

## Proposed Amendments to LMEA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for 2016-2018

The LMEA Board of Directors has approved the following amendments to the LMEA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to bring them up-to-date in terminology, to clarify meaning, and to reflect changes in procedures.

### Markings:

Items in **red** have been **corrected** or **clarified**.

All ~~striketroughs~~ are to be deleted.

Items in **green** are new and contain procedural clarifications.

Changes throughout the LMEA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws:

- The title of Executive Secretary is changed to Executive **Director**.
- Division Chair titles are clarified (*e.g.*, **Collegiate**, University/**Research**)
- The election of the Public Relations Chair is made consistent with the election of all Division Chair elections in even-numbered years.
- Sections are re-numbered as needed.

### **Articles of Incorporation**

#### Article VIII. Officers

~~**Section 4.** The editor of *The Louisiana Musician* and the appointed Executive Secretary shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors and all committees. Their term of office shall run in concurrence with the term of the President of the Board of Directors. They shall act in advisory capacity and may not vote in cases where their vote is necessary to constitute a quorum.~~

**Section 4.** All persons serving in compensated positions will serve as ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. They shall act in an advisory capacity and may not vote in cases where their vote is necessary to constitute a quorum. The Executive Director and Editor serve as ex-officio members of committees as needed.

**Section 5.** The terms of office of the Executive Director and the Editor of The Louisiana Musician shall run in concurrence with the term of the President of the Board of Directors. The terms of office for all other compensated positions shall be year to year with re-appointments made by the Executive Officers at the completion of the academic year.

**Section 6.** **President of the Louisiana American String Teachers Association** is reinstated as an affiliated organization.

#### Article XIII. Amendments

**Section 1.** **Posting on the LMEA website** has been added as “in writing” notification to the membership.

## **Bylaws**

### **Article I. Duties of Officers**

**Section 7.** The duties of all other compensated positions shall be outlined in the LMEA Board of Directors' Job Description Manual, to be updated as needed by the Executive Officers with the assistance of the Executive Director.

### **Article III. Rules Governing Elections**

**Section 1.** All officers shall be elected biennially; President-Elect and Division Chairs shall be elected in alternate years with District Directors. President-Elect and Division Chairs are elected in even numbered years. District Directors and Public Relations Chair are elected in odd numbered years. This plan affords an election each year.

**Section 9.** The positions of Executive Director and Editor of *The Louisiana Musician* will be evaluated by members of the Board of Directors during the final semester of the President's term of office, and a recommendation for re-appointment will be made by the Executive Officers at the completion of the President's term.

**Section 10.** Persons serving in other compensated positions shall be evaluated yearly by members of the Board of Directors. Recommendation for re-appointment to these positions will be made by the Executive Officers at the completion of the academic year.

### **Article V. Affiliation**

~~**Section 2.** LMEA shall maintain a close relationship with Louisiana Association of Educators.~~