

Eastern Connecticut State University SNATS Chapter Constitution

Mission Statement: to represent the National Association of Teachers of Singing, educate members of the Eastern community interested in classical voice practices, and enrich Eastern's campus culture through collaborative and educational trips, events, recitals, competitions, community outreach activities, and academic opportunities.

Preamble:

1. The name of this organization shall be: Eastern Connecticut State University Student Chapter, National Association of Teachers of Singing, hereafter referred to as “Eastern SNATS.” Eastern SNATS is a student organization at Eastern Connecticut State University.
2. The objectives of this organization shall be:
 - a) To advance knowledge about the National Association of Teachers of Singing and the professions of teaching and singing.
 - b) to provide fellowship among students and faculty, as well as the community.
 - c) to represent future music educators' needs and wants in regards to furthering student knowledge and awareness of vocal scholarship, science and teaching practices.
 - d) to provide a forum for the presentation of innovative ideas to enrich the university community.
 - e) to bring together students, faculty and members of the community with a common interest.

I. Article I: Membership

1. Any person interested in singing, the study of voice, or the teaching of singing is eligible to be an active member.
2. Only current students at Eastern Connecticut State University are eligible to be members or officers.
3. Participation in Eastern SNATS must be without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

II. Article II: University Compliance

This organization shall comply with all Eastern Connecticut State University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

III. Article III: Executive Officers

1. The executive board consists of all officers.
2. Election of Officers:
 - a) The officers of this organization shall include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
 - b) Officers will be elected by vote of all members. A majority of votes will constitute a victory.

- c) Elections for each academic year will take place during the last meeting of the Spring Semester.
 - d) Officers will assume office for the period of one year beginning the first day after the last day of final exams of the spring semester.
 - e) If an officer resigns or is recalled a reelection will be held at the next scheduled meeting following the procedures of the regular election.
3. Recall of Officers:
- a) Officers are subject to recall for malfeasance in office.
 - b) Prior to recall procedures, the organization's advisor may address the problem with the officer.
 - c) Recall procedures will be initiated at the request of five active members
 - d) A hearing will be conducted at a regular meeting by the organization's President for the presentation of evidence from all concerned parties.
 - e) A majority of those members voting in a recall at the end of the hearing is necessary to remove anyone from office.

IV. Article IV: Advisor

A Professor at Eastern Connecticut State University shall serve as Faculty Advisor for Eastern SNATS. The Advisor's responsibility is serve as a resource for the Chapter and Officers in various matters concerning the study of voice and the teaching of singing, and for any questions or concerns, which the Chapter and Officers may have regarding the Chapter's administration, focus and format.

V. Article V: Meetings

1. Meetings will be held at a time decided on by the Executive Board and the club's members.
2. Meetings will follow established order as set by the organization but will include a call to order, roll call, reports, old business and new business. Meetings may include speakers or other added features. During meetings, members may present concerns for discussion and vote.
3. Attendance and meeting minutes will be recorded by the Secretary at each meeting.

VI. Article VI: Elections

Elections will take place during the April meeting. Any member in good standing may nominate another member for office, including self nominations. Voting will be by cast by a show of hands, fifty percent of members must be present (a quorum) in order to elect an Officer. The majority of votes of those in attendance will decide the election. A quorum shall be a minimum of 50% plus one of the members in attendance.

VII. Article VII: ENUMERATION OF POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by this constitution and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization. Duties shall include but shall not be limited to the following.

1. The President

- a) Coordinates all activities of the organization.
- b) Liaison to the University community.
- c) Official representative of the organization.
- d) Calls regular and special meetings.
- e) Presides at meetings.
- f) Prepares agenda for meetings.
- g) Coordinate any guest speakers and/or special events.

2. Vice President

- a) Assumes duties of President when necessary.
- b) Assists President in coordinating activities.
- c) Liaison to the Voice area.
- d) Assists the President in coordinating guest speakers and/or special events.

3. Secretary

- a) Maintains accurate and current information of the organization and membership.
- b) Assists President and Vice President to coordinate organization activities.
- c) Keeps accurate minutes of each meetings and forwards copies to other officers.
- d) Keeps attendance records for meetings.
- e) Responsible for membership recruitment.
- f) Publicizes activities and meetings.

4. Treasurer

- a) Liaison to the Student Activities Office for organizational funding.
- b) Maintains accurate and current account of all organizational funds.
- c) Responsible for dispensing of funds in accordance with goals and programs established by the organization.

VIII. Article VII: Statement of Non-Hazing

Hazing is strictly prohibited. Hazing shall be defined as any conduct which subjects another person, whether physically, mentally, emotionally, or psychologically, to anything that may

endanger, abuse, degrade, or intimidate the person as a condition of association with a group or organization, regardless of this person's consent or lack of consent.

IX. Article VIII: Dues & Budgets

1. A specific member or members, designated by this organization, shall be responsible for payment in full of all debts accumulated by the organization not covered by funds on deposit.
2. Any spending of funds or reimbursement must be approved in advance by the treasurer and properly documented.
3. The Treasurer will create and maintain the Budget for the organization. The budget shall be revised as needed based upon the goals and activities of the group.

X. Article IX: Finances

The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining financial records of disbursements of all monies allocated to the organization and shall present such records to the organization in the spring each year for budgetary purposes. The organization may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds of the members. In the event of the dissolution of the Club other than for purposes of reorganization whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club but after payment of the debts of the Club its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of music education selected by the Board of Directors.

XI. Article X: Amendments

1. This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of those voting; a quorum must be present.
2. Voting on amendments must be conducted after a minimum notice of two weeks.

XII. Article XII: Ratification

This constitution must be ratified by a majority vote at a regular meeting and approved by the Student Government Association Budget and Management Committee.