

FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Article I
TITLE AND PURPOSE

Section 1. Name. The name of this Association shall be the Florida Bandmasters Association, Inc.

Section 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion and development of interest in school band music in Florida; the general advancement and betterment of our school bands; the strengthening of the professional standing of the school band teacher in Florida; the promotion of the Seven Cardinal Principles of Education;

1. Health
2. Command of fundamental processes
3. Worthy Home membership
4. Vocation
5. Citizenship
6. Worthy use of leisure time
7. Ethical Character

and such other objectives and purposes as this Association may from time to time adopt by amendment of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE II
Meetings

Section 1. The regular annual meeting and election of officers shall be held at the time and place of the State Band Clinic in the fall.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or by the Board of Directors. Upon the written petition of any ten active members, the President shall be required to call a special meeting to act upon the subject matter stated in their petition.

Section 3. A quorum for the transaction of business by the Association shall be not less than 25% (per cent) of the active members in good standing who must be present in person or represented by an active member of the Association by means of a written proxy. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to receive and verify all proxies.

Section 4. All deliberations of this Association shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 5. The following order of business shall be observed at all regular meetings of this Association:

1. Roll call of members
2. Reading of the Minutes of the last regular meeting and all special meetings held since then.
3. Reports or messages from the President.
4. Treasurer's report.
5. Reports of District Chairmen.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of Special Committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Installation of Officers.

Section 1. Membership in the Association shall be under three classifications: (1) Active Members (2) Associate Members (3) Honorary Members.

Section 2. Active Membership shall be open to all persons actively engaged in the teaching of public elementary or secondary school bands in Florida, who are fully accredited by the State Board of Education for the State of Florida, and who hold a current active teacher's certificate in Music.

Section 3. Associate Members. Associate Members shall have all the rights and privileges of active members, except that they cannot hold any office and shall not be permitted to vote upon any business under discussion. Associate members may attend all meetings and may take part in all discussions the same as Active Members.

(1) Any Active member who shall cease to be actively engaged in the teaching of a school band for a period of one year shall be ineligible for active membership, but shall be eligible for Associate Membership. Bandmasters who are retired by our Florida school law shall remain on an active status.

(2) Any person interested in the general advancement and betterment of school bands in Florida may become an Associate Member of this Association.

Section 4. The Association may, by majority vote, elect outstanding persons to Honorary Membership. These persons should be interested in school bands, but not necessarily musicians. Honorary members shall not be franchised.

Section 5. Membership in the Association shall be by individuals (not by schools). These individuals shall be held morally responsible to the Association for infringements of the ethics, rules, and requirements of the Association.

Section 6. The annual dues shall be Eight Dollars (\$8.00), payable to the Treasurer on or before the day of the Annual meeting held at the State Clinic. These dues are for Active and Associate Members alike.

Section 7. Each member shall be furnished with a signed membership certificate showing membership in the Association.

Article IV Officers

Section 1. Officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, and Treasurer. They shall be elected to serve for a term of one year, and shall be eligible for re-election.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association, and to attend such Committee meetings as he may deem necessary. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors or by the membership of the Association, he shall appoint all committees created by either body. He shall be a member ex-officio of all Committees.

Section 3. The President shall be the executive officer. He shall be expected to act upon his best judgement in representing the Association in any matter upon which he has received no previous instructions from the Association or from the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The President shall be responsible to the Board of Directors at all times and must accept and carry out any instructions given to him by the board.

Section 5. The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, or at the order of the President, perform all the duties of the President.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the Association and deposit same, as may be ordered by the Board of Directors. He shall pay all bills and demands against the Association when duly authorized by the Board of Directors. He shall keep an account of all receipts and disbursements in proper books of account, which records shall be subject to examination by the Board of Directors at all times.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall render an annual statement, in writing, to the full membership of the Association at the Clinic meeting.

