

**Diamond State Concert Band
Constitution and By-Laws**

Article I – Name

1. The name of the band is the "Diamond State Concert Band, Inc." It is a non-profit corporation of the State of Delaware, hereafter called "the band."

Article II - Purpose

1. The purpose of the band is to provide music education for students and adults and to serve the community by playing free concerts.
2. The band provides an opportunity for adults to keep up their musical skills. It provides an opportunity for students to gain confidence and improve their skills by playing with adults for adult audiences. It provides an opportunity for senior citizens to keep active in music.
3. It provides concerts for a variety of groups and organizations, including but not limited to, retirement homes, nursing homes, patriotic ceremonies, recreation associations, foundations, museums, gardens, state parks, and cities.

Article III - Free Concerts

1. Concerts are free. Because music, supplies and bus transportation are expensive, the band gratefully accepts donations and reimbursements for bus travel. Donations are not taken into account in the band's decision to play a local concert. When an out-of-town concert is requested, the cost of bus transportation and whether reimbursement is provided are taken into account.

Article IV - No Membership Requirements

1. Auditions are not required.
2. There are no age requirements.
3. An open meeting of the membership shall be held annually in June to discuss band direction.
4. Board meeting minutes shall be made available to band members.

Article V – Board Members and Officers

1. The [officers](#) of the band are Director, President, Vice President, Scheduling Secretary, Board Secretary, Treasurer and Member-At-Large. They have the duties customarily associated with these positions.
 - a. Director. The Director board member position shall be reserved for the conductor(s). If the band has one conductor, he or she will fulfill that role. If there is more than one conductor, they will share the position, choose a representative for the board, and be a voting member of the board.
 - b. Member-at-Large. This voting board member shall be any active member of the band.
2. Board members shall serve two year terms.
3. Elections shall be held annually in the band's 'off season' when it practices new music and does not have performances. Half of the board (or one more than half) shall be elected each year.

Article VI - Director

1. The Director (musical director, conductor) conducts the band.
2. The Director has sole say and responsibility for artistic matters, including but not limited to, music selection, soloists, rehearsals, and concert presentation.
3. The Director assigns chairs to players. "Challenging for chairs" is not allowed.
4. At times, it is necessary for the Director to suggest additional lessons for a player who is too "rusty" to perform properly or who cannot read music adequately. This suggestion is made solely at the discretion of the Director, is made only by the Director, and is made in private.

Article VII - Signatures on Checks

1. Checks and savings account withdrawal slips are signed by any two of the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.
2. Annual budgets shall be prepared by the Treasurer and presented to the board for approval. The approved budget shall be shared with the band membership. The band's fiscal year would be May 1 – April 30th to coincide with the band's performance schedule and the availability of new music.

Article VIII - Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws

1. Amendments are brought up at any rehearsal by anyone in the band, and are adopted by simple majority of members present at that or a subsequent rehearsal.

Article IX - Dissolution

1. In the event of dissolution of the band, members or officers are not entitled to any of its assets. Assets will be turned over free to a similar non-profit organization decided on by the officers of the band.