

**New England Region
of the
American Music Therapy Association
Constitution**

ARTICLE 1: NAME AND COMPOSITION

- 1.1 The name of the organization shall be the New England Region of the American Music Therapy Association, Incorporated (NER-AMTA)
- 1.2 The organization shall be composed of members from Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.
- 1.3 The organization may authorize auxiliary organizations, including a regional student organization within its structure.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE AND GOALS

- 2.1 The purpose of the organization shall be to advance the aims, purposes, and goals of the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) within a regional organization.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership shall be comprised of eight categories: Professional, Associate, Student, Retired Professional, Inactive Music Therapist, Patron, Honorary Life, and Affiliate Organization.
- 3.2 Membership privileges will be specified in the regional bylaws.

ARTICLE 4: OFFICERS

- 4.1 The elective officers of the Association shall be: President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Vice President, Vice President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and the Primary Delegates to the Assembly of the AMTA.
- 4.2 The officers of the Association shall be elective and appointive. The elective process, duties, and terms of the office shall be defined in the regional bylaws.

ARTICLE 5: REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

- 5.1 Primary and Alternate Delegates to the Assembly of the AMTA shall be elected by the region. The number is determined by the AMTA Board of Directors. Their election and terms of office shall be specified in the regional bylaws.
- 5.2 Representatives of the AMTA standing committees shall be appointed by the President as specified in the regional bylaws.

ARTICLE 6: EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 6.1 The Executive Board of the region shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Vice-President, Vice-President elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Representatives to the standing Committees, Webmaster, Chairs or Co-Chairs of the Passages Conference, Editor or Co-Editor of the newsletter, Delegates to the AMTA Assembly, and Student Representative.
- 6.2 The Executive Board shall have the power to transact the general business of the NER-AMTA and shall be responsible for the control of its funds as specified in the regional bylaws.
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ARTICLE 7: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

- 7.1 The Executive Board shall meet to conduct business as specified by the regional bylaws.
- 7.2 No official voting may occur without a quorum of 7 voting members.

ARTICLE 8: GENERAL MEETINGS

- 8.1 The annual business meeting of the region shall be held in the spring, the exact date and place being determined by the Executive Board.
- 8.2 Additional business meetings may be called at the national conference.
- 8.3 All members in good standing must be notified of the meeting date, in writing, 30 days before any business meeting.
- 8.4 No official voting may occur at business meetings of the NER-AMTA without a quorum. A quorum is defined as 10 voting members, or one-tenth of the active membership, whichever is greater.

ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENTS

- 9.1 The constitution of the NER-AMTA may be amended at the business meeting by a two-thirds vote of the quorum, provided that the proposed amendments have been submitted to the membership at least 30 days in advance of the meeting.
- 9.2 Bylaws may be adopted, amended or repealed at the business meetings by a two-thirds vote of the quorum, provided that the proposed amendments have been submitted to the membership twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting.

This version of the Constitution is inclusive of all changes voted into effect through April 2008.

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