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3. If the office of Vice-President becomes vacant, the immediate past Vice-President shall assume the office of Vice-President for the remainder of the term.

4. If the office of **Secretary**-Treasurer becomes vacant the President shall appoint a successor to complete the **term**. This appointment must be approved by the Board of Directors.

5. All vacancies of office for which there is no specification in these rules shall be filled by appointment of the President, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

6. Any officer of the Executive Committee may be removed from office and the office declared vacant by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors, voting in person at a called or regular meeting. This vote may not be taken by mail. This action must also receive the approval of the Division President.

7. The President may not succeed himself/herself except as outlined above. After completing his/her term as Vice-President, he/she is eligible for re-election as President-Elect.

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2. If the office of President becomes vacant after January 1 of a year bearing an uneven number, the President-Elect shall assume the office for the remainder of the term.

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2. The Association's Webmaster shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Board of Directors. The Webmaster may be remunerated for services on approval of the Board of Directors. **The appointment is subject to annual approval by the Board of Directors.**

ARTICLE VII. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, President-Elect, and ~~Secretary~~-Treasurer.

ARTICLE VIII. Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Committee and a representative from each of the four geographical divisions and ~~five teaching levels: Elementary, Junior High, High School, College, and Church~~. These representatives shall be elected as provided in the Bylaws for terms described below:

- a. The representatives of the Northeastern and Southwestern areas shall be elected for a two-year term, beginning on July 1 of years bearing uneven numbers (1985, 1987, 1989, etc.).
- b. The representatives of the Southeastern and Northwestern areas shall be elected for a two-year term, beginning on July 1 of years bearing even numbers (1986, 1988, 1990, etc.).
- c. Representatives from ~~College, Church, and High School~~ areas shall be ~~elected~~ for two-year terms beginning July 1 of years bearing even numbers.

d. Representatives from ~~Junior High and Elementary~~ areas shall be ~~elected~~ for a two-year term beginning on July 1 of years bearing uneven numbers.

2. Representatives must at the time of their election be teaching or working in the area they represent. If during the term of office a Regional Representative moves from that geographical area, the office will be declared vacant by the President. The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a successor from the appropriate area. This appointee shall serve the remainder of the normal term of office.

3. A Regional Representative may serve two consecutive terms.

4. Any member of the Board of Directors who is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board may be removed from office by a majority vote of the remaining members. Any members of the Board of Directors may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board. Such vote shall be cast in person at a regular or called meeting of the Board of Directors.

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c. Representatives from ~~Boychoirs, College & University Choirs, Community Choirs, Jazz Choirs, Music in Worship, Senior High School Choirs, and Women's Choirs R & S~~ areas shall be ~~appointed~~ for two-year terms beginning July 1 of years bearing even numbers.

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ARTICLE IX. Meetings

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2. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be seven members of the Board, including at least two members of the Executive Committee and at least **five** representatives.

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This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds vote of active membership present at a business meeting, or by a vote of two-thirds of the active membership who cast ballots by mail; provided that such amendment shall have been presented and approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at the preceding Board meeting.

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ARTICLE V. Fiscal Policies and Procedures

1. The President shall submit a budget request by May 15 each year to the Division President. The budget requests the return of a portion of the national dues for state operation. A full budget including this request will also be presented to the Board of Directors at their first meeting of the fiscal year or after July 1.
2. Funds collected from workshop fees or other activities shall be held by the Treasurer in the Association account.
3. A financial statement shall be prepared by the Secretary-Treasurer and published in the newsletter mailed to the membership and Division President. This report must be done at least once each year at the close of the fiscal year.
4. Fiscal policies and procedures deemed necessary for the administration and operation of the Association may be formulated by the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Directors, with the approval of the Division President.

