

THE SPRING VALLEY CONCERT BAND BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1 – NAME AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1. Name

The organization shall be known as the Spring Valley Concert Band, Inc., also known as the “Spring Valley Concert Band,” “SVCB,” or “the band.”

Section 2. Objectives

The Spring Valley Concert Band is a non-profit community band. Its objectives are:

1. To promote band music in the community through concerts and other performances.
2. To provide musical education programs for the public.
3. To provide a musical outlet for talented members of the community.
4. To provide music to under-served community members such as residents of nursing homes and veterans’ hospitals.

ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERS

Section 1. Membership

1. Membership is open to any individual, 18 years of age or older, having an interest in wind or percussion instruments who agrees to adhere to the band’s policies, and who regularly attends rehearsals and performances.
2. Students less than 18 years of age may become members at the discretion of the conductor.
3. Only members whose dues are paid in full shall be entitled to vote.

Section 2. Application

Individuals interested in joining the band shall complete and sign an official application and sign the membership agreement form that includes a disclaimer of liability provision and a declaration of waiver of remuneration. This shall be submitted to a designated member of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Dues

All band members shall pay dues as set by the Board of Directors. Dues are billed annually.

Section 4. Annual Membership Meeting

There shall be an annual meeting of the membership. All members are eligible to attend and participate in the annual membership meeting.

ARTICLE 3 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the band shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, collectively, the Executive Board. Additional Board of Directors positions may be created as directed by the majority vote of the Executive Board each, a Director. Each Board of Director member shall have one vote. The Conductor shall be a non-voting member ex-officio member of the Board of Directors; however, by majority vote of the Board of Directors the conductor may be dismissed from all or any part of a meeting.

Section 2. Duties

1. The President shall enforce the bylaws, preside over board meetings, and perform all other duties incident to the office.
2. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President if the President is temporarily unable to serve and perform other duties as requested by the President or the Board.
3. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, oversee the distribution of the agenda of all Board of Directors meetings, and perform all other duties as requested by the President or the Board.
4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for overseeing the collection, distribution, and safekeeping of the band's funds, present a financial report at each board meeting, shall prepare all tax and not-for-profit filings necessary, and perform all other duties as requested by the President or the Board.
5. Other Board of Director members shall perform all other duties as requested by the President or the Board.
6. The Board of Directors shall transact the business of the band, appoint the conductor and fix compensation and duties, and carry out the fiduciary responsibilities of the band.

Section 3. Terms of Office

All terms of office shall be two years with terms staggered as follows:

1. The President, Secretary, and half of the Directors shall take office on even numbered years.
2. The Treasurer, Vice President, and half of the Directors shall take office on odd numbered years.

3. If the number of Directors is odd, the greater number of Directors will be elected on odd years.
4. If a new Director position is created, the length of the term will be 1 or 2 years. The length of the term will be determined by the then current number of Directors and the length of those terms in order to maintain half of the Directors up for reelection at any one time.

Section 4. Eligibility

All members in good standing are eligible to run for office.

Section 5. Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet a minimum of two times a year. Two-thirds of the voting members of the Board of Directors, one of whom must be the President or Vice-President, shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

Section 6. Nomination

A general meeting for the purpose of nominating candidates shall be held at least two weeks before an election. An announcement of the general meeting for nominations shall be made at least two weeks prior to said meeting.

Section 7. Elections

A general meeting of the membership will be called at a scheduled rehearsal in December for the purpose of holding an election. A plurality shall elect each position. In case of a tie, the winner shall be chosen by lot.

Section 8. Vacancy

1. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President for the remainder of the term. A Vice-President shall be elected by the remaining Board of Directors from the existing Board of Directors for the remainder of the term.
2. A vacancy in any other Executive Board of Director position shall be filled by election ~~of~~ by the remaining Board of Directors from the existing Board of Directors for the remainder of the term.
3. A vacancy in any Director position will be filled at the next annual election if that position is required. The term of that position shall remain that as of the existing position being filled.

Section 9. Removal

Board of Director members may be removed by a majority vote of members present at a general membership meeting.

Section 10. Liability

The Directors, conductor, and members of the band shall not be required to accept personal financial responsibility for duly authorized bills or obligations or for litigation that may arise from authorized activities of the Band carried on in good faith and pursuant to the purpose authorized by the Bylaws of the Band.

ARTICLE 4 – COMMITTEES

1. Committees may be created at the direction of the Board of Directors.
2. Membership shall be open to any band member in good standing.

ARTICLE 5 – CONDUCTOR

The conductor shall serve as an independent contractor appointed by the Board of Directors. The Conductor shall be consulted regarding decisions on purchases of equipment and shall have the final decision on the selection of music and seating within the sections.

ARTICLE 6 – ADMINISTRATION

The fiscal year of the band shall be January 1 to December 31.

ARTICLE 7 – DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Band, the Board of Directors dispose of any remaining assets to one or more not-for-profit organizations in such a manner as to promote the objectives as stated in Article I, section 2.

ARTICLE 8 – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern this band in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order this band may adopt.

ARTICLE 9 – AMENDMENT

Notice of a proposed amendment to the Bylaws and a copy of the text shall be provided to the membership at least three weeks prior to the voting date. Voting shall take place at a scheduled rehearsal and passage requires the approval of a two-thirds vote of members present.