

Bylaws
Of
The DMV Chapter
Marching 100 Alumni Band Association, Inc.



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Article I: Name

The name of the chapter shall be The DMV Chapter, Marching 100 Alumni Band Association, Incorporated.

Article II: Purpose

To this end, the chapter shall be organized for the purpose:

- To strengthen and extend relationships among the alumni and friends of the FAMU band programs who are residents of DC, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.
- To increase the visibility and enhance the image of the FAMU bands alumni.
- To assist the FAMU band programs in its recruitment efforts
- To provide financial support to the FAMU band programs

All funds whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise shall be devoted to said purposes.

Article III: Offices

Section 3.1 Address - The principle office of the DMV Chapter shall be in the city of Waldorf, Maryland.

Section 3.2 Offices - The chapter may have offices at such other places as deemed necessary by the chapter President in order to meet specific regional needs.

Section 3.3 Registered Agent - The Registered office of the Association shall be established and maintained at 3114 Sedgewick Drive, Waldorf, MD 20603.

Article IV: Membership

Section 4.1 Classification - There shall be 2 (two) classes of membership at the local chapter level.

Section 4.1.1 Regular - Any person who is a resident of the states listed in Article II and financially active with the Marching 100 Alumni Band Association Inc. is eligible for regular membership in the DMV Chapter. Membership dues are \$100.00 per year.

Section 4.1.2 Associate - An Associate Member shall be a resident of the states listed in Article II who also meet any of the following criteria:

- The spouse of a regular member
- Any person who has been awarded honorary membership to the FAMU band programs.
- Any person who did not participate in any of the FAMU Band programs but is desirous of supporting the Association and the DMV Chapter.

Section 4.1.2.1 Provisions – An Associate Member shall be entitled to all benefits and privileges of the DMV Chapter, vote on Chapter matters, hold office, and serve on committees. Associate members of the DMV Chapter cannot hold the office of President or Vice-President and cannot account for more than two (2) chairs or offices. Associate Members will need to be sponsored by a regular member, be approved by the Chapter President and Vice President, and can only be eligible for membership renewal without sponsorship in subsequent years. Membership dues will be \$100.00 per year.

Section 4.2 Good Standing – A member of the DMV Chapter is considered to be in good standing if he or she has no outstanding or pending disciplinary actions, expulsions or suspensions, and has paid their yearly dues in full, as prescribed by these Bylaws and owes no other outstanding debt to the Chapter of the Association.

Section 4.3 Late Fees – If any, late fee amounts and dates will be decided upon by the Chapter officers.

Section 4.4 Change in Membership Dues - Change in membership dues must be approved during the annual meeting (the Association) one fiscal year prior to the change taking place.

Section 4.5 Membership Card

Section 4.5.1 Issuance – All Regular Members and Associate Members shall be issued a membership card to expire at the end of the twelve-month

period following the fiscal year in which their membership dues were received.

Section 4.5.2 Possession – Possession of a membership card or receipt of contribution shall be required of Regular Members and Associate Members to participate in activities held exclusively for the financial membership.

Article V: Voting

Each member of the chapter in good standing shall be entitled to one vote, in person or by proxy. Any member voting by proxy shall designate in writing the member in good standing who shall cast their vote. The written proxy shall be signed and dated by the member voting my proxy. An appointment of a proxy is not valid after 11 months following the date of its execution unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

The vote for officers or any other question that comes before the association at a general meeting of the Chapter shall be by ballot. All elections for officers shall be decided by plurality vote. Elections of officers and all other questions are to be decided by a simple majority unless otherwise provided for in these bylaws.

Section 5.1 Election of Officers and At-Large Members

Section 5.1.1 Officers – All Officers of the Chapter shall be elected by Regular and Associate Members every year.

Section 5.1.2 Eligible Voters – To be eligible to vote for the officers of the Chapter, the Regular members and Associate members must be in good standing at the time of voting.

Section 5.1.3 Nominations –

- Each candidate must be nominated by a member in good standing of the Chapter.
- The candidate will be given one week to accept the nomination.
- All candidates for offices must be in good standing by July 1, or the close of nominations, whichever comes first.

Section 5.1.3.1 Nominee Criteria – To qualify as a nominee for an office of the Chapter, the nominee must be a financial member by July 1.

Section 5.1.4 Vacancies –

- Any vacancy occurring in an elected office, with the exception of President and Vice President shall be filled by an individual receiving a majority of the votes of the members.
- In the event of the President’s inability to serve:
 - The Vice President shall assume the office of President for the remainder of the term.
 - The vacancy of the Vice President shall be filled by an individual receiving a majority of the votes of the chapter members.

