

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF SINGING

A 501c3 organization

Colorado–Wyoming Chapter

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

The objective of this Association shall be to promote professional fraternity among voice teachers, to stimulate professional growth among voice teachers, and to support the objectives of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

1. Active membership is open to all members-in-good-standing of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS).
2. Active membership provides the privileges of participation in the activities of the chapter, holding office, and voting, in accordance with the privileges of each level of membership as described in the bylaws of NATS (national).
3. Annual dues for the Colorado–Wyoming Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing are \$20.00 per year, excepting Emeritus and Pre-Professional members, for whom chapter membership is complimentary.

ARTICLE IV –OFFICERS

1. The officers of this organization are: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. The office of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected officers, by ballot, for a two-year term, from April to April.
3. The President shall serve as a representative to the West Central Regional Board, shall handle such correspondence as is necessary to ensure appropriate representation of Colorado-Wyoming NATS members, including reports to the West Central Regional Board. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter, shall call and preside at

meetings of the officers, shall appoint all standing committees, shall appoint all special committees as needed, and shall perform all other duties implied by the title.

4. The First Vice President shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the President and will be in charge of hospitality at all meetings, including the Student Auditions.
5. The Second Vice President shall be in charge of organizing and running the annual Student Auditions.
6. The Secretary shall record the minutes at all meetings, preserve minutes and governing documents, and manage membership records in alignment with the NATS national office. The Secretary shall also tally in-person, secret ballot votes and electronic votes for each Chapter election or vote held electronically.
7. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of all bills authorized by the Chapter, shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements and shall present an official report to the Chapter upon request.

ARTICLE V – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. All officers of the Colorado–Wyoming Chapter listed in Article IV are elected from and by the membership of the chapter.
2. For the election of chapter officers, a nominating committee of three members shall be appointed by the President. The committee shall consist of one current chapter officer and two members-at-large.
3. The nominating committee shall solicit nominations from the general membership for all available offices. Based on these nominations, the nominating committee shall present a proposed slate of officers to the general membership via email no less than 30 days prior to the April election. All persons nominated by the committee will be contacted prior to the announcement of the slate of nominees to assure their availability and willingness to accept the nomination.
4. Nominees must be current members-in-good-standing of NATS and the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of NATS and qualify to hold chapter office according to the stipulations of their level of membership in the bylaws of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.
5. The President shall run the election either by ballot or visual hand vote. Absent members may cast their votes prior to the meeting by emailing the Secretary. The approved slate will be declared elected for a term of two (2) years and will assume office

immediately.

6. If a mid-term vacancy occurs, the President shall organize a nominating committee to present a replacement officer candidate to the membership for approval within 30 days. The President will perform the duties of the vacancy until a new officer is elected or will appoint another member to do so. If the Presidency is vacated mid-term, the 1st Vice President shall temporarily perform the duties of the President, including organizing a nominating committee to present a new candidate for President for approval of the membership within 30 days.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

1. Meetings of this chapter can be conducted either in person or online, synchronously or asynchronously.
2. At least one of the chapter meetings will occur during the annual Student Auditions.

ARTICLE VII – QUORUM

1. A quorum for transaction of business shall be:
 - a. For an in-person meeting, 15 active members in good standing.
 - b. For a vote by electronic format, the quorum shall be deemed established once the electronic communication has been sent to the entire membership.
2. Once a quorum is established, then one vote over fifty percent of the members voting at any chapter meeting will constitute a majority for the passage of a motion.
3. One over fifty percent of returned votes will constitute a majority for electronic votes.

ARTICLE VIII – FISCAL YEAR

1. The fiscal year shall be the same as the National Association of Teachers of Singing, from January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

1. These Bylaws may be amended at any business meeting of the Chapter by a two-thirds vote, the proposed amendment having been submitted to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the voting.

2. The President and Secretary of the Chapter shall both possess copies of these Bylaws and any subsequent amendments. Additionally, copies shall be provided to the Region Governor and the National Office and shall be published on the Chapter's website for accessibility by all members.

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