

**Official Constitution**  
Of the  
South Carolina Unit  
Of the  
American String Teachers Association

**Article – Name**

The name of this organization shall be the South Carolina Unit of the American String Teachers Association.

**Article II – Purpose**

The purpose of this organization shall be to support and encourage better and more frequent performance of the literature for strings, including music for solo, ensemble, and orchestra, at all levels of achievement, and to establish the highest artistic and pedagogical standards in stringed instrument teaching.

**Article III – Membership**

The members of this association shall consist of five classifications: Professional, Dual, Life, Senior, Student, School or Library, and String Industry Council, with the right reserved only for said Professional, Dual, Life and Senior members to vote at regular and special meetings of this association. Student, School or Library and String Industry Council members of this association may not hold office on the Executive Board. Dues for each membership classification shall be determined annually by the National Executive Board.

**Article IV – Organization**

**Section I – Structure**

- A. The business of the South Carolina Unit of ASTA shall be carried on by its officers and membership in good standing.
- B. B. The legal fiscal year shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

**Section II – Officers**

- A. The elected officers of the state chapter shall be President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary-Treasurer. Appointed officers of the state chapter will be Member-at-Large (Studio representative), Member-at-Large (School representative), Newsletter Editor. Their general duties are implied by their office.
- B. The term for all officers shall be two (2) years.
- C. In the event of the vacancy of any office other than that of President, the President, with the majority consent of the Executive Board, shall appoint a member in good standing to complete that officer's unexpired term. In the event that the office of President becomes vacant during his term of office, the President-Elect shall complete the unexpired term.
- D. The term of office of the president and President-Elect shall coincide with the term of office of the National President and President-Elect of the American String Teachers Association. A state president shall not be eligible for reelection for a second two-year term until at least two years after the completion of the President's term of office.
- E. The outgoing President will automatically become Past President at the completion of his term of office and the President-Elect will become President.
- F. Newly elected officers will take office on May 15.

Section III – Executive Board

- A. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary-Treasurer, Member-at-Large (Studio representative), Member-at-Large (School representative), Newsletter Editor.

Section IV – Meetings

- A. An annual meeting of the association shall be held once each year, exact month, time, and place to be designated by the President. All members shall be notified either by mail or through an association publication of general circulation at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.
- B. Special meetings may be held on the recommendation of the President and with the approval of a majority of the Executive Board or upon the written request to the President by ten (10) members of the state unit, and upon giving the thirty (30) days notice in the manner herein before provided for the regular annual meetings. Such notice shall state the purpose of such special meeting.
- C. A majority of members attending shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting.

**Article V – Amendments**

These articles may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members in good standing.

# **By-Laws**

## **Article I – Rules of Order**

### **Section I – Rules**

The rules contained in the Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the association in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws or the special rules of order of the association.

### **Section II – Order of Business**

1. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
2. Report of Officers
3. Committee reports
4. Unfinished business
5. New business

## **Article II – Membership**

### **Section I – Dues**

Members in good standing must have paid current annual dues as set by the American String Teachers Association.

### **Section II – Voting**

All members except Student, School or Library and String Industry members are entitled to vote at meetings.

### **Section III – Publications**

All members in good standing are entitled to receive all bulletins and publications of the Association.

## **Article III – Funds**

### **Section I – Location**

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all funds belonging to the South Carolina Unit of ASTA in a bank in the city of his residence.

### **Section II – Expenditures**

All expenditures of monies shall be at the direction of the Executive Board. All bills shall be paid by check.

### **Section III – Audit**

The financial records shall be audited whenever a change of treasurer occurs.

## **Article IV – Election of Elected Officers**

### **Section I – Elections**

The election of elected officers as specified will be held by mail ballot in even numbered years. The nominating committee, which consists of three members appointed by the President, will propose two candidates for each elected office.

## **Article V – Amendments**

Any amendments or additions to the By-Laws must be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members in good standing.