

THE TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN DANCE THERAPY ASSOCIATION, INC.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Name

The title of this Corporation (which is herinafter called the CHAPTER) is the TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN DANCE THERAPY ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE II

Office

The principal office of this Chapter shall be located in the home of the current Chapter President.

ARTICLE III

Organization

Section I

The Texas Chapter of the American Dance Therapy Association shall be a subordinate unit of the American Dance Therapy Association, Inc. (herinafter referred to as the ASSOCIATION) subject to the general authority and jurisdiction of the Association.

Section II

The Chapter shall be governed by these By-Laws, as amended from time to time, as provided herein. The By-Laws shall not conflict with the Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws of the Association. -

Section III

The Chapter shall function in conformity with the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Association.

Section IV

The Chapter shall maintain on-going communication with the national office of the Association. The Chapter shall consider carefully the appropriateness of planned activities and workshops. The Chapter shall identify any public stand it may take on controversial issues as the position of the Chapter only and not the Association or its membership.

ARTICLE IV

Preamble and Purpose

This Chapter has been organized to establish and maintain high standards of professional competence among dance therapists by promoting the education and training of dance therapists in Texas. The Chapter will also endeavor to provide avenues of communication among dance therapists and those persons working in related fields and to increase the general public's awareness and acceptance of dance therapy.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

Section I

The property, business affairs and government of this Chapter shall be vested in and managed by the Executive Committee which shall consist of the elected officers of this Chapter.

Section II

Officers must be Professional Members of the Chapter and the Association, and shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Members, or at any special meeting of the Members held in lieu of the annual meeting. All Officers shall hold office until their respective successors are elected, except in the case of death, resignation, disability or the removal of an Officer.

Section III

The Executive Committee shall consist of six (6) Officers who will also serve as the Board of Directors. The number of Officers shall not exceed seven (7) nor be less than four (4).

Section IV

Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at such times and places as the Committee may state, but in no event shall there be less than one (1) such meeting per annum. Quorums for all Board meetings shall be three-quarters (3/4) of the Executive Committee.

Section V

The Officers shall be elected by the Chapter membership for the term of two (2) years. Elections shall take place in the spring of each year. No Officer may serve more than three (3) consecutive terms in one position. At the spring meeting, the election of Officers shall be by ballot, and each regular Member of the Chapter attending the meeting shall be furnished with a ballot on which are listed the names of all persons nominated to be an Officer. Those persons receiving the highest number of votes for each office shall hold that office for the ensuing year.

Section VI

If any office becomes vacant, the remaining officers, by a majority vote, shall elect a successor who shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Chapter. Upon just cause shown, any officer may be removed, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the remaining officers, at a regular or special meeting of the Executive Committee called for that purpose.

ARTICLE VI

Membership

Section I

All members of the Chapter must also be members of the American Dance Therapy Association. Minimum requirement for the Chapter is eight (8) Professional national members.

Section II

Any Professional Member of the American Dance Therapy Association may become a Professional Member of the Chapter with full voting privileges, by paying annually in advance the requisite Chapter membership fee. The Chapter membership fee shall be in addition to the annual dues for Professional membership in the Association.

Section III

Any Associate Member of the American Dance Therapy Association may become an Associate Member of the Chapter with all privileges of membership except voting privileges with respect to By-Law amendments and election of Officers, by paying annually in advance the requisite Chapter membership fee. The Chapter membership fee shall be in addition to the annual dues for Associate membership in the Association.

Section IV

Any student Member of the American Dance Therapy Association may become a Student Member of the Chapter with all the privileges of membership excepting voting privileges with respect to By-Law amendments and election of Officers, by paying annually in advance the requisite Chapter membership fee. The Chapter membership fee shall be in addition to the annual dues for Student membership in the Association.

Section V

The Chapter shall maintain a list of people, "Chapter Friends," who have expressed interest and support of the profession of dance therapy. Such persons will request to be placed on this list and will receive the chapter newsletter and notice of the fall and spring meetings. These persons may not hold office or have voting privileges.

Section VI

No person who is now, or later becomes, a Member of the Chapter shall be personally liable to its creditors for any indebtedness or liability, and any and all creditors of the Chapter shall look only to the assets of the Chapter for payment.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Section I

An annual meeting of all Members of the Chapter shall be held in the spring during March or April. Time and location will be set by the membership at the close of the fall meeting.

Section II

The annual meeting of Members shall be for the purpose of electing and swearing in Officers, presenting committee reports and for the transaction of such other business as may be indicated in the agenda or brought before it.

