

## **SCNATS Bylaws**

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### **Article I: Name**

The name of the organization shall be the South Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing. The Chapter shall be subject to the bylaws of the National Association.

### **Article II: Purposes and Codes of Ethics**

The South Carolina Chapter adopts fully the stated purposes of the National Association, which are:

1. To establish and maintain the highest possible standards of ethical principles and practices in the profession of teaching singing and vocal art.
2. To establish the highest possible standards of competence in said teaching profession, to encourage, conduct and stimulate effective cooperation among vocal teachers for this mutual welfare and advancement.

The South Carolina Chapter, as an organization, subscribes without reservation to the “Code of Ethics,” adherence to which is one of the conditions of individual membership in the National Association.

### **Article III: Membership**

All NATS members resident in the area of South Carolina or teaching students in South Care eligible for membership in the chapter. All membership fees must be paid in full by the first business day in January of each year. Chapter membership shall be terminated when a member resigns from, or is dropped from membership in the National Association.

### **Article IV: Officers**

Chapter officers shall consist of President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Website Administrator. The term of office shall be two years. The Duties of the officers shall be those commonly associated with the offices named, with the special responsibilities of the fall workshop assigned to the President and the spring students audition chairman assigned to the Vice-president. At the end of each biennial term of office the secretary will submit, in written form, a report of the chapter’s activities, and the treasurer will also submit in written form a report of the chapter’s finances. Special officers, committees, or chairmen may be appointed by the President to service in such temporary capacities as occasions may demand. Any administrative officer, whether elected or appointed, shall cease to hold office upon termination of his membership in the National Association. Neither the President nor Vice-president shall serve consecutively for more than two terms, though they may properly succeed others in these offices. Any elected officer may be removed from office upon due cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the South Carolina state active membership.

### **Article V: Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers, past President, and four (4) persons appointed by the President. The duties of the directors 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 will be emailed at least seven (7) days prior the Chapter meeting. Chapter meetings will be held at the place determined at the discretion of the officers. Chapter meetings may be called by the President or by any petitioned officer of the

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membership, provided the chapter officer and the remainder of the chapter membership are notified at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of such a meeting.

### **Article VII: Elections and Quorum**

Elections will be held after January 1<sup>st</sup>, but no later than the spring Chapter meeting. A nominating committee, appointed by the President at the fall meeting will facilitate a Call for Nominations. A slate of nominees for the five offices will be provided to the membership at least 14 days before the election, which can take place at an official meeting or via electronic ballot. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Officers elected will take office on July 1st of that calendar year.

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: Dues and Assessments**

The annual chapter dues of \$25.00 are to be paid to the National Office and are due by the first business day in January of each year. The amount of dues may be changed by vote of the chapter. If any remain unpaid by the first business day of January, said membership shall automatically cease. Resignation shall not be accepted from delinquent members. Assessments over and above the annual dues may be made for special events necessitating unusual expenditures only where such a motion is entertained at a meeting where a quorum is present and said motion is passed by a majority vote.

New NATS members and those transferring their memberships from other NATS districts must complete all national and district membership requirements. Members must be in good standing with dues paid to State Chapter and Nationals to submit students for auditions.

Those members who do not satisfy these requirements during an audition period (Fall or Spring) will still have opportunity to submit students in the next period of auditions, provided they meet the new deadline and requirements.

### **Article IX: 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 purposes and code of ethics state in Article II, above. Business meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

### **Article X: Amendments**

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 mail, provided that such amendments have been announced to the membership at least seven (7) days in advance of the voting date.

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