ARTICLE VI. Duties of Officers

1. The duties of the officers shall be as set forth in the National Bylaws, Article XI, Sections 1, 2, and 3.
2. The Vice-President shall serve as advisor to the President, assist in coordinating workshops, and provide continuity on the Executive Committee. He/she shall perform other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President and/or Executive Committee.
3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes of meetings of the Association and shall have responsibility for the Association financial records, as determined by the Board of Directors. He/she shall read or submit in duplicated form the minutes of the Association at the annual business meeting. He/she shall make a financial report to the Association within thirty days after the close of the fiscal year.
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ARTICLE IX. Voting and Election Procedures

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2. Nominating Committee. Each August the President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of the President-Elect and each of the regional representatives. This committee shall solicit suggestions from the membership, **and then choose two names which will be submitted to the membership for each office. These nominations will be given to the membership in the next available general mailing, but no later than December 1.** Nominations for each office may be made from the floor of the business meeting at which elections are held.

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2. Each **R & S** representative will serve on the Board of Directors. He/she will promote membership in his/her area and help formulate choral activities for the area including Association workshops. They will also represent the state on their respective Southwestern Division committees of Standards and Repertoire as set up by the National Association.

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3. **For Regional representatives, the nominating committee will choose two names which will be submitted to the membership for voting.**

4. **For R & S representatives, the nominating committee will solicit names and make recommendations (through the President-Elect) to the appropriate division R & S Chair for appointment.**

5. **When a vacancy occurs in the position of Treasurer at the end of a fiscal year, an election will be held to fill the position.**

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ARTICLE XI. Geographical Areas

Geographical areas of the state shall be generally determined by Interstate Highways 35 and 40 which divide the state into four equal parts. Within this general determination, county boundaries will remain intact, with the entire county voting within that geographic region containing the greater portion of the county.

NORTHEASTERN AREA: Kay, Noble, Pawnee, Payne, Lincoln, Creek, Osage, Washington, Tulsa, Okmulgee, Nowata, Rogers, Wagoner, McIntosh, Sequoyah, Adair, Cherokee, Mayes, Ottawa, Craig, Delaware, Muskogee.

NORTHWESTERN AREA: Grant, Garfield, Logan, Oklahoma, Canadian, Kingfisher, Blaine, Custer, Roger Mills, Dewey, Major, Alfalfa, Woods, Woodward, Harper, Ellis, Beaver, Texas, Cimarron.

SOUTHEASTERN AREA: Leflore, McCurtain, Choctaw, Pushmataha, Latimer, Haskell, Pittsburg, Atoka, Bryan, Marshall, Johnston, Cash, Hughes, Okfusgee, Seminole, Pottawatomie, Pontotoc, Murray, Garvin, Carter, Love, Cleveland.

SOUTHWESTERN AREA: Beckham, Washita, Caddo, Grady, McClain, Jefferson, Cotton, Comanche, Tillman, Jackson, Harmon, Greer, Kiowa, Stephens.

ARTICLE XII. Relationships with Other Organizations

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NORTHWESTERN AREA: Grant, Garfield, Logan, Oklahoma, Canadian, Kingfisher, Blaine, Custer, Roger Mills, Dewey, Major, Alfalfa, Woods, Woodward, Harper, Ellis, Beaver, Texas, Cimarron.

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ARTICLE XIII. Official Publication

1. The official publication of the Oklahoma Association shall be ACDA-SOONER STYLE. Frequency of publication will be subject to recommendations of the President and Vice-President with the approval of the Board of Directors.
2. The Editor of the newsletter shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and paid a stipend for this position. The appointment is subject to annual approval by the Board of Directors.

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These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the membership voting at a business meeting or two-thirds majority of those casting ballots by mail; providing that such amendments shall have been presented to the membership at the immediately preceding business meeting or published in the newsletter prior to the business meeting.

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ARTICLE XIII. Events

Activities of the Association may include the following events:

- a. Convention held in July
- b. All-OCDA Festival held in January
- c. All-Collegiate Festival held in the spring
- d. Children's Festival held in the spring

ARTICLE XIV. Awards

The Oklahoma Association regularly recognizes a Director of Distinction. Recipients should exemplify the following characteristics:

- a. A high standard of musicianship as demonstrated by work in choral music in Oklahoma.
- b. A high standard of professionalism as demonstrated by scholarship and relations with fellow musicians.
- c. A record of service to choral music in Oklahoma.
- d. A record of active service in the Oklahoma Choral Directors Association.

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