

Stonewall Brigade Band, Inc.
3 Gypsy Hill Park
Staunton, Virginia 24401

CONSTITUTION

Article I

The purpose of this Constitution is to enable government of the organization known as the Stonewall Brigade Band, Inc.

Article II

The object of the Band and the purpose for which it is organized, maintained, and operated as an all volunteer, not for profit organization is to provide for continuing free musical instruction, teaching, training, practice, and learning in concert band music performance; to specifically improve and enhance its members' musical interpretive, technical, and artistic skills, enhance and promote their own mutual musical recreation, promote a continuing interest in live, non electronically enhanced concert band musical performance, composition, and arrangement, entertain its own Virginia and Shenandoah Valley's family and family of friends and neighbors, and to preserve the historic tradition and life of the organization; and,

- a) To provide for the continued existence of the community concert Band known as "Stonewall Brigade Band."
- b) To support any small instrumental ensembles that may be formed by the members of the concert Band.
- c) To provide free concerts for the general public.
- d) To obtain rehearsal quarters, music, instruments, equipment, and staff to operate the concert Band and small instrumental ensembles.
- e) To obtain financial, organizational and logistical support for the activities of the Band
- f) To conduct of any or all lawful affairs, not required to be specifically stated in the articles of incorporation, for which corporations may be incorporated under this act.

Article III

The principal office is located at 3 Gypsy Hill Park and the business is transacted in the City of Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia.

Article IV

The Governing Body (Executive Committee), also known as the Board of Directors of the organization, shall be those elected officers who shall consist of the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and business manager. They shall meet at least quarterly or at any time at the request of any elected officer. A quorum shall be three (3) members provided all Executive Committee members have been notified of an impending business meeting and have excused themselves. Should the number of the elected Governing Body fall below a quorum owing to death, incapacitation, resignation, or other reasons, the remaining officers shall appoint temporary officers from the Band membership; and, conduct a special election of the membership to reconstitute the Governing Body as soon as practical.

Article V

The officers shall be elected annually at the first regular meeting of the Band in December, or as soon thereafter as practical, to take office at the first regular meeting of the Band in January, or as soon thereafter as practical. The organization shall operate on a calendar year basis, January 1 through December 31.

Article VI

The officers shall have the authority to:

- a) Appoint and assign staffs, committees and special or temporary assistants and any others to duties deemed necessary to the lawful business of the Band. Such appointees shall report and be responsible to the Governing Body only and serve at the pleasure of that Body;
- b) Budget, appropriate, obligate, and expend funds for the various equipment, materials, and services for the Band or its members not to exceed the amount of \$500.00;
- c) Negotiate contracts and to sign binding agreements subject to the approval of two-thirds the majority of the membership where such exceeds the aforementioned monetary authority; and,
- d) Engage in arrangements to commit the Band to performance engagements.

Article VII

Amendments to this constitution may be made as follows:

- a) Initiation by the Governing Body and notification to the membership of the amendment(s) for consideration; and,
- b) Presentation at a business meeting of the membership upon endorsement by two-thirds membership majority vote in favor of considering the amendment(s). Amendments are adopted upon two-thirds majority present membership vote in favor of adoption at a second business meeting held not earlier than one (1) month after initiation and notification or presentation to the membership.

Article VIII

Membership in the Stonewall Brigade Band, Inc. may be granted to any person of general good character regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, who applies in writing for membership; and, who remains in general good character and demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors, a genuine attempt and a reasonable ability to constructively participate, develop, and execute the musical format and concert interests of the Stonewall Brigade Band, Inc. The membership shall be defined as those members, so voted previously as full members, deemed by the Governing Board to be active in rehearsal, concert, events, or any Band business activities for at least the past six (6) months preceding any issue brought for vote. Full members under the age of eighteen (18) must exercise their franchise through their legal guardian of their choice.