Section 5.1.5 Official Ballot – The Secretary or other designated representative shall prepare the official ballot after considering all the nominations received from the membership, but shall not be required to place any particular name on the official ballot. The official ballot shall include space for write-in candidates and shall be mailed to all eligible voters not less than 45 days prior to the date of Elections, to be determined by the date of the fall meeting.

Note: Write-In Candidates must be financial by July 1.

Section 5.1.6 Return Ballot – All ballots must be returned through the U.S. Postal Service Mail, or delivered in person, so as to arrive in the Chapter’s designated location at least one day prior to the time of voting. **THE SEALS ON THE ENVELOPES OR FOLDERS SHALL NOT BE BROKEN UNTIL THE ELECTION HOUR OF THE FALL MEETING.**

Section 5.1.7 Declaring the Winner – The person receiving the highest number of votes from among the cast for a particular office will be declared the winner for the office. Such a declaration will be made by the Secretary or other designated representative after all ballots have been counted and

such declared winners will be presented to the President/Vice President for ratification.

Note: Candidates for the office of President and Vice-President must be former members of a FAMU Band program and a member of the DMV Chapter for the year prior to running for office.

Section 5.2- Qualifications

President – Must have attended the majority of chapter meetings and actively participated in chapter events throughout the previous year.

Vice President – Must have attended the majority of chapter meetings and actively participated in chapter events throughout the previous year.

Section 5.3 – Installation of Officers – All officers of the DMV Chapter shall be installed after each election at the fall meeting. The installation shall be the last activity on the agenda.

Article VI: Quorum

Section 6.1- Suggested Addition/Change- The presence (in person or by proxy) of all 4 officers shall constitute a quorum at any properly called meeting.

Article VII: Officers & Directors

Section 7.1 Chapter Officers- The Officers of the DMV Chapter shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer also known as the Chapter Executive Team.

Section 7.2 Elected Officers- The elected officers of the DMV Chapter shall be described below. They are to be elected by a majority vote. If no candidate for an office receives a majority vote, a run-off election will be held between the top candidates with the same vote.

Section 7.2.1- Policy/Provisions- All elected and appointed officers must be available to the members by either phone or email. All elected officers shall serve

two year terms and will officially assume office on January 1. The President shall announce appointed positions by January 31. Officers shall deliver all official documents and materials to successors within 30 days after their terms of office have ended. Failure of Chapter Officers to execute their duties or responsibilities shall be subject to discipline or dismissal by the Association Board of Directors.

Section 7.2.2- Description of Offices – The description of officers shall serve as the duties of the officers of the Chapter.

President – The President provided leadership and vision, proposes direction, and ensures that the organization is working toward its stated goals.

- Shall preside over all meetings.
- Shall have the power to call all meetings except as provided otherwise in these bylaws.
- Shall be the chairperson of the executive committee.
- Shall serve as ex-officio member of all other committees.
- Shall have name listed on the Chapter bank accounts.
- Shall (with treasurer) co-authorize the Chapter expenditures.
- In the event of the President’s inability to serve, the Vice-President becomes President for the unexpired term.

Vice President – The Vice President provides leadership support to the President, assists in determining the vision of the Chapter, and provides leadership, direction and supervision to all committee chairs when necessary.

- Shall assume all duties of president in his/her absence.
- Shall coordinate & supervise efforts of all committee chairs.
- Shall obtain committee reports of each meeting from all committee chairs.
- In the event of the President’s inability to serve, the Vice President becomes President for the unexpired term.

Secretary – The secretary is responsible for maintaining adequate and accurate communication among all members of the Chapter. The

secretary is also the primary record keeper and shall handle all correspondence while agreeing to strict confidentiality of all contact information.

- Shall keep an accurate account of proceedings of all meetings of the Chapter and the executive committee.
- Shall obtain committee reports of each meeting from all committee chairs.
- Shall compile all minutes and reports on a monthly basis and provide copies when requested.
- Shall possess contact information for all members of the Chapter.
- Shall notify and remind the appropriate people of upcoming events.
- Shall compose and distribute all necessary literature to the Chapter.
- Shall serve as the Chairperson of the Communications Committee.
- Shall receive and receipt all monies at alumni band functions.
- Shall surrender all funds to the Treasurer after immediate documentation and maintain records of financial members of the Chapter.

