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Article I

Name

This organization, a Maryland not-for-profit corporation, shall be known as the Columbia Bands (CB), which is tax exempt under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article II

Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to foster and promote the concept of the adult community band. In implementing this purpose the organization's goals shall be:

1. to contribute positively to the musical environment of the area it serves;
2. to provide an opportunity for individual musical expression and growth among the membership through affiliated ensembles (the Columbia Concert Band, the Columbia Jazz Band, and others as formed);
3. to assist in the musical education of young people, the future generation of adult musicians, through the presentation of concerts, clinics, and festivals;
4. to reaffirm the community band position in American music by broadening appreciation of its range and depth of music.

Article III

Membership

Any musician who supports the purpose of the Columbia Bands as set forth in Article II may apply for membership. Requirements and qualifications for membership shall be stated in the By-Laws and Operating Procedures.

Article IV

Non-discrimination

In the course of fulfilling its mission, the Columbia Bands shall operate without regard to sex, race, national origin, marital status, age, political views or affiliation, religious views or affiliation, sexual orientation, disability, or other factor unrelated to the support of the mission.

Article V

Governance

The executive authority of the Columbia Bands shall be vested in a Board of Directors, whose duties shall include management of the general and financial affairs of the band; filling of vacancies on the Board of Directors; the election of a chair; and the appointment and dismissal of the music director(s), and any other staff position(s). The board shall be empowered to establish committees and subcommittees of the board and the band to assist in fulfilling its duties.

Article VI

Elections

Elections for membership on the Board of Directors shall be held annually. The terms of office and manner of election or appointment of members of the Board of Directors shall be stated in the By-Laws.

Article VII

Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the Columbia Bands, the Board of Directors, after satisfying all outstanding liabilities, shall dispose of any remaining assets to one or more institutions or organizations in such a manner as to promote the goals stated in Article II. A motion for dissolution shall require the approval of three-fourths of the membership for adoption. Notice of such a motion shall be provided to the membership not later than the earlier of 30 days or three rehearsals prior to the voting date. Voting shall take place at a scheduled rehearsal.

Article VIII

Amendments

The constitution may be altered or amended by approval of three-fourths of the membership. Notice of the proposed amendment and a copy of the text shall be provided to the membership not later than the earlier of 10 days or two rehearsals prior to the voting date. Voting shall take place at a scheduled rehearsal.