

# Connecticut Chapter NATS Bylaws

## **Article 1 Name**

As chartered in Connecticut 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 **Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.**

## **Article II Purposes and Code of Ethics**

The Connecticut 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
- To promote the vocal education and research at all levels both for the enrichment of the general public and for the professional advancement of the talented.

## **Article III Membership**

All teachers of singing who have been accepted by the National Association into full or emeritus membership and who reside in the geographical area which the Connecticut 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 Connecticut 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. (see Article IV)

## **Article IV Officers**

Chapter officers shall consist of **President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be known as the Board of Directors.** The term of office shall be two years.

The **President** shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and present such matters as may properly come before the meeting.

The **Vice President** shall assist the President in his/her duties and preside at meetings when the president is absent.

The **Secretary** shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings and conduct necessary correspondence via email, website or Facebook; unless another chapter member is designated for this task, the secretary will submit chapter news for each issue of Inter Nos in conformity with published deadlines.

The **Treasurer** shall keep an accurate account of the finances of the Chapter, send statements and receive payment of chapter dues, and pay all approved bills of the Chapter. At the end of each biennial term of office the Treasurer will submit in written form a report of the Chapter's finances to the National Treasurer.

The **Board of Directors** shall outline programs, direct the policy, activity and growth of the Chapter, secure speakers and other talent for the meetings, and promote membership in the Chapter in accordance with the membership regulations established by the National Association.

#### **Article V Meetings**

There shall be at least two meetings of the chapter each year. Announcement of meetings with proposed agenda and program will be emailed to chapter members at least twenty one days in advance. Chapter meetings may be called by the President or by any responsible segment of the membership provided in the latter instance that Chapter officers and the remainder of the Chapter membership are notified at least twenty one days in advance of such a meeting.

#### **Article VI Elections and Quorum**

At a spring meeting of the Chapter, elections will be held. A nominating committee appointed by the President will provide a slate of nominees for the offices named above. The meeting at which an election will take place will be announced as such to all members of the Chapter at least twenty one days in advance of the meeting date and the slate of nominees will be given, Officers elected will take office at once, serving until the spring meeting two years hence.

A quorum will consist of one third of the active membership. At any regular meeting, each member in good standing shall be entitled to vote in person or by written proxy upon any motion or question properly brought before the Chapter.

#### **Article VII Dues and Assessments**

The **Annual Chapter dues are \$30.00** and are payable by **December first** of each year. Assessments over and above the annual dues may be made for special events necessitating unusual expenditures only where such a motion is entertained at a meeting where a quorum is present and said motion is passed by a majority vote.

#### **Article VIII Programs and Procedures**

The program of the Chapter properly may include social, promotional, professional, and educational activities at the discretion of its officers and members, so long as such activities are **consistent with the Purposes and Code of Ethics stated in Article II**, above. Business meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

#### **Article IX Amendments**

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