

ARTICLE I. NAME	The name of this organization shall be: Hartford Chapter Connecticut State Music Teachers Association (or Hartford Chapter CSMTA), affiliated with Music Teachers National Association, a Code Section 501(c)(3) organization.
ARTICLE II. PURPOSE	<p>SECTION 1. This organization is organized exclusively for educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The purpose of this organization is to support and conduct activities and programs to stimulate, increase and advance musical knowledge and education, and in specific furtherance thereof:</p> <p>to uphold and encourage high standards of music teaching and performance; to establish and maintain channels of communication between private music teachers and the community; to promote goodwill and friendship between professional musicians and teachers; and to provide continuing education for members and programs for their students.</p> <p>SECTION 2. No part of the net earnings of this organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section 1 above. No substantial part of the activities of this organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this organization.</p>

	<p>SECTION 3. In the event of the dissolution of this organization, any funds remaining in the treasury after the payment of any outstanding debts shall be distributed to one or more music education organizations, which are recognized as exempt organizations within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code, as shall be decided by majority vote of the Executive Board.</p>
ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP	<p>The members shall be individuals professionally engaged in, or interested in music. Only Active members shall have the right to vote and hold office.</p> <p>SECTION 1. Active membership shall be open to private teachers of music whose professional record includes graduation from an accredited school of music or equivalent training and experience.</p> <p>SECTION 2. Associate membership shall be open to those engaged in musical endeavors other than teaching, such as music store owners, piano technicians as well as anyone who wishes to support the purposes of this organization. Associate members shall have all the privileges of Active membership, except the right to vote and to hold office.</p> <p>SECTION 3. Student membership shall be open to any music student from 9th grade through the age of 26. Student members may attend all activities of the organization.</p> <p>SECTION 4. Honorary membership may be conferred by the Executive Board to those who have made outstanding contributions to the field of teaching or to the activities and success of this organization. Honorary members shall not pay dues, vote, or hold office, but have all other privileges of membership.</p> <p>SECTION 5. Application for membership shall be submitted to MTNA at the national level. In turn MTNA will accept the candidate to the national organization, as well as to the state and local chapters.</p>
ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD	The officers shall be President (or Co-Presidents), First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Board shall include all officers plus Chairpersons of all Standing Committees appointed by the President. A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of the greater of two-fifths of Board members or five members.

	<p>SECTION 1. Each office of the Executive Board shall be held for a term of two years. No office may be held for more than two terms. Any officer may be reelected to the same office after an interval of one year, with the exception of the Treasurer, who may stay in office indefinitely. Any two offices may be combined except for the office of President (or Co-President), which may not be combined with any other office. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting. Vacancies to any office shall be filled by the President (or Co-Presidents acting together), with the approval of the Executive Board. Those who are appointed may serve to the completion of that term and shall then be eligible for election to two full terms. Newly elected officers shall assume their responsibilities after the annual meeting in June.</p> <p>SECTION 2. A meeting of the Executive Board shall be held within thirty days of the annual meeting.</p> <p>SECTION 3. The Executive Board shall have the power to establish standing rules and to repeal same by a two-thirds vote of Board members present.</p> <p>SECTION 4. The Executive Board shall meet at the call of the President (or one or both Co-Presidents) for the conduct of business. Also, a meeting of the Executive Board must be called upon the request of five of its members.</p>
ARTICLE V. DUTIES OF OFFICERS	<p>SECTION 1. The President (or one Co-President) shall preside at all Executive Board meetings; perform such duties as pertain to the office; be a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee; appoint Chairpersons and create committees not otherwise provided for in these bylaws; notify the First Vice-President when unable to preside at any meeting. In the case of permanent absence or disability of one Co-President, the remaining Co-President shall, if willing, become the President.</p> <p>SECTION 2. The First Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President (or both Co-Presidents), perform the duties of that office, and shall be Membership Chair.</p> <p>SECTION 3. The Second Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of both the President and the First Vice-President, perform the duties of the President, and shall be Member Programs Chair.</p>