Section 8. Once each year, the Board of Directors shall appoint a committee from its members to audit the books of the Treasurer.

Section 9. The Treasurer shall, upon assuming his office, give a bond in such sum as may be required by the Board of Directors, which bond shall be furnished by a Surety Company approved by the Board of Directors. The cost of said bond shall be paid by the Association.

Section 10. All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President.

Article V

Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1. Nominations for election of officers shall be made by a nominating committee of five members, appointed by the President at the regular annual Clinic meeting. This committee shall select one or more candidates for each office. This selection shall not prevent nominations from the floor.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected at the annual Clinic meeting, and shall enter upon their duties of office immediately following the sine die adjournment of the Clinic meeting.

Article VI

Executive Board

Section 1. The three officers, together with the chairmen of the Districts duly elected by the membership of the Association for a term of one year shall comprise the Board of Directors of the Association.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall have the responsibility of the management and control of the Association, but shall have no power to obligate the Association for a total debt in excess of \$250.00, except directly approved and ordered by the membership of the Association.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the proper handling of all finances of the Association.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall act as a Special Committee for State Contests.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall employ a Secretary at a salary of \$500.00 per year. The Secretary must be an active member of the Association, but shall have no status as an association officer and shall have no executive powers other than those delegated to him by the Executive Board. The Secretary shall be bonded in the same manner as the Treasurer.

Section 6. The Executive Board shall have the full responsibility of employing or discharging the secretary.

Article VII Standing Committees

Section 1. Rules Committee. This committee shall have the responsibility of seeing that no rules of the National School Band Association or of the Florida Bandmasters Association are violated during the conduct of the State Contest. This committee shall receive from members of the Association all suggestions for changes in rules for the State Contests and shall present those suggestions in writing to the Association for action thereon.

Section 2. Membership Committee. It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to pass upon the eligibility of applicants for membership in the Association.

Section 3. Publicity Committee. It shall be the duty of the Publicity Committee to handle all matters of publicity concerning the activities of the Association.

Section 4. Committee on Associate Organizations. It shall be the duty of this committee to keep the Association in active contact with all state, regional, and national organizations in the field of public school music, and Education. This Committee shall make special efforts to keep the Bandmasters Association in good standing and in cordial relations and cooperation with all such organizations.

Article VIII Contests

Section 1. State and District Contests shall be governed by the National School Band Competition and Festival regulations unless otherwise herein provided for.

Section 2. Members of the Association shall not enter into any competition not approved by the Association. Penalty - suspension from the Association.

Section 3. Each Bandmaster must present to the President, credentials from his Principal stating the enrollment of his Senior High School, thirty days after the opening date of School. This is the same as the official report sent by the school to the State Department. It must be in before the Clinic meeting.

Section 4. One month before the State Contest, each Bandmaster must present to the President a roster, certified by the principal that each band member is a regularly enrolled student of his school and qualified to play in accordance with the rules stated in the National Bulletin. (Bulletin may be secured from C. V. Buttlerman, 64 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.) This certified roster is also required in the District, one month before the contest.

Section 5. At all contests directed by the Bandmasters Association, bands must appear in alphabetic order in their class; this order to rotate annually; that is, the first band of the preceeding year becoming the last of the immediate year. Bands coming in shall assume a position in alphabetical order according to class.

Section 6. The Association shall furnish a State Plaque to all competing bands and Solo and Ensemble Awards to those which make 1st Division.

Section 7. Bands shall be rated in one of Five divisions in both -State and District contests.

Article IX General Regulations

Section 1. Mileage Rule. Bands which make trips of non-school nature outside their own counties shall be paid mileage as follows:
3/4 cents per mile per student for the first 150 miles
3/8 cents per mile per student for the next 250 miles

Distances over 400 miles are to be considered individual cases. Distance must be on a round trip basis. A minimum of \$35.00 must be paid bands on short trips.

