

AMENDED
BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA
BLUEGRASS AND TRADITIONAL MUSIC ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the organization shall be THE SOUTH CAROLINA BLUEGRASS AND TRADITIONAL MUSIC ASSOCIATION herein after referred to as the "Association". The abbreviation for the organization will be SC BTMA.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The purposes of the Association shall be to preserve, promote, play, and sing music called Bluegrass, Old Time Country, and Gospel in its original forms using only acoustic instrumentation. These purposes above shall be accomplished by:

- A. Working with other organizations and groups with similar objectives
- B. Working with schools and other educational organizations
- C. Conducting workshops, seminars, and conferences
- D. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the purposes for which the Association is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.
- E. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

ARTICLE III

Members

Membership in the Association shall be of five kinds:

- A. Individual

- B. Band, Business, Promoters, Vendors, Etc.
- C. Honorary: Honorary membership will be awarded at the discretion of The Board of Directors
- D. Patron
- E. Student

Voting shall be limited to Individual members only.

ARTICLE IV

Dues

Annual dues shall be determined by The Board of Directors and shall be payable on or before the first of March each year except the first year when they shall be payable the first of June.

New memberships submitted after July 1st each year will be half the annual rate.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

The Association shall hold at least four meetings each fiscal year at a place and time to be designated by The Board of Directors. The last meeting of the year shall be designated as the annual meeting at which time the officers shall be elected and the annual budget approved for the coming year.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

- A. The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer
- B. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:
 - 1. THE PRESIDENT shall preside at all meetings of the Association at which he may be present; shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these bylaws or assigned to him by the Association or by The Board of Directors; and shall coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the Association in order that the purposes may be promoted.
 - 2. THE VICE-PRESIDENT shall serve in the absence of the President, and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated.

3. THE SECRETARY shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Association and Board of Directors and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated.
 4. THE TREASURER shall have custody of all funds of the Association; shall keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures; and shall make disbursements in accordance with the approved budget as authorized by The Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at every meeting of the Association and at other times when requested by a majority of The Board of Directors and shall make a full report at the annual meeting of the Board. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of such books of account and records so as to conform to the requirements of the bylaws. The Treasurer's accounts shall be examined by an auditor, or auditing committee appointed by the President, who satisfied that the Treasurer's annual report is correct, shall sign a statement of that fact at the end of the report. The audit shall occur within two months of the close of the fiscal year.
 5. All officers shall deliver to their successors all official material not later than ten days following the election of their successors.
- C. Nomination for officers and directors shall be made to the annual meeting by a nominating committee appointed by the President. Additional nominations for all elected officers may be made from the floor. In case a vacancy occurs, a person shall be selected for the unexpired term by a majority vote of The Board of Directors, notice of such selection having been given.
- D. The term of office shall be one year, but, an individual may serve more than one term as an officer.
- E. No person shall hold office who is not a member and neither shall he hold more than one office at a time.

ARTICLE VII

Board of Directors

- A. The Board of Directors shall consist of the present officers, past President and six (6) Directors elected at large and may serve more than one year.
- B. The duties of The Board of Directors shall be:
1. To transact all business necessary to achieve the purposes of the Association.
 2. To approve all expenditures made by the Association.

3. To present a report at the annual meeting.
 4. To prepare a budget for the fiscal year.
 5. To approve routine bills within the limits of the budget.
- C. Regular meetings of The Board of Directors shall be held at least semi-annually during the fiscal year, the time to be fixed by the Board. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings of The Board of Directors may be called by the President or by any three members of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII

Committees

- A. Standing committees will be as follows:
1. Membership
 2. Budget and Finance
 3. Publicity
 4. Publication
 5. Educational
- B. The President shall appoint all standing committees as well as any other committees necessary.

ARTICLE IX

Indemnification

All officers and directors of the Association shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Association from any liabilities, claims, demands, damages, actions or causes of action resulting from the performance of their duties, except such liabilities, claims, demands, actions or causes of action as shall arise from willful and wanton acts.

ARTICLE X

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the Modern Edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Association in all cases where they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

These bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided that previous notice of the amendment is given to all members at the previous meeting or at least eight days in advance.

ARTICLE XII

Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the Association, the residual assets will be turned over to one or more similar organization which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Code, or the Federal, State, or Local government for exclusive public purposes.

ARTICLE XIII

Miscellaneous

The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January and end on the thirty-first day of December of every year, except that the first fiscal year shall begin on the date of establishment.

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