

NORTH CAROLINA SONGWRITERS INCORPORATED

d/b/a The North Carolina Songwriters Co-operative

AGENCY BY-LAWS

- Article I:** **Name of Organization:** North Carolina Songwriters Inc., doing business as The North Carolina Songwriters Co-operative
- Article II:** **Purpose:** Founded as a not-for-profit cultural/educational organization dedicated to promoting and supporting songwriters in North Carolina. Founded on October of 1998 and receiving a Federal Tax ID number in January of 1999.
- Article III:** **Activities:** The North Carolina Songwriters, Inc. shall be involved in planning and promoting songwriting educational workshops, musical performances and events, and sponsorship of songwriting-related workshops and events.
- Article IV:** **Membership:** Open to any professional or amateur songwriter or supporters of songwriting.
- Section 1.** Membership/Dues: Initial membership \$25.00 and \$10 for annual renewal.
- Section2.** Meetings: A General Membership Meeting shall be held annually.
- Article V:** **Governance:** The organization shall be governed by a volunteer board of no less than five (5) and up to fifteen (15) members. Responsibilities will include: President (also known as Coordinator), Secretary, Treasurer, and any other positions deemed necessary.
- Section 1.** Election of the Board: The Board shall determine the Nomination process. Invitations to join the Board as a nominee must first be agreed upon by a majority vote of the current Board of Directors. Elections to the Board will be by General Membership vote and announced at the annual General Membership Meeting.
- Section 2.** Responsibilities: Beyond specific position duties, Board members are responsible for attending bi-monthly Board Meetings. Failure to attend meetings consistently without prior notice may result in removal from the Board.
- Section 3:** Compensation: Board positions are purely voluntary, and no monetary compensation shall be provided, reimbursement for expenses to be covered by the organization, notwithstanding. However, dues for board members in good standing are waived during their term of service as well as for the year following.
- Section 4.** Board Meeting Attendance/Quorum: The Board may meet with any number of Board members; however, decisions made for the organization must be passed by a majority vote from the current Board.
- Section 5.** Board Member Term: Persons elected to the Board will be asked to serve at a minimum, one year, or until the next Board election.
- Article VI:** **Amendments:** These By-laws may be amended by a two thirds (2/3) vote of current Board members and affirmed by a majority of general membership voting.
- Article VII:** **Roberts Rules of Order** shall govern Matters not addressed by these By-laws.
- Article VIII:** **Termination of Organization:** In the event that the organization is disbanded, all funds, equipment, or possessions currently owned by the organization must be liquidated in donations to other music/cultural organizations.

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