Section 2. Football Drills. Host bandmasters should extend visiting bands the choice of time between halves at football games. If two bands are to divide the half time, neither band should stay on the field more than six minutes, unless there is an agreement as to a more definite division of time.

Section 3. Bandmasters are urged to keep players from "doodling" on instruments between selections at games or at places of assembly for all public appearances.

Section 4. Archives. Officers, district chairmen and secretaries and members are required to send Association documents, etc. to John Heney, Deland High School, Deland, Florida, for deposit in the official Archives.
10 copies of each issue of District and State Bulletins are required.

Section 5. All Bandmasters must leave Hotel Reports with all hotel managers where bands are housed.

Article X
Districts and their Regulations

Section 1. The State is divided into six Districts, by counties, as follows:

- District 1 - Monroe, Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Collier
- District 2 - Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Okeechobee, Manatee, Highlands, Hardee, DeSoto, Lee, Charlotte, Glades, Sarasota, Hendry
- District 3 - Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk, Osceola
- District 4 - Levy, Citrus, Hernando, Marion, Sumter, Lake, Orange, Brevard, Volusia, Seminole
- District 5 - Hamilton, Swanee, Dixie, Gilchrist, Alachua, Columbia, Baker, Union, Putnam, Clay, Nassua, Duval, St. Johns, Flagler, Lafayette, Bradford
- District 6 - Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington, Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Gadsen, Liberty, Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Leon.

Section 2. All districts shall be governed by Florida Bandmasters Association State Law.

Section 3. Each District shall have a Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Chairman shall be the executive officer of the District.

Section 4. Each District shall be held responsible for providing ways and means of financing and conducting its own contest, which shall be held during the month of March each year, and shall also be held responsible for a state audit of its finances. District contests shall not run longer than two days and one night, and one day and one night is preferred.

Section 5. All bands shall be required to attend their District contest to qualify for the State Contest regardless of previous State Rating.

Section 6. Districts shall supply each competing band in their contest with official District plaque. They shall also provide all first division soloists and ensembles with medals, but second and third division medals shall not be authorized. Concert and Drill medals for any rating which are awarded a District contest may be purchased by competing bands.

Section 7. Three soloists or ensembles in each event may enter a District Contest from each competing band.

Only first division soloists and ensembles from District contests shall be permitted to enter the State Contest. First division soloists and ensembles may enter the State contest even though their band does not qualify. (Twirling and Student Conducting are recognized events and are classed as soloists.)

Section 8. The Executive Board shall prepare an approved list of Judges; and Districts must secure their judges from this list. In-State judges are acceptable, but no District shall use judges from its own District. Judges for District contests shall be paid exactly \$25.00 per day, and all expenses.

Section 9. Only bands receiving a first division concert rating at a District contest shall be eligible to enter the State Contest.

Section 10. Standards in District contests shall be high enough to assure adequate elimination of bands so that the total eligible for the State Contest shall be reduced to a workable maximum.

Section 11. The State Contest shall be held the last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in April of each year.

Section 12. Preceding the Annual meeting, each District shall hold a meeting and elect a chairman for its District. The names of these chairmen shall be supplied to the state nominating committee for inclusion on the state, which they submit in order that these offices may have official status as State officers. Provided, however, that nominations from the floor in general meeting will not be permitted for these offices.

Article XI Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the total active members of the Association.

Section 2. Any proposed amendment must first be presented in writing to the Board of Directors, six months before the Annual meeting, who shall then in turn, submit the proposed amendment to the membership for a vote thereon.

Constitution and By-laws
Florida Music Educators Association ✓

CONSTITUTION

Article I
Name, purpose, etc.

