



CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

Revised
12/31/2009

The name of the organization shall be the Brandon Schools Instrumental Music Association Ltd. (BSIMA).

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Revised
12/31/2009

The BSIMA will support the Brandon School Division's instrumental music programs by endeavouring to provide educational opportunities and access to instruments of good quality. The BSIMA will also advocate for, and promote public awareness of, the instrumental music programs in our schools.

SECTION I - Functions

Revised
09/26/2012

The following are BSIMA functions:

- a. to sustain an instrument inventory to meet the programs' needs;
- b. to facilitate BSIMA enrollment of all students in the programs;
- c. to rent instruments to eligible students in the programs;
- d. to represent the views of the association to the appropriate levels of governments, educational bodies, other agencies and to our community;
- e. to promote communication and exchange of information among the membership and the community at large;
- f. to organize and promote BSIMA special events and programs;
- g. to participate in other activities and undertakings as may seem appropriate to BSIMA.

SECTION II - Activities

Revised
09/26/2012

The activities may include:

- a. The renewal of the incorporation status annually
- b. The purchase of new instruments
- c. The maintenance and repair of existing instruments
- d. The maintenance of an instrument inventory
- e. The renewal of the agreement with the Brandon School Division annually
- f. The maintenance of a data base of students enrolled in the programs
- g. The rental of instruments to eligible students
- h. The collection and depositing of instrument rental fees
- i. Advocacy for the success and support of the programs
- j. The publication of regular and special bulletins
- k. The development and maintenance of a website for use by members and the public
- l. Such other activities and undertakings as may seem appropriate to BSIMA



ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I - Regular Membership

Revised
09/25/13

1. Regular membership is granted to a parent or guardian who has a child/children currently participating in a Brandon School Division instrumental music program. Voting privilege will be one (1) vote per membership.

SECTION II - Associate Membership

Revised
03/18/10

Associated membership is granted to all Instrumental Music Educators employed by the school division offering instrumental music programs supported by BSIMA.

Associated members do not have voting privileges.

SECTION III - Public Membership

Added 01/04/10

Public membership is open to any person who is over the age of majority and who is not entitled, regardless of the reason, for a regular membership. Public membership will be approved by the BSIMA Executive and will include an annual membership fee.

Voting privilege will be one (1) vote per membership.

SECTION IV – Honorary Membership

Added 01/04/10

Honorary membership may be granted to an individual who has been recommended by Instrumental Music Educators or current members in good standing. The granting of an Honorary membership will be granted by the BSIMA Executive.

Honorary members do not have voting privileges.

SECTION V - Obligation of Membership

Added 01/04/10

All members, whether voting or non-voting, shall be subject to any stated guidelines or 'Best Practices' policies adopted by BSIMA.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

SECTION I - Designation of Officers

Revised
09/25/13

The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Financial Officer, a Communications Officer, Associate members and Program Representatives with 2 representatives elected from each program. The positions, excluding the Associate members and Program Representatives will be elected by the membership.



SECTION II - Executive

Revised
01/18/10

The President, Vice-President, Financial Officer and Communications Officer will constitute the Executive with power to fix the time and place of Association general meetings, conferences, workshops and special events as provided in the By-Laws.

SECTION III – BSIMA Board

Revised
09/25/13

The BSIMA Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Financial Officer, Communications Officer, Associate members and Program Representatives. The BSIMA Board shall conduct the business of the Association in the period between general meetings.

ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS

Revised
02/22/10

This constitution may be amended at the annual general meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting. One month's notice of motion shall be required except where all of the members present and voting agree to accept the motion from the floor.

ARTICLE VI – MISAPPROPRIATION

Revised
02/22/10

Any member of BSIMA and all staff positions shall be immediately dismissed if the misappropriation of monies, equipment and instruments is discovered and found true. All members and staff positions will be suspended without prejudice until the claim of misappropriation is confirmed or denied.

ARTICLE VII – DISSOLUTION

Revised
03/18/10

Upon the dissolution of the Association, any funds and assets remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be divided equally and distributed to the individual Instrumental Music Program Parent Associations within the Brandon School Division.

Amendments approved & signed this 25th day of September, 2013.

(President)

(Financial Officer)

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