.

Section 7. Honorary and auxiliary board members may be appointed by the President with the approval of the other board members. (ie. College faculty representative, patron, etc.)

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I-Membership

- Section 1. Active participants of the chapter shall have voting privileges.
- Section 2. All members of the Chapter will receive workshop information and other necessary correspondence.
- Section 3. Membership shall be for a fiscal year running from July 1 to June 30.

ARTICLE II-Election of Officers and Board Members

- Section 1. Election of Officers and board members shall be conducted bi-annually in the Spring by secret ballot of the membership. The newly elected officers and board members will begin their term July 1.
- Section 2. The President, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint a nominating committee, consisting of the Past President and two or more ACTIVE participants. This committee shall be appointed in sufficient time to inform the membership of the proposed slate of officers at least one month prior to the election.
- Section 3. If any elected officer or board member is unable to complete their term of office, the President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall have the power to appoint a new officer or board member to fill the vacancy.

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ARTICLE III-Duties

- Section 1. It shall be the duties of the President to preside at all business meetings; to make such appointments as are authorized by these Articles and Bylaws to authorize the Treasurer to disburse monies.
- Section 2. It shall be the duty of the President-Elect to preside in the absence of the President and to assist the President in the responsibilities of the office.
- Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the proceedings of all meeting of the Kansas Chapter AOSA and the meetings of the officers and to send minutes to the board.
- Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to act as custodian of all funds of the Kansas Chapter AOSA and to keep a true and accurate account of monies received and disbursed. The treasurer shall report the financial status of the chapter at each regular meeting of the chapter.
- Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Program Chairperson to contract presenters for three workshops each year. The Program Chairperson is responsible to obtain instruments requests, biographies of presenters, session abstracts and handouts and to disperse as appropriate.

ARTICLE IV-Meetings

- Section 1. The Chapter shall meet three times per fiscal year.
- Section 2. Additional meetings shall be scheduled as the need exists.
- Section 3. The meeting shall be so constructed as to include a business meeting, but to concentrate on matters related to the aims and objectives stated in the Constitution.

ARTICLE V-Amendments

- Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be submitted to the board by any ACTIVE participant in good standing at any regular meeting. A copy of the proposed amendment shall be submitted to every member at least one week prior to the next meeting and shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

ARTICLE VI-Parliamentary Authority

- Section 1. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern this chapter in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII-Consistency with AOSA

- Section 1. The provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws are contingent upon their consistency with the Articles of Incorporation and Code of Regulations of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association.
- Section 2. Revisions of, and amendments to, the Articles of Incorporation and Code of Regulations of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association shall be incorporated into this Constitution and Bylaws without a vote of the membership.
- Section 3. In all instances of dispute, the Articles of Incorporation and Code of Regulations of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association shall prevail.

ARTICLE VIII-Net Earnings

- Section 1. No part of the net earnings of the chapter shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the chapter 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 Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the chapter shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the chapter shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributions of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the chapter shall not carry on any other activities nor permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Law) or (b) by an organization

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