Section III

Notice of the annual meeting shall be given by mail to the Members at least twenty (20) days prior thereto but never more than fifty (50) days prior thereto.

Section IV

Special meetings may be called at any time by the Executive Committee or requested in writing by five (5) Chapter Members submitted to the President. The President may consult with his/her Executive Committee and: call a general membership meeting, delay vote until all officers are present, call a regional meeting, request petitioners articulate the reasons for a special meeting, or delegate consideration to an appropriate committee. Ten (10) days' notice by mail to all Members will be given of special meetings. Said notice shall state the purpose for which the special meeting is called and no other business shall be transacted thereat.

Section V

The quorum of the Executive Committee, plus ten percent (10%) of the Chapter Members shall constitute a quorum for the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Officers

Section I

The Officers of the Chapter shall be a President, Program Coordinator, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Government Affairs Representative. They shall constitute both the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

Section II

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and at all annual meetings. S/he shall coordinate all business of the Chapter and shall be responsible for the agendas of all official meetings. S/he shall present a written summary of the Chapter activities for the past year at the annual meeting. S/he shall appoint, with the approval of the Officers, Chairpersons of special committees except where otherwise indicated in the By-Laws and shall be Ex-Officio member of all committees. S/he shall have the general supervision and active management of the Chapter generally vested in the office of the President and shall serve as liason to other professional organizations or appoint a delegate. S/he shall be responsible to the Board of Directors and to the Membership. This term of office shall be two (2) years.

Section III

The Program Coordinator shall be responsible for the planning and organization of the workshops presented by the Chapter either in conjunction with regular meetings or independent of them. This officer shall have other duties as assigned by the President and the Chapter. In the event that the President cannot chair a meeting, s/he shall take his/her place. This term of office shall be two (2) years.

Section IV

7 The Treasurer shall receive all monies due to the Chapter and disburse such sums as are necessary to meet lawful indebtedness incurred and authorized by the vote of the Chapter. S/he shall prepare the annual budget to be presented to the Chapter and to the Association's Treasurer who will incorporate Chapter reports into the national fiscal statement to the Association's Members. S/he shall serve as a member of the national Budget Committee which is chaired by the national Treasurer. This term of office shall be two (2) years.

Section V

The Secretary shall keep records of all business meetings of the Chapter and make a report thereon. S/he shall be responsible for seeing that the minutes are submitted for publication in the Chapter Newsletter. S/he shall have custody of and conduct the official correspondence of the Chapter. The term of office shall be two (2) years.

Section VI

The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for the development and distribution of the Chapter Newsletter before and after each fall and spring meeting. S/he shall submit to the national Newsletter Editor information regarding the Chapter's activities. This term of office shall be two (2) years.

Section VII

The Government Affairs Representative shall be responsible for being a resource regarding legislation and regulations affecting dance therapy, third party payments, coordinating Chapter efforts around legislation and state requirement matters, to work in liason with the President and the national Government Affairs Chairperson, and on matters of legislative advocacy to insure that the Chapter's standards and policies relative to these matters are adhered to at all times. This term of office shall be two (2) years.

Section VIII

Chapter Officers must submit the following to the National Board at the end of each fiscal year: a current membership roster, a list of the officers and committee chair-people, and a report of the past year's activities.

ARTICLE IX

Financial Administration

Section I

No unauthorized indebtedness shall be incurred by any Member of the Chapter on behalf of the Chapter. In the event of dissolution or liquidation of the Chapter, the remaining assets, after all liabilities are paid, are to be donated to a charity or charities designated by a majority of the entire Membership.

Section II

A copy of the budget shall be on file with the Association.

Section III

The Membership year shall coincide with the fiscal year. The fiscal year shall be from July 1 to June 30 inclusive. The Chapter Membership fee which is paid in addition to national Association dues must be paid by July 31 or membership rights are forfeited. If a new Member joins three (3) months prior to the fiscal year, his/her dues shall be credited through the end of the following fiscal year.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

Proposals for amendments may be submitted in writing by an Officer at a regularly scheduled Chapter meeting. Proposals for amendments may be submitted by written petition of at least eight (8) Members to an Officer. Proposals, if passed by the Board, are then presented to the general Membership. Amendments to these By-Laws must be mailed to the Membership at least thirty (30) days before the day of the annual meeting, together with a sample ballot, indicating either acceptance or rejection of the amendment. Amendments may be voted on by mail at least fifteen (15) days before the spring or fall meetings or in person at the spring or fall meeting and will be passed by a majority of the votes cast by the Chapter Members. Amendments shall be included in the By-Laws in Article X and shall be dated.