

Proposed Amendments to the  
Bylaws of the Western Region Chapter,  
American Music Therapy Association, Inc.  
November 2015

The following proposed changes to the current WRAMTA Bylaws are presented to the membership for vote at the Annual Meeting in November 2015, Kansas City, MO. The current WRAMTA Bylaws can be found here:  
<http://www.wramta.org/links-and-forms/>

**1: MOTION: Amend Article II, Section 4, Add “(gender) identity, sex”, “socioeconomic status.”**

*Rationale: Adding “sex,” and “socioeconomic status,” and specifying “gender identity” are consistent with the current AMTA Bylaws.*

**Current:**

Article II, Section 4. The purpose, mission, and goals of the Chapter are carried out in a non-partisan, non- sectarian manner with equal opportunity being given to all, regardless of race, religion, gender, disability, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, ethnicity or national origin.

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**2: MOTION: Amend Article IV, Section 5: Add “with approval by the Executive Board.”**

*Rationale: Adding this language to be consistent with other appointed positions.*

**Current:**

Article IV, Section 5. The Chapter shall have standing committees appointed by the President.

- a) Historical Committee
- b) Bylaws Committee
- c) Nominating Committee
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**3: MOTION: Amend Article IV, Section 14: Remove “Winter, Spring, and Fall.”**

*Rationale: This language was previous removed from other sections of the Bylaws. Removing this will then match the rest of the sections.*

**Current:**

Article IV, Section 14. The Media Relations Coordinator shall publish reports on the website three (3) times yearly (Winter, Spring, and Fall), primarily to promote intra-regional communications; shall manage the website; and shall have the power to appoint his or her own staff. A written report shall be submitted for Executive Board meetings, three (3) times yearly and shall be published on the website.

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**4: MOTION: Amend Article VI, Section 3. Remove: “including an Executive Committee.”**

*Rationale: The Executive Committee already exists in the Bylaws (Article VI, Section 4) and would therefore not need to be created by the Executive Board.*

**Current:**

Article VI, Section 3. The Executive Board shall have the power to transact the general business of the Chapter, shall be responsible for the management and control of its funds, and shall be empowered to appoint assistants to any officer of the Chapter. The Executive Board shall have the power to create standing or special committees of the Executive Board including an Executive Committee.

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**5: MOTION: Amend Article IV, Section 17: Remove “Executive Committee” from the Parliamentarian job description.**

*Rationale: To prevent contradictory language. Article IV, Section 17, is not in agreement with Article VI, Section 4. The Parliamentarian’s duties include assuring Robert’s Rules of Order are adhered to in the Executive Committee (Article IV, Section 17), however the Parliamentarian is not listed as being a member of or privy to conversation of the Executive Committee (Article VI, Section 4.)*

**Current:**

Article IV, Section 17. The Parliamentarian shall serve as the Chairperson of the Bylaws Committee; shall ask for input for revisions for the coming year; shall ensure that Robert’s Rules of Order are observed at all Executive Board, Executive Committee, and Chapter meetings; shall provide a copy of the most recent version of the Bylaws upon request; shall be responsible for publishing all proposed Bylaws Amendments or Revisions on the website at least two (2) months prior to the Annual Meeting; and shall publish any changes to the Bylaws on the website immediately after the Annual Meeting. A written report shall be submitted for Executive Board meetings three (3) times yearly and shall be published on the website.

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**6: MOTION: Amend Article VI, Section 4: Remove “Vice-President.”**

*Rationale: Unless the Executive Committee is meeting regarding a conference issue there is no need for the Vice President to be a part of the meeting. Removing “vice-president” from the Executive Committee reflects the AMTA Executive Committee.*

**Current:**

Article VI, Section 4. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Past President, President- elect, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer with the power to respond to the emergency business or crucial issues of the Chapter, when necessary and reporting such issues to the Executive Board.

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**7: MOTION: Amend the WRAMTA Bylaws to include a “changes were approved by the WRAMTA membership on (insert date)” at the end of the document.**

*Rationale: This would be consistent with current AMTA Bylaws.*