

**CONSTITUTION
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA BAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**
Last Amended Fall 2005

ARTICLE I. Name.

The name of this organization shall be The University of Oklahoma Band Alumni Association, comprised of former University of Oklahoma Band members. This organization may be referred to as "The OU Alumni Band," as relating to membership participation in the annual Homecoming Weekend activities or other band-related activities. As deemed by the OU Alumni Association, this organization may also be referred to as "The OU Club of Alumni Band."

ARTICLE II. Purpose.

This organization is founded to foster a spirit of interest and cooperation among band alumni toward the University and provide a medium through which band alumni might continue their contact with, and support of, The University of Oklahoma Bands. Objectives include:

- 1) Widen acquaintance and fellowship between alumni and those who are interested in The University of Oklahoma Bands;
- 2) Take joint action in striving for greater recognition of The University of Oklahoma Bands;
- 3) To be constantly alert for, and to stimulate the discovery of, potential talent in high schools and preparatory schools for membership in The University of Oklahoma Bands;
- 4) Create good will for The University of Oklahoma Bands;
- 5) Encourage devotion and respect for the high standards upheld by The University of Oklahoma Bands.

In October 2005, during the Centennial Celebration of the University of Oklahoma Bands, the general membership elected to become part of the OU Alumni Association to further participate in Alumni-related benefits.

ARTICLE III. Membership.

Membership in the Association shall be extended to all former members of The University of Oklahoma Bands. Regular membership dues in the Association shall be \$15.00 per year.

Honorary Membership may be extended to persons having no previous band membership by a majority vote of the Advisory Council, (See Article V, Sec. 1). Honorary members are exempt from paying dues and shall enjoy all privileges of the Association except those of voting and holding office.

Honorary Life Membership may be extended to an alumni band member who meets one of two requirements:

- 1) Make a new financial contribution to one of the Pride Scholarship Funds in the amount of \$600.00 or more (previous contributions excluded).
- 2) Make outstanding contributions to the welfare of The University of Oklahoma Bands and The University of Oklahoma Band Alumni Association. Election to Honorary Life Membership shall be by a majority vote of the Advisory Council. Honorary Life Members are exempt from paying dues.

ARTICLE IV. Officers.

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor/Historian, and Equipment Manager. Their duties shall be as follows:

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- a) The President shall preside at all meetings and shall be responsible for general supervision of all work of the Association. The President shall appoint working committees and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- b) The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and shall assist the President in any other way necessary.
- c) The Secretary shall take and read Minutes of all meetings and maintain all correspondence pertaining to duties of this office.
- d) The Treasurer shall collect dues, issue membership cards, and make disbursements authorized by the Executive Board (see Article IV, Sec. 2) as well as prepare and submit an annual financial report.
- e) The Editor/Historian shall assist the Secretary with preparation of the Association newsletter, to be published and distributed to the membership at the discretion of the Advisory Council, as well as maintain the historical, archival records and memorabilia of the Association.
- f) The Equipment Manager assists during Alumni Band activities, primarily at Homecoming, by arranging for equipment truck rental and storage of the large brass, percussion, flags, and other paraphernalia as needed during activities.

The term of each office shall be two (2) years to begin January 1 of each odd-numbered year and end on December 31 each even-numbered year. All officers shall be elected biannually by majority vote at every even-numbered year's general meeting. Special elections of officers, if necessary, may be held at any odd-numbered year's general meeting.

Section 2. The six officers named in this Section 1 shall constitute the membership of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V. Other Offices.

Section 1. The Advisory Council shall be composed as follows:

- a) The five members of the Executive Board;
- b) Four members of the Association to be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board;
- c) The University Director of Bands, Associate Director(s) of Bands, and Director of the Pride of Oklahoma. These members shall be non-voting ex-officio members.

Section 2. The Executive Board, with the approval of the Advisory Council, shall conduct all affairs of the Association.

Section 3. The Advisory Council shall serve as the nominating committee for the Association. Nominations from the floor for all positions shall be honored at the time of election.

Section 4. There shall be a Scholarship Committee whose purpose is to approve recipients of Alumni Band Scholarships. Membership is composed as follows:

- a) Two members from the Association,
- b) Sponsor of the Foundation Alumni Band account,
- c) Treasurer of the Association,
- d) A representative of the University of Oklahoma Foundation,
- e) The University Director of Bands,

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- f) Director of the Pride of Oklahoma Marching Band, and
- g) Conductor of the Symphonic Winds.

ARTICLE VI. General Meeting.

Section 1. There shall be a minimum of one (1) general meeting per year for the general membership.

Section 2. There shall be an annual meeting of the Advisory Council in addition to the general meeting during which past and future business as projected by the Executive Board will be reviewed and discussed.

Section 3. Pertinent Board action shall be briefly reported at the annual meeting. Annual reports by officers and chairpersons of standing committees shall also be made at this meeting.

Section 4. Other general meetings of the Association may be called at the discretion of the Advisory Council.

ARTICLE VII. Amendments.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of active members present.

