

Central Valley Guard and Percussion Circuit (C. V. G. P. C.) Constitution and Bylaws

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The official name of the organization is hereby established as the Central Valley Guard and Percussion Circuit. The name may be abbreviated to C.V.G.P.C.

Section 2. The purpose of the organization is to provide a circuit of standardized, adjudicated performance opportunities (shows) for scholastic and independent color guard and percussion ensembles within the bounds of the Winter Guard International (WGI) Color Guard and Percussion manuals. Judges will give positive and constructive comments to performing groups. Some additions/changes may be made by the governing board of CVGPC to the color guard and percussion manuals to accommodate requests by the General Membership and Junior High (Middle School) class ensembles.

Section 3. This organization is formed for nonprofit purposes. No individual member or officer will derive any profit there from.

ARTICLE II – GOVERNMENT

Section 1. *The Board of Directors* – The Board of Directors of the organization shall consist of the elective officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Show Coordinator shall also be an ex-officio voting member.

Section 2. *Terms of Office* – All officers of the CVGPC Board of Directors shall be elected for a two (2) year term or until their successors take office. Said successors shall take office May 1 and terminate on April 30 of the second year.

Section 3. *Resignation* – In the event of the resignation of an elected officer, the office shall be declared vacant and the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement within thirty (30) days.

Section 4. *Removal* – In the event of the removal of an elected officer, the office shall be declared vacant and the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement within thirty (30) days.

ARTICLE III – ELECTIONS

Section 1. *Nominations* – Nominations shall be by self-nomination during the first show of each season. Directors of participation bodies are eligible to hold office.

Section 2. *Elections* – Elections shall be held via live vote. Nominations for open officer positions will be taken at the first show of each season. A list of nominees for open positions will be presented to the membership at the third show of each season. Elections will be taken by a live vote at Championships of each season and announced to the General Membership via email. Each school or independent organization gets one (1) vote which should be made by the Director.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

Section 1. *General, Special, and Committee Meetings* – There will be no regular meetings of the CVGPC. The Board of Directors may call regular or special meetings of the general membership, or any special committees at any time if the need arises. A quorum is established by members present and at least one (1) board member. No general or special meeting of the membership shall be valid unless a quorum is present and if certified by the President or Vice President acting on the President’s behalf, as provided by the Bylaws. In all voting by the general membership, a simple majority of eligible members present and voting shall carry the vote. In cases of a vote taken by mail, a simple majority of the votes by eligible members returning ballots shall carry the vote.

Section 2. *Board of Directors* – The Board of Directors may call regular or special meetings of the Board of Directors at any time if the need arises. It is understood that several meetings will be called to organize the competitive season but these meetings shall be scheduled on an “as-needed” basis. A quorum shall consist of the President OR Vice President, and two (2) other officers. Minutes for a Board of Directors meeting will be posted to the circuit website within one (1) week of scheduled meeting date.

ARTICLE V – DEDICATION AND DISSOLUTION

The property of this organization is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income of assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private persons. Upon the dissolution of this organization, its assets remaining after payment or provision for payment, of all debts and

liabilities of this organization shall be distributed evenly amongst the current “member” color guard and percussion unit’s schools.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

The constitution, or any portion of it, may be amended or repealed as provided for in the Bylaws.

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BYLAWS

Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the following constitute the Bylaws for the regulation and conduct of business of the Central Valley Guard and Percussion Circuit (CVGPC)

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the organization shall include the band directors of participating schools or ensemble directors of independent ensembles. The membership year shall be from January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE II – FEES AND DUES

The membership fees shall be established by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. *President* – Presides at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall have the general powers and duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. *Vice President* – In absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform all duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all powers and the subject to all limitations of the President. The Vice President shall have such powers and perform other such duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors. The Vice President shall assist the Treasurer in financial matters and shall act as auditor alongside the Treasurer.

Section 3. Secretary – The secretary shall keep all records of the Association, record minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the general membership. Minutes for General Membership and Board of Directors meetings will be posted to the circuit webpage within one (1) week of scheduled meeting.

Section 4. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall keep, or cause to be kept, accounts of all financial transactions of the organization; shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, all funds to the credit of the organization with depositories designated by the Board of Directors. Account reports should be available upon request by any member of the organization.

Section 5. Show Coordinator – The Show Coordinator shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall be an ex-officio voting member of the Board of Directors. The Show Coordinator will also be responsible for the distribution of contest information to show hosts and shall coordinate dates, sites and venues for all contests. The Show Coordinator shall act as a liaison between the CVGPC and the show host and shall handle and coordinate all facets of each competition with the show host.

Section 6. Board of Directors – The Board of Directors shall conduct the business of the organization and establish rules and policies that are consistent with the purpose, the Constitution, and Bylaws of the organization. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to appoint or remove officers, submit a full financial recap to the membership, and shall establish standing and special committees and appoint chairpersons thereto. In all voting by the Board of Directors, a simple majority of those members present and voting, shall carry the vote, with the exception of the following matters that require two-thirds (2/3) majority of the General Membership to carry: Approval of a proposed amendment.

ARTICLE IV – COMMITTEES

Section 1. Elections Committee – An Election Committee shall be established by the Board of Directors. An Elections Committee shall consist of at least one (1) board members and at least one (1) member of the general membership.

Section 2. Standing and Special Committees – Standing and Special Committees may be established by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V – RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall be followed in all business meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. *Amendments* – A petition with signatures from at least fifty percent (50%) of the general membership in good standing, or action of the Board of Directors, may initiate amendments to the constitution or Bylaws. Once initiated, the proposed amendment(s) shall be referred to an Amendment Committee appointed by the Board of Directors from among the general membership. The Amendment Committee shall prepare the proposed change(s) for review by the Board of Directors for presentation to the general membership for review, discussion, and adoption.

Section 2. *Constitutional Amendments* – Amendments to the Constitution require presentation and discussion at one general meeting, or may be distributed in writing for review, and sent by mail. Voting on the proposed amendment(s) shall take place at the next regular or special meeting of the general membership, or may be returned by mail, following a suitable review period as determined by the Board of Directors. A two-thirds (2/3) vote is required for adoption.

Section 3. *Bylaws Amendments* – Presentation and discussion of amendments to the Bylaws may occur during any general meeting of the membership, or may be distributed in writing for review and sent by mail. Voting on the proposed amendment(s) shall take place at the next regular or special meeting of the general membership, or may be returned by mail, following a suitable review period as determined by Board of Directors. A simple majority vote is required for adoption.