Treasurer- The treasurer is the chief financial officer of the Chapter and is the custodian of all cash. Along with the President, the treasurer has ultimate financial responsibility.

- Shall, with the President, co-authorize the Chapter's expenditures.
- Shall have name listed on organization bank accounts.
- Shall provide financial report at all regular meetings.
- Shall maintain accurate financial records and provide quarterly documentation (bank statements, etc) to the executive committee when requested.

- Shall make financial/tax information available for view when requested.
- Shall maintain records of financial members of the Chapter.
- Shall serve as the chairperson of the Finance Committee.

Parliamentarian

- Shall be abreast of the current constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of the Chapter and shall ensure that each business transaction of the Chapter is done so in accordance with standard parliamentary rules and procedures.
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- Shall allow for smooth and prompt discussion and decision making on topics of importance to a society.
- Shall follow rules in regards to nomination, voting, disciplinary action, appeals and dues.
- Shall conduct projects to further the goals of the organization or to develop services for the membership.

Chaplain – The chaplain provides spiritual leadership for the Chapter.

- Shall offer a blessing for all activities and gatherings.
- Shall fulfill prayer requests and forwards them to secretary for publication.
- Shall provide information regarding bereavement, illnesses and other extenuating circumstances to the secretary. This information should also be communicated to the Chaplain of the Association.

Article VIII: Committees & Duties

Section 8.1 – Standing Rules and Procedures – Each standing committee will develop a set of rules and policies as guidelines for fulfilling the committee's

responsibilities as outlined in the Bylaws of the Chapter. After approval by the Chapter Executive Team, the rules and procedures will be adhered to by the respective committee until they are changed with approval of the Executive Team.

- Shall evaluate committee reports submitted by committee chairs before they are presented at general meetings.
- Shall determine viable alternatives of voting by general membership.
- Shall compose and agenda for each general meeting.
- Shall approve a list of expenditure items for proposed annual budget.

Membership Committee – The membership committee will assist the Chapter with organizing and implementing strategies for recruiting and retaining members on an annual basis. The committee is involved in research, development and implementation of membership benefits and incentives.

- Shall verify that all new applicants for membership meet the criteria
- Shall maintain accurate and up to date membership records and provide information when requested.
- Shall verify that officer candidates meet all eligibility requirements.
- Shall prepare a slate of candidates one month prior to conference/election.
- Shall be responsible for seeking new members and retaining current members through publicity, membership drives, and incentives.

Finance Committee – The finance committee will ensure the financial stability of the Chapter through ongoing assessment and monitoring of the annual operating budget and annual audit report. The treasurer shall be the chairperson of the finance committee.

- Shall assist in developing an annual budget.
- Shall determine feasibility of proposed budget.
- Shall prepare a quarterly schedule of cash flow to accommodate necessary expenditures.
- Shall coordinate fundraising projects to support the Chapter activities.

Communications Committee – The communications committee will oversee the processes that ensure that members know everything they need to know about the Chapter, when the need to know it, and receive this information in a format that is useful. The secretary shall be the chairperson of this committee.

- Shall submit chapter information for publication in the Patch Report
- Shall monitor updates to the membership roster.
- Shall maintain and publish the Chapter activity calendar.

Activities Committee - The activities committee is to bring people together and create fun events. A guiding principle of this committee is to make all members (both young and young at heart) feel welcome at these events and organize events that appeal to the band member population.

- Shall plan and arrange all activities.
- Shall compile a proposed annual calendar for approval by the executive team.
- Shall seek and present community service projects for the Chapter.

Public Relations Committee – The public relations committee develops a plan to provide the public with information about the Chapter and promotes its activities. It will serve as a creative resource group for ideas pertaining to public relations, marketing, and advertising and to inform key stakeholders, members and the public in general regarding issues and events affecting the Chapter.

- Shall design and implement all logos for the DMV Chapter.
(Implementation involves making sure that the logo is prominently displayed whenever possible to maintain level of professionalism for the Chapter.)
- Shall design paraphernalia for the chapter in keeping with what is acceptable for the Association.
- Shall make and promote all communications it deems necessary for good public relations.
- Shall work in conjunction with the Association's web site committee.

Education Committee – This committee will assist the Associations Education Committee by providing direct support to the current members of the band through financial assistance and recruitment.

- Shall actively seek qualified high school students for recruitment.
- Shall coordinate with activities committee to organize events to develop a relationship with recruited students and further expose them to the FAMU Bands.
- Shall disseminate information on the Association’s scholarship opportunities for prospective students.
- Shall develop and coordinate scholarship opportunities specifically for students within the states associated with the DMV Chapter.