Section 1. Name. The name of the organization shall be The Florida Music Educators Association. ~~affiliated with The Florida Education Association, The National Music Educators Conference, and The Southern Conference for Music Educators.~~

Section 2. ^{Purpose} Object. ~~Its object shall be mutual helpfulness and the promotion and advancement of music through the instrumentality of school and other institutions and organizations.~~

Section 3. Relationships. This organization shall maintain a close relationship with the State Department of Education, with the Florida Education Association, and with the educational institutions of the State. ~~Through the medium of its affiliated~~ ^{with the Music Educators' National Conference, The Southern Music Educators' Conference, and with the National School Band, ^{and} Orchestra, and ^{and} Vocal Associations, as provided in the Constitution and By laws of the National Band, Orchestra, and Vocal Associations.}

Article II
Membership

Section 1. Active membership in the F. M. E. A. shall be granted to any individual engaged in ~~or associated with~~ music education, ~~and~~ who is properly certificated in music, or whose qualifications are approved by the Executive Board of the F. M. E. A. *public elementary or secondary school*

Section 2. Honorary membership ^{may} ~~shall~~ be elected by the ~~votes~~ ^{majority vote of} of the F. M. E. A. ~~Only persons who have rendered notable service to the cause of music education shall be eligible. They shall have all the rights and privileges of active members except to vote and hold office.~~ *they shall not be franchised.*

Article III
Organization

Section 1. The F. M. E. A. shall organize and promote a State Music Clinic providing opportunity for all music educators to grow through demonstration teaching and round table discussions of current problems.

Article III Con't.

Section 2. The F.M.E.A. may organize and promote State and District Music Festivals subject to recommendation and approval of the Band, Orchestra, and Vocal Associations.

Section 3. The F.M.E.A. may organize and promote an all-state chorus, band, or orchestra to perform before the annual convention of the F.E.A. according to agreement between the officers of the F.E.A. and the board of directors of the F.M.E.A. These three all-state groups shall all appear each year, or shall be presented individually in rotation in the following order: the first year (chorus), second year (band), and the third year (orchestra). In case of emergency, the Executive Board of the F.M.E.A. shall have power to arrange a program.

Article IV Dues

Section 1. The annual ~~active~~ membership fee shall be \$5.00, ^{which intell} each member, automatically, becomes an active member of M.E.N.C. and S.M.F.C. Each member is also eligible for membership in the Florida Band, Orchestra, and Vocal Associations provided he meets the membership qualifications, ~~as set up by each of the Band, Orchestra, and Vocal Associations. No other dues are to be assessed by any one of these three associations. A member may belong to anyone, two or three of these organizations.~~

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. The F.M.E.A. shall meet in connection with the F.E.A. convention each spring and also at the State Music Clinic in the fall.

Section 2. The State Music Clinic shall be held during the third week in November.

Section 3. The board of directors shall meet upon call, but must meet at least once each year prior to the Clinic.

Article VI. Amendments

(same as always)

BY-LAWS

Section 1. The executive authority for the administration of the affairs of the state association shall be vested in the president who,

Article VI Cont'd.

Section 1 cont'd.

with a vice-president, a secretary-treasurer, and the president of the Band, Orchestra, and Vocal Association shall have the status and duties of a state board of directors.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the F.M.E.A.; to enforce due observance of the constitution and by-laws and standing resolutions; to call meetings of the F.M.E.A.; to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the association; and with the concurrence of the Secretary-treasurer to have the power to decide cases of emergency when an immediate decision is necessary; and to appoint all committees for which no provision has been made.

Section 3. The president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer of the F.M.E.A. shall be elected at the Clinic meeting in general session; one officer only from each of the component organizations. The president shall not be selected from any one (band, orchestra, or vocal) for more than two terms in succession.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the vice-president to perform all the duties of the president in the event of the absence of the president.

Section 5. The secretary-treasurer shall keep a true record of all the meetings of the association and shall maintain a list of the names of all members. It shall also be the duty of this officer to collect all dues and fees of the association; to answer all correspondence pertaining to finance; to pay all bills authorized by the president; and to present a written report of the transactions of his office at all regular meetings of the F.M.E.A.