

Boston Area Kodály Educators
Constitution
(May 2015)

Article I. NAME

The organization shall be named Boston Area Kodály Educators (BAKE) and shall be an affiliate chapter of the Organization of American Kodály Educators (OAKE).

Article II. MISSION STATEMENT

The Boston Area Kodály Educators (BAKE) is guided by the philosophical concepts of Zoltan Kodály. BAKE's primary purpose is to provide professional development opportunities open to all music educators. BAKE directly supports educators who seek to explore the philosophy, structure and application of Kodály-based music education and improve their musicianship. BAKE seeks to promote the application of Kodály-inspired music education in the Greater Boston Area.

Article III. GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

The organization is expected to serve music educators located in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine and Connecticut. Nothing within these bylaws, however, shall be construed to limit membership to any specific geographical area.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Membership is open to all, and is granted upon payment of dues to OAKE. Membership types are determined by OAKE, are detailed in Article IV of the OAKE bylaws, and can be found on the OAKE website.

Article V. OFFICERS AND GOVERNMENT

Section 1. Elected officers. A Board of Directors elected by the membership shall consist of a Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Rhode Island Regional Representative, and Western Massachusetts Regional Representative,

Section 2. Non-Elected Officers. Non-elected officers shall consist of Hospitality, Webmaster, and two Members-at-Large. These shall be non-voting officers appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. President, President-elect and Past-president. The President-elect shall be a member of the Board of Directors who becomes President immediately following the President's term of office. The President-elect shall be elected by the Board of Directors. The President-elect shall continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors until the President's term has expired, at which time the President-elect will become President. Following their term of office, the President shall become the Past-President. The Past-President remains a voting member of the Board of Directors for two (2) years immediately following their

term as President.

Section 4. Term of Office. The term of all offices shall be two (2) years with at least two (2) of the elected officers beginning their term each year. The President-Elect may be a one (1) or two (2) year term. The term of office shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30.

Section 5. Government. The government of BAKE shall be vested in the elected officers.

Section 6. Vacancies. Unexpected vacancies in all offices shall be filled by appointment made by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Removal and Resignation. Any member of the Board of Directors may resign at any time by filing a written resignation to the official BAKE email account. Failure to attend three consecutive Board Meetings shall be considered a tacit resignation. Based on special circumstances, the Board of Directors may overturn the resignation by majority vote.

Article VI. ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee. A Nominating Committee consisting of three to five active members shall be appointed by the President each year by May 15, and will be chaired by a member of the Board of Directors who is not the President. The majority of this committee may not be current officers. The nominations committee shall seek suggestions for nominations for directors submitted by any active member of BAKE. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one, and preferably two, candidates for each office that will be vacant due to expiration of terms of offices. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the possibility of write-in candidates on the email ballots.

Section 2. Elections. Elections will be conducted via online voting to all BAKE members in good standing. A simple majority of ballots returned within seven (7) days will determine each winning office. Elections shall be held in May of each year.

Article VII. QUORUM

Section 1. Quorum of the Board of Directors. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of a simple majority, including the President. Votes of the members of the Board of Directors shall be determined by a simple majority.

Section 2. Quorum of the Membership. A quorum of the membership consists of those active members present at any business meeting. Votes of the membership shall be determined by a simple majority.

Article VIII. MEETINGS

Section 1. Board of Directors Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President, and announced no later than September 1. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President upon request of no fewer than three (3) members of the Board.

Section 2. Membership Meetings. A meeting of the membership will be held

annually, as determined by the board, and will be announced by September 1. The following must be included in the agenda of this annual membership meeting:

1. Annual Budget for the ensuing year, submitted by the Treasurer.
2. An annual report of the past year, submitted by the President.
3. The setting of dues for the ensuing year.
4. An announcement of presenters for the ensuing year.

Article IX. AMENDMENTS

The Board of Directors may submit a constitutional amendment to the membership by email ballot, or ten days prior to an annual meeting of the membership. Such an amendment will be deemed valid if approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the ballots returned with twenty-one (21) days or by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting membership at an annual or biannual meeting.

Article X. RESTRICTION ON THE USES OF THE NAME BOSTON AREA KODALY EDUCATORS

Public use of the name Boston Area Kodály Educators (BAKE) is limited to the organization's official activities. All requests for publicity through the organization may be submitted to bostonkodaly@gmail.com and will be decided on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Directors.

Article XI. DISSOLUTION

Should dissolution or reorganization become necessary for any reason, the Board of Directors shall donate all assets to the subsequent organization. Upon final dissolution of Boston Area Kodály Educators or any subsequent organization, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the organization, donate all assets to the organization of OAKE for the purposes of OAKE.

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