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### Article I: Chapter Name

The name of the organization shall be the North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NC Chapter of NATS). The Chapter shall be subject to the Bylaws of the National Association (NATS).

### Article II: Mission and Code of Ethics

The North Carolina Chapter adopts fully the stated mission of the National Association, which is:

"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 professional advancement of the talented."

The North Carolina Chapter, as an organization, subscribes without reservation to the NATS Code of Ethics.

### Article III: Membership

All NATS applicants who are approved at the national level in the classes stated in the national by-laws and who remain in good standing and who reside in or near the geographical area in which the North Carolina Chapter has been chartered, are immediately eligible for membership in the Chapter. No such member shall be refused membership in the North Carolina Chapter; however, such Chapter membership is not obligatory on the part of the individual. Chapter membership shall be terminated when a member resigns from, or is dropped from membership in the National Association or the Chapter.

#### Article IV: Officers

Chapter officers comprising the Board of Directors shall consist of District Governor, President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The term of office shall be two years, after which, Secretary, Vice-President and President rotate up to next officer position. The duties of the officers shall be those commonly associated with the offices named:

The District Governor shall welcome new members to the Chapter, maintain the NC Chapter of NATS Membership Database including the online database, and organize and oversee the Chapter's NATSAA Competition every other year.

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 organize and oversee the Bi-annual Student Auditions Weekends.

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings and conduct necessary correspondence. In conformity with published deadline dates, the Secretary will submit Chapter news and activity reports, as requested, to the NATS executive office and/or to the Regional Governor.

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of the finances of the Chapter, send annual dues notices, receive payments of dues, send statements of unpaid dues to members after the deadline date established by the Board of Directors has passed, notify delinquent members that they have been dropped from Chapter membership, and pay all properly authorized bills of the Chapter. The Treasurer will bi-annually submit a report of the Chapter's finances to the membership.

Special officers, committees, or chairs may be appointed by the President to serve in such temporary capacities as occasions may demand. Any administrative officer, whether elected or appointed, shall cease to hold office upon termination of his/her membership in the National Association. Any elected officer may be removed from office upon due cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Chapter active membership.

#### Article V: Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the officers, past President, District Governor, and up to four (4) persons appointed by the President. The duties of the Executive Board shall be to assist the officers in conducting the business of the Chapter.

#### Article VI: Meetings

There shall be two (2) meetings of the Chapter each year: in the fall and the spring. Announcements of meetings with proposed agenda and program should be distributed to

Chapter members at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of each meeting. Chapter meetings will be held at the place determined at the discretion of the officers.

#### Article VII: Elections and Quorum

Elections will be held at the spring meeting. A nominating committee consisting of Chapter officers will present a slate of officers for the four offices named in Article IV. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Officers elected will take office in May, serving through the Regional Auditions two (2) 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 upon any motion or question properly brought before the Chapter either in person, or by written proxy.

#### Article VIII: Annual Student Auditions

Classical Categories Student Auditions will be held during the third full weekend in February. Music Theater Categories Student Auditions will be held during a weekend in early to mid-November. Registration is open to all Chapter members current at both state and national levels (see Article IX, Chapter Dues). Applications shall be made online on our website: See Auditions.

In the event of inclement weather or other circumstances, the NCNATS Fall/Spring Conference and Student Auditions will be canceled only if the policy of the host institution requires it. In all other cases, events will take place as scheduled. Notification will be made to the membership in as timely a manner as possible should a cancellation happen. Events will be rescheduled as soon as possible, and teacher registration fees, student registration fees, and substitute judge fees will be transferable to the new date, but not refundable.

#### Article IX: Chapter Dues

Annual Chapter dues are \$25.00 to be paid online at [www.nats.org](http://www.nats.org) by December 31st of each year. If Chapter dues remain unpaid by December 31st, membership shall automatically cease and access to the application and membership areas of [www.ncnats.org](http://www.ncnats.org) shall be denied. Chapter dues must be paid online by December 31st in order to participate in either or both Bi-Annual Student Auditions Weekends. Notice of non-payment of dues will be sent to delinquent members after January 1st. In the case of a new member to the Chapter, the payment deadline may be extended or waived at the discretion of the Executive Board.

The dues amount may be changed by vote of the Chapter.

#### Article X: Programs and Procedures

The program of this 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 Mission and Code of Ethics stated in Article II. Business meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

#### Article XI: 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 e-mail or mail, provided that such amendments have been announced to the membership at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of the voting date.