

# **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SINGING**

## **BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE 1 – MEMBERSHIP**

1. Active membership is open to all persons professionally engaged in any field of vocal development, teaching, research, therapy, accompanying, etc.
2. Active membership provides the privileges of participation in the activities of the chapter, holding office, and voting.
3. Active membership is attained by supporting, financially and in spirit, the standards and objectives of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. National dues must be paid to hold membership in the local chapter.

### **ARTICLE II – DUES**

1. Annual dues for the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing are \$15.00 per year.
2. Annual dues for the Colorado–Wyoming Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing are delinquent 30 days before the onset of the Annual Competition each April and students will be withdrawn from competition.

### **ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter, shall call and preside at meetings of the officers, shall appoint all standing committees, shall appoint all special committees as needed, and shall perform all other duties implied by the title.
2. The Wyoming Governor shall serve as a representative to the West Central Regional Board and shall handle such correspondence as is necessary to insure appropriate representation of the Wyoming members including reports to the West Central regional Board of Control.
3. The Colorado Governor shall serve as a representative to the West Central regional Board, shall handle such correspondence as is necessary to insure appropriate representation of the Colorado members including reports to the West Central Regional Board of Control, send in articles to INTER NOS and arrange for all details of the NATSAA Competition to be held biannually.
4. The First Vice-President shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the President and will be in charge of hospitality at all meetings including the Competition.
5. The Second Vice-President shall be in charge of all programs, securing the date, place and subject including the date and place of the Competition. The officer will be the registrar and scheduler and discharge all duties with regard to the Annual Competition.
6. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes of all meetings and shall be responsible for the payment of all bills authorized by the Chapter, shall keep

an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements and shall present an official report to the Chapter upon request.

#### **ARTICLE IV – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

1. The respective Governors of Colorado and Wyoming are appointed by the Governor of the West Central Region.
2. A nominating committee of three members shall be appointed by the President. It shall consist of one member from the board of officers and two from the membership-at-large.
3. The nominating committee shall present a proposed slate of officers at a meeting or by a mailing no less than 30 days prior to the annual April Competition Meeting. The slate will include nominations for President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. All persons nominated will be contacted prior to the vote to assure their availability and willingness to accept the nomination.
4. The nominating committee shall accept nominations for the floor before the vote is taken.
5. The nominating committee shall run the election either by ballot or visual hand vote and subsequently install the new officers. Those candidates receiving the largest number of votes will be declared elected for a term of two (2) years. They will assume office immediately.

#### **ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS**

1. These By-Laws may be amended at any business meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds vote of the Quorum present and voting, the proposed amendment having been submitted to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the voting.
2. These By-Laws and any subsequent amendments shall be kept as follows: 1 copy in the possession of the President, 1 copy in the files of the Secretary-Treasurer and 1 copy sent to the West Central regional Governor.