Article IX: Meetings

Section 9.1 – Notice of Meetings – The secretary shall prepare a complete list of those members entitled to vote at a meeting of the Chapter, and send written or electronic notice to the members as they appear in the records of the Association (Chapter and Association records should have identical records). The notice shall state the place, date and time of the meeting as well as the general nature of the business to be considered.

Section 9.2 – Annual Meeting – The Chapter should have representatives in attendance at the Annual Meeting in the City of Tallahassee, FL. with the date being set by the Association’s Board of Directors. Representation should include but is not limited to the Chapter President and Executive Team Members. Regular and Associate Members are encouraged to attend.

Section 9.3 – Annual Convention – Chapter Members are encouraged to participate in the Annual Convention held by the Association.

Section 9.4 – Transition Meeting – Within 45 days following an election, a newly elected President shall convene a transition meeting for the purpose of facilitating a smooth transfer of the administration from the preceding Chapter President. Attendance at the meeting will include outgoing members of the Executive Team,

newly elected members of the Executive Team as applicable by office, and outgoing and newly appointed standing committee chairpersons.

Article X: Removal of Officers

Section 10.1 – Disciplinary Action against Officers and Members –

Disciplinary action may be taken against any officer or member who does not conform to the principles, aims, and purposes of the Chapter and/or Association as set forth in these Bylaws and is guilty of conduct that is not in the best interest of the organization.

Section 10.2 – Attendance – Officers must attend at least 75% of the regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive Team. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors (Association).

Section 10.3 – Filing Complaints – Complaints initiated against an officer will be reviewed by the Chapter President and Vice President. This information will be forwarded to the officer involved. Said officer shall have 15 calendar days to respond.

Section 10.4 - Hearings – The Executive Team reserves the right to hear and act upon the charges and the Officer is entitled to a hearing before the Executive Team, if desired.

Section 10.5 – Suspensions – The Executive Team may temporarily suspend an officer of the Chapter by 2/3 vote of the Executive Team.

Section 10.6 – Appeals – The Executive Team shall be the final level of appeal in disciplinary action. Any officer of the Chapter may be removed for violation of these by-laws, failure to perform assigned duties, misuse of funds.

Section 10.7 – The Removal Process – A written resolution proposing removal must be submitted to all members of the Executive Team (except impeachment candidate). This resolution must include evidence of specific violations.

- Upon approval of the Executive Team, removal candidate will be provided a copy of the resolution.

- The removal candidate, if deemed appropriate, may submit a written response to the secretary within two weeks regarding upcoming election.
- The removal resolution and candidate response will be read and discussed at the next regular meeting.
- The general membership will vote. A 2/3 majority is required. All votes are final and will take effect immediately.

Article XI: Compensation and Expenses

Section 11.1 – Salary – No salary or other compensation shall be paid to any officer or committee member of the Chapter for performance of services to the Chapter, but the Executive Team may authorize the payment of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses resulting from performances of such services.

Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the Chapter from entering into a contract or other business transaction with one or more of its members or any other corporation, firm, association or entity in which one or more of its directors or officers are financially interested, provided that the following conditions exist.

- The fact of such relationship or interest is disclosed to the Executive team.
- The Executive Team authorizes such contract or transaction, by a vote or consent sufficient for the purpose without counting the votes or consents of such interested officers or members.
- The contract or transaction is fair and reasonable as to the Chapter at the time it is authorized by the Executive Team, or the members.

Section 12.1 Dividends – No part of the net earnings of the Chapter shall be distributed as dividends to its members, directors, officers or other private person or entity. The Chapter shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensations for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these bylaws.

Section 12.2 Dissolution – In the event of the dissolution of the Chapter, the Executive Team shall, after making provisions for the payment for all liabilities of

the Chapter, dispose of the Chapter's remaining assets in a manner exclusively for the purpose for which the Chapter was established.

Article XIII: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Chapter as with the Association will begin July 1 and end on June 30 of the following year.

Article XIV: Amendments

The Executive Team or any financial member may make proposals for Amendments. Proposed amendments shall be presented at any annual meeting providing a notice of the amendment has been given and the amendment distributed to the membership at least 60 days prior to the meeting in which the Amendment is presented for vote. A simple majority vote of the members present and voting at any annual meeting shall be required for adoption. No part of these Bylaws shall be amended or annulled except by the methods herein described.