

Constitution of Bay Winds Band, Inc.

I. Name and Purpose

- A. This organization shall be known as “Bay Winds Band, Inc.” (“the Band”).
- B. Its purpose shall be:
 - 1. To contribute positively to the musical environment of the areas it serves, whether local, state, national or international, with particular emphasis on its home base of Anne Arundel County, Maryland.
 - 2. To provide an opportunity for individual musical expression and growth among the membership.
 - 3. To provide an opportunity for contact between and among musicians, both amateur and professional.
 - 4. To reaffirm the position of community bands in American music.

II. Membership

- A. The Band is open to all musicians without regard to political or religious opinion or affiliation, material status, race, color, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, gender expression, sex, age, or physical or mental disability of a qualified individual with a disability. There are no residency requirements and members come from many different communities.
- B. Musicians are self-selected and no auditions are required for membership. The only requirement is that members have access to their own instruments and that they have a genuine love of performing instrumental music. The Band performs high school and college level music which can require additional practice.
- C. Any instrumentalist desiring to play in the Band may be a member; however, the Board has the right to limit new members joining the Band if the number of members exceeds an amount the Board believes is too large for the available rehearsal room or the majority of the venues. New members shall provide information, including name, phone number, email and instrument, for the roster either in writing or digitally.
- D. A member shall remain a member as long as the member shows musical competence and is active by attending rehearsals.
- E. A member is entitled to participate in all activities of the Band, except that the number of persons playing at some venues may have to be limited by the size of the stage available. A member who does not play in a limited space venue shall have priority to play at the next venue where space is limited.

III. Board of Directors (“the Board”)

- A. The executive authority of the Band is vested in the Board of Directors whose duties shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Managing the general affairs of the Band, taking all action which is compatible with the best interests of the Band and not in conflict with the Constitution and the By-Laws;
 2. Managing the financial affairs of the Band including the annual budget;
 3. Acting upon any business matter of the Band not expressly prohibited by the Constitution;
 4. Appointing and/or removing the Music Director/Conductor and Assistant Director/Conductor, and reviewing these appointments annually;
 5. Replacing members of the Board who are unable to complete their terms of office or unable to function in office to the satisfaction of the Board; and
 6. Establishing a schedule of rehearsals, concerts and other performances.
 7. The Board shall determine the rules for limiting membership per Section II.C and the rules for participation in space limited venues per Section II.E.
- B. The Board shall consist of:
1. Three elected members who must be members of the Band, including:
 - a. President, who is the Presiding Officer
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Treasurer
 2. Two members (ex-officio) who serve in the following positions:
 - a. Director/Conductor
 - b. Assistant Director/Conductor
 3. Each member of the Elected Board (excluding ex-officio members) shall have one vote.
 4. The Board may establish additional positions and appoint members to them as deemed necessary.
- C. Election and Terms of the Board
1. On or before May 1 of each year the Board shall present a list of candidates nominated for the President, Vice President and Treasurer. There can be more than one name for each position presented by the Board. Additional candidates from the membership for each office can be nominated by any member of the Band.
 2. The election shall take place on or before May 15 of each year.
 3. The Election will start with President, then Vice President, then Treasurer. A person not elected as President may be a candidate for Vice President or Treasurer. The candidate for President, Vice President or Treasurer receiving the most votes wins. If there is only one candidate for an office, then a yea or nay vote may take place unless a voting member desires a secret ballot.
 4. Each elected member of the Board shall serve a one-year term at the beginning of the fiscal year (currently Sept 1) and may be reelected.

5. In the event that the President cannot serve the entire term, the Vice President shall serve for the remaining term.
6. In the event that the Vice President or Treasurer cannot serve the entire term, the other two members of the Board will choose their replacement.

IV. Meetings

- A. Meetings of the Board and meetings of the full membership may be called at the discretion of the Presiding Officer or at the written request of any two band members and are open to the membership.

V. Amendments

- A. Previous notice of a proposed amendment to this Constitution and/or By-Laws along with a copy of the proposed amendment, must be presented at a duly constituted meeting of the membership or three (3) rehearsals prior to voting.
- B. A three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of those present and voting will be necessary for adoption.