

**CONSTITUTION  
of the  
GREAT PLAINS CHAPTER  
of  
THE COLLEGE MUSIC SOCIETY**

We, the undersigned, do hereby and adopt, execute, and acknowledge the following Articles for the Great Plains Chapter:

**I**

The name of the organization shall be the Great Plains Chapter of The College Music Society.

**II**

The period of its duration is perpetual.

**III**

The College Music Society, of which the Great Plains Chapter is an affiliate organization, is a mutual benefit corporation organized within the meaning of Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue code. The purpose of the Great Plains Chapter shall be to support the mission of The College Music Society.

**IV**

Membership in the Great Plains Chapter shall be individual, not institutional. Membership in the Great Plains Chapter shall be granted to all members of The College Music Society residing within the states of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri.

**V**

Upon dissolution of the corporation, all assets shall be forwarded to The College Music Society after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities.

## VI

1. Elected officers of the Great Plains Chapter shall be a President and a Secretary-Treasurer. The President shall appoint a Program Chair for the Annual Conference. These three persons shall constitute a Board of Directors, and shall perform duties normally associated with these offices.
2. Newly-elected members of the Board of Directors shall take office upon election at the Annual Meeting, and shall serve a term of two years. Continuity shall be preserved by the officers serving staggered terms. The appointed Program Chair shall serve a term of one year.
3. In the event of a vacancy in any office, the President shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.
4. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be two.
5. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

## VII

There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Chapter at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors. The members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall constitute a quorum.

## VIII

1. The President shall appoint a Nominations Committee of three members of the Chapter. The Nominations Committee shall nominate two persons from each office falling vacant. Election of candidates for office shall be by mailed ballot to all members of the Great Plains Chapter. The ballot shall contain provision for a write-in candidate. Responses from the membership must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer two weeks before the announced time of the Annual Meeting.
2. The President shall have the authority to appoint other committees as necessary in order to conduct the business of the Chapter. The President shall serve ex-officio as a member of each committee.

IX

1. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by a member of the Board of Directors or by any group of five members of the Chapter. Proposed amendments shall be circulated to the members of the Board of Directors at least one month in advance of a meeting at which they are to be considered.

2. An amendment to the Constitution must be approved by the Board of Directors. Amendments approved by the Board shall be circulated to the members of the Chapter at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting of the Chapter at which they are to be considered.

3. Amendments to the Constitution must be ratified by two-thirds of the voting members of the Chapter present at the Annual Meeting at which the amendments are to be considered.

Byron W. Jensen  
President

Paul R. Laird  
Secretary

10 December 1996  
Date

12 December 1996  
Date