

Green Apple Folk Music Society

By-Laws

I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Green Apple Folk Music Society.

II. Purpose

The purpose of the organization shall be to promote and encourage folk music, particularly in east central Wisconsin.

III. Form of organization

Green Apple Folk Music Society shall be a membership organization and a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the state of Wisconsin.

IV. Membership

Membership shall be open to any individual or family supporting the purpose of the organization.

Members shall have all rights and privileges so long as they pay membership dues. Membership may be revoked for cause by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

V. General Membership Meetings

The Board of Directors shall call an annual membership meeting between August 15 and September 15 of each year. Every member of the organization shall be notified in writing at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. At this meeting, members shall elect a Board of Directors for the coming year. Members may also initiate such other business as any member desires. Votes of the membership shall be binding upon the Board.

The Board shall convene a general membership meeting on any other occasion when a majority of the membership shall petition for one. The petition shall state any causes for requesting the meeting. Within 30 days after receipt of such a petition by any officer of the Board, the Board shall set a date for a general membership meeting. Every member of the organization shall be notified in writing at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. The agenda of this meeting shall be limited to any items identified in the petition.

VI. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of at least five, and no more than fifteen, members elected at the annual meeting. Board members are elected for one-year terms; there is no limit to the number of terms a Board member may serve. A quorum for doing business shall consist of a majority of Board members. Duties of the Board include planning the regular business of the organization, including public events, collecting all fees and discharging all debts of the organization. Unless directed by the membership, the Board shall set admission fees, dues, and schedules.

VII. Officers

Election

Sitting Board members at the first regular Board meeting following the annual meeting shall elect officers for a one-year term, with no limit on successive terms.

Duties

PRESIDENT: The President shall be the executive officer for the organization, and shall convene, set the agenda for and conduct all meetings.

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall fulfill the President's duties in the absence of the President.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall record and distribute minutes of actions taken at all Board meetings and membership meetings. The Secretary shall also undertake any correspondence as directed by the Board.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall receive and disburse the funds of the organization and shall make a financial report at each meeting.

VIII. Committees

Committees shall be appointed ad hoc as the Board deems necessary for conducting the business of the organization.

IX. Order of Business

To the extent possible, meetings will be informal and decisions by consensus. In the event that formal order is needed, the most recent edition of Robert Rules of Order Newly Revised will be followed.

X. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of members present at a membership meeting, provided that notice of proposed amendments has been provided to all members in writing in advance of the meeting.

XI. Dissolution

Should the organization cease to function, the officers may legally dissolve the corporation. In that event, any remaining assets will be divided among local nonprofit charities providing food and shelter to those in need.