

The Ohio State University's: **Buckeye Concert Band**

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Article I

Title

I-A

The name of this student organization shall be...

The Ohio State University('s:) Buckeye Concert Band

I-B

The key focus of the name is placed upon its relationship to The Ohio State University, specifically being of, by, and for the Ohio State University and its students. The name can be abbreviated to tOSUBCB or BCB for short.

Article II

Purpose

II-A

The primary purpose of this organization is to be for the student-led appreciation and culturing of “wind band” repertoire, specifically in reference to the “classics” of wind band. It is up to the leadership, and more importantly the band, to determine what that may entail as time passes, definitions shift, and meanings obscure. This is to be achieved via two potential avenues:

- 1) Sight reading rehearsals aimed to expose the ensemble to wind band works and/or,
- 2) Preparation and exhibition of concerts primarily composed of wind band repertoire.

II-B

The secondary purpose of this organization is to be for the student-led development and application of conducting techniques for those in the ensemble whom, in order of importance:

- 1) Have been enrolled in conducting courses offered by The Ohio State University,
- 2) Currently are enrolled in conducting courses offered by The Ohio State University,
- 3) Will be enrolled in conducting courses offered by The Ohio State University,
- 4) Wish to develop, as a Bachelor of Science in Music or Bachelor of Music student, their ability in conducting that they may otherwise not be afforded through their studies at The Ohio State University,
- 5) Wish to develop, as a Minor in Music, their ability in conducting that they may otherwise not be afforded through their studies at The Ohio State University,
- 6) Wish to develop, as a student of any other school of study at The Ohio State University, their ability in conducting that they may otherwise not be afforded through their studies at The Ohio State University.

II-C

The tertiary purpose of this organization is to be for a compositional or arranging outlet for any student of at least Bachelor of Science in Music or Bachelor of Music education wishing for a group to play their works.

- The student must, at least, have completed Music Theory I, or more ideally, have completed Music Theory IV. Students that do not have prior theory knowledge will not be permitted to share their works. Students who have theory knowledge beyond Theory I but under Theory IV may be permitted to share works, but only after clearance by the organization's administration.
- Students who are educated in theory through Theory IV and beyond shall be allowed to share their works freely, but in a manner that does not overshadow the primary purpose of the organization.
- The works shared with the organization do not necessarily need to adhere to any one musical genre or time period, but the instrumentation of such works need to adhere to typical wind band instrumentation.

Article III

Non-discrimination and Misconduct Policy

This organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, The Ohio State University Buckeye Concert Band expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here:

<https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf>.

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at <http://titleIX.osu.edu> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

Article IV

Membership

IV-A

Membership within the organization is to be open for any student of any field at The Ohio State University along with any other restititional colleges and universities that The Ohio State University affiliates itself with.

IV-B

Those wishing to be members of the organization must be willing to undertake one or more of the following duties in attendance at rehearsals/performances of the organization:

- Play works on a typical wind band instrument, which will be expected of *all* members of the organization,
- Conduct works,
- Compose works,
- Arrange works,
- Teach and/or assist in the educational pursuits that accompany any of the prior four duties of members.

IV-C

Potential members will be added upon filling out an interest form through either the Buckeye Concert Band GroupMe or the Buckeye Concert Band Discord server. Upon filling out the form, they will be expected to attend the next rehearsal/concert.

IV-D

Members may be removed should they fail to fulfill at least one of the duties of membership (IV-B), or, should they violate the Non-discrimination and Misconduct Policies (III).

IV-E

Should an individual's membership be questioned, a simple-majority democratic vote is to be held to determine if the individual has fulfilled their duties (IV-B), with the Faculty Advisor (VII) tie-breaking at a later date if need be. If the individual has fulfilled their duties and is not a member, then they will be added to the Secretary's member roster (V) and granted membership status. If the individual has not fulfilled their duties, then they will be removed from the Secretary's member roster, and will have their membership status revoked.

Article V

Leadership/Executive Board

V-A

The organization is to have, minimum, five positions of leadership constituting an executive board as follows:

- President
- Vice President, or, VP
- Master of Ceremonies, or, MC
- Secretary
- Treasurer

With more positions able to be added as assistants to any role except President and Vice President.

V-B

The President of the organization shall be first in charge of leading the executive board and general members of the organization, as well as assisting them in all of their duties. In regards to assisting other members of the leadership for decision making, the President is to have an equal say as the officer he's assisting in the decision.

V-C

The Vice President of the organization is to assist the President specifically in their management of the executive board. In regards to assisting the President's conjoined decision making with the officers, the Vice President is to also have an equal say as the President and officer in question.

