

Bylaws of the Canadian Atlantic Provinces Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, Inc.

ARTICLE I – NAME

As chartered by the Executive Committee of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, Inc., and subject to its bylaws, the name of this organization is the Canadian Atlantic Provinces Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, Inc.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES AND CODE OF ETHICS

The Canadian Atlantic Provinces Chapter adopts fully the stated purposes of the National Association, which are: To encourage the highest standards of the vocal art and of ethical principles in the teaching of singing; and to promote vocal education and research at all levels, both for the enrichment of the general public and for the advancement of individuals who have chosen to pursue singing at a professional level. The Canadian Atlantic Provinces Chapter, as an organization, subscribes without reservation to the Code of Ethics, adherence to which is one of the conditions of individual membership in the National Association.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

All teachers of singing who have been accepted by the National Association into full, or Honorary Life membership, and who reside in the geographical area which the Canadian Atlantic Provinces Chapter has been chartered or otherwise encouraged to serve, are immediately eligible for membership in the chapter. No such member shall be refused membership in the Canadian Atlantic Provinces Chapter; however, such Chapter membership is not obligatory on the part of the individual. Chapter membership will be terminated when a member resigns from, or is dropped from, membership in the National Association.

ARTICLE IV – STRUCTURE

The Chapter's activities will be overseen by the District Governor. The Governor may serve for a term of two years, presiding ex-officio over meetings and communicating on behalf of the Chapter with NATS representatives.

ARTICLE V – PROGRAM AND PROCEDURES

The **program** of this Chapter may include social, promotional, professional, and education activities at the discretion of the District Governor and members, so long as such activities are consistent with the PURPOSES AND CODE OF ETHICS stated in ARTICLE II, above.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

With the exception of Articles I, II, and III, which may not be amended or revoked, the Bylaws of this Chapter may be repealed or amended, or new Bylaws adopted, by a majority of the Chapter membership voting in person, by written proxy, or by mail, provided that such amendments have been announced to the membership at least seven business days in advance of the voting date.