

FLORIDA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS
(As amended January 10, 2002)

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The Florida Music Educators Association consists of, and in the course of its history has been formed from, various organizations and elements, namely; the component associations of the Florida Music Educators Association and the Florida State Music Educators Association and its respective component associations. The Florida Music Educators Association and the Florida State Music Educators Association merged into a single association in 1964-1966. The first constitution of the Association was adopted in 1944.

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of the organization shall be the Florida Music Educators Association, hereinafter designated as FMEA or as the Association.

ARTICLE II – Object

The object of this Association shall be the advancement of music education in Florida.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 1. Membership in this Association shall be open to individuals or entities interested in music education.

Section 2. There shall be an Annual meeting of the membership.

ARTICLE IV –Board of Directors

Section 1. Board of Directors

The governance of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors, the constituency of which shall be specified in the Bylaws.

Section 2. Officers

The officers of the Association shall be elected as specified in the Bylaws.

Article V - Disposition of Assets in Case of Dissolution.

In the event of dissolution or termination of the FMEA, the residual assets of the Association will be turned over to one or more organizations as the FMEA Board of Directors shall determine and which are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the Federal, State, or local government for exclusive public purpose. A court of proper jurisdiction shall dispose of any assets not so disposed of exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine.

ARTICLE VI– Amendments

Section 1. Constitutional Amendments

Constitutional amendments shall require reading and approval by two-thirds (2/3) vote in two (2) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Publication of Constitutional Amendments

Any proposed constitutional amendment shall be published in the official state publication between the first and second readings of the Board of Directors

Section 3. Vote by the General Membership

Following reading and approval by the Board of Directors, and publication, the General Membership shall vote to approve any Constitutional Amendment by a simple majority present at the annual business meeting