

# **CONSTITUTION**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ARTICLE I NAME**

The Name of this organization shall be the [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] of  
the American Choral Directors Association.

## **ARTICLE II AFFILIATION AND CO-ORDINATION**

This Student Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association is an integral part of the National American Choral Directors Association, and shall be governed by the professional and financial policies laid down in the National Constitution of the American Choral Directors Association. Its official insignia shall be that of the National American Choral Directors Association.

## **ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The purposes of this organization shall be those as set forth in the National Constitution of the American Choral Directors Association, and are state as follows:

1. To foster and promote choral singing which will provide artistic and spirited experiences for the participants.
2. To foster and promote the finest types of choral music to make these experiences possible.
3. To foster and encourage rehearsal procedures conducive to attaining the highest level possible in musicianship and artistic performance.
4. To foster and promote the organization and development of choral groups of all types in schools, colleges, and churches.
5. To foster and promote the organization and development of choral societies in cities and communities.
6. To foster and promote the intelligent understanding of choral music as an important medium of artistic expression.
7. To foster and promote significant research in the field of choral music.
8. To foster and promote composition of superior quality in both music and text for all choral combinations.
9. To cooperate with all organizations dedicated to the development of musical culture in America.
10. To disseminate professional news and information about choral music.

#### **ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of this organization shall be made up from among the students at [ ] who, because of their serious interest in the improvement of choral music and the profession of the choral director, have chosen to become members of the [ ] Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association.

#### **ARTICLE V OFFICERS**

The officers of this chapter of the American Choral Directors Association shall be: President, Vice-President (President Elect), and Secretary-Treasurer.

The duties of the president shall be: to preside at the meetings; to appoint committees of the chapter (unless otherwise provided for in the By-Laws); to represent this organization when necessary; and to administer the policies as laid down in this constitution and its By-Laws.

The duties of the vice-president (president-elect), shall be to preside at meetings when the president is absent or incapacitated to perform the duties of the office; and to assist in administering the affairs of the chapter serving on such committees as are designated in the By-Laws.

The duties of the secretary-treasurer shall be: to keep the records of membership; to record the minutes of the meetings; to carry on the necessary chapter correspondence; to keep a record of all financial matters pertaining to this organization; to collect and preserve the chapter's funds; to pay out of the chapter's funds the necessary and designated monies to meet the financial obligations of the chapter; and to pass on to the secretary-treasurer succeeding him/her all records and funds remaining in the treasury.



[ **BY-LAWS OF THE**  
**] CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN**  
**CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I**  
**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS**

The time and place of meetings of the [ ] Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association shall be decided by the chapter members only after consultation with, and upon approval of, the chapter's faculty advisor.

The time and place of the meetings of this chapter of the American Choral Directors Association shall be specified in a previous meeting.

**ARTICLE II**  
**QUORUM**

A quorum of this organization shall be constituted by a majority of the active membership. No action may be taken which is binding upon the membership unless a quorum is present. However, certain matters such as a discussion of means of taking in new members, the presentation of a program, etc. may be carried on at a regular or special meeting without a quorum being present.

**ARTICLE III**  
**STANDARDS OF MEMBERSHIP**

As laid down in the National Constitution and, in all cases, must be approved by the faculty advisor of the local chapter.

Membership shall be of two classes: active and inactive. Each member shall acclaim his membership class at the beginning of each quarter. Active members have voting privileges. Inactive members do not have voting privileges.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP**

A members of this chapter of the American Choral Directors Association may be dropped from membership if he fails to pay annual membership dues as required by the National Organization.

A student so dropped from membership may be reinstated provided he meets the financial obligations of the National Organization.

**ARTICLE V  
NATIONAL DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

Specific National dues shall be paid by the individual members of the local chapter of the American Choral Directors Association.

Assessments may be made upon the membership to defray the costs of special undertakings by a majority vote of a quorum which was informed at the previous meeting.

**ARTICLE VI  
AMENDING THE BY-LAWS**

The By-Laws of this chapter of the American Choral Directors Association may be amended by a majority vote of the active membership, provided such proposed amendment is placed before the chapter at a previous meeting.