V-D

The Master of Ceremonies is to be first in charge of determining repertoire and conductors for rehearsals and performances of the organization. The MC must also work alongside the Treasurer for buying scores should it be necessary, and alongside the Secretary for scheduling rehearsals.

V-E

The Secretary is to be first in charge of the logistical aspects of the organization, including: scheduling dates, times and rooms of rehearsals and performances, keeping log of rehearsal schedules and how the rehearsals unfold, keeping log of the compositions being played, keeping log of the conductors and to which piece they conduct, keeping log of attendance, and keeping log of membership. The Secretary is expected to make any and all of this information readily accessible to any member of the organization. The Secretary is also in charge of calling meetings to instate/remove members in the process outlined in Article IV-E.

V-F

The Treasurer is to be first in charge of all the organization's monetary concerns. This can include the purchasing of scores, purchasing of performance rights, purchasing of performance spaces, listing of ticket prices, as well as any matters related to raising funds or spending them on the ensemble. The Treasurer is also expected to keep a detailed checkbook of all money flowing in and out of the organization, as well as listed reasons for each charge in or out of the organization's account.

V-G

Like the Vice President is to the President, assistants to any other executive board position may be appointed by the officer of that position, which is to be confirmed or denied by the other executive board officers in a simple-majority democratic vote. The Faculty Advisor may be asked to vote if a tie-breaker is needed.

Article VI

Elections

VI-A

The candidacy for each position in an election is to be determined in the penultimate meeting of the fall semester.

VI-B

All members of the organization are to nominate, from amongst themselves, candidates for the positions as listed in Article V. All nominations must be seconded by a member other than the one who nominated or the one being nominated. All offices must have at least one candidate.

VI-C

Elections are to be held annually at the final meeting of the fall semester.

VI-D

The leadership candidates are to be elected by a simple-majority democratic vote of the general membership of the organization for each primary office needing to be filled. If the position has only one nomination, then the votes of popularity will become votes of confidence or no confidence instead. Should the sole candidate be voted 'no confidence,' then the nomination process (VI-C) for that position will be reinstated, followed by the election process again, until an officer is elected.

VI-E

If a position has more than 3 candidates, then the 'First Past the Post' system of election will be abandoned in exchange for the 'Alternative Vote' system. Members will each rank the candidates in order from least to most desirable, assigning points to each candidate. In the member's vote, their 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choice candidates will be awarded 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 point respectively, with all other candidates receiving 0 points. Once all the members have made their rankings, the resulting points for each candidate for the position will be tallied. The candidate with the most points will be elected into the role. Should there be a tie, the Faculty Advisor may be called to a tie-break.

Article VII

Inquisition and Deposition

VII-A

At any time during the semester, any member of the organization may call for an inquisition of any officer of any office. The motion to inquisite must be based on belief that the officer is not fulfilling their duties of their position, or that they have violated Article III. This motion to inquisite must be seconded by at least 2 other members of the organization, wherein a simple-majority democratic vote to inquisite will be taken by all members of the organization. Should the vote pass, see Article VII-B.

VII-B

An inquisition to an office must occur as its own meeting, separate from any rehearsals, performances, nomination, or election cycles. Should the office of Secretary be under investigation, then the office of President will assume its role in organizing the meeting, and the office of Vice President will assume its role in logging the meeting. If those offices are also in question, then those duties will fall to the Faculty Advisor.

VII-C

In the inquisition, evidence against the officer will be presented, at which point the officer, or those representing the officer, may present evidence in favor of the officer. Following this, an open discussion is to be had between all members of the organization, to discuss the points. Once the discussion has ended, the organization will take a 2/3-majority democratic vote to depose the officer. Should the vote pass, see Article VII-D.

VII-D

Once an officer has been deposed, the officer will then become a regular member of the organization. The candidacy and election cycle process is to occur in a follow-up meeting to determine a new officer for the newly vacated position, see Article VI.

Article VIII

Faculty Advisory

At any given time, the organization must have, at least, one faculty advisor, appointed in the same manner as any other member of administration for the organization.

The faculty advisor may, or may not, consider themselves a member of the organization. Should they, they must adopt a duty like any other member of the organization. As such, the unspoken “no-faculty-membership” rule may be broken for, and only for, the faculty advisor.

Article IX

Amendments

Should amendments be necessary, they must be made by the administration, and approved in the same manner as election appointments.

Any amendments made must follow the expectations and community guidelines set forth in Article III, which is immutable by anyone within the organization and as dictated by the university.