

**American Choral Directors Association
ACDA-IU
Constitution**

PREAMBLE

The name of this organization shall be American Choral Directors Association at Indiana University.

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this organization shall be made up from among the students at Indiana University who, because of their serious interest in the improvement of choral music and the profession of the choral director, have chosen to become members of the Indiana University Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association.

ARTICLE II: UNIVERSITY COMPLIANCE

This organization shall comply with all Indiana University regulations, and local, state and federal laws.

ARTICLE III: AFFILIATION AND CO-ORDINATION

This student chapter of the American Choral Directors Association is an integral part of the National American Choral Directors Association, and shall be governed by the professional and financial policies laid down in the National Constitution of the American Choral Directors Association. Its official insignia shall be that of the National American Choral Directors Association.

ARTICLE IV: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be those set forth in the National Constitution of the American Choral Directors Association, and are stated as follows:

1. To foster and promote choral singing, which will provide artistic and spirited experiences for the participants.
2. To foster and promote the finest types of choral music to make these experiences possible.
3. To foster and encourage rehearsal procedures conducive to attaining the highest level possible in musicianship and artistic performance.
4. To foster and promote the organization and development of choral groups of all types in schools, colleges, and churches.
5. To foster and promote the organization and development of choral societies in cities and communities.
6. To foster and promote the intelligent understanding of choral music as an important medium of artistic expression and personal growth.
7. To foster and promote significant research in the field of choral music.
8. To foster and promote composition of superior quality in both music and text for all choral combinations.
9. To cooperate with all organizations dedicated to the development of musical culture in America and the world.
10. To disseminate professional news and information about choral music.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

The officers of this chapter of the American Choral Directors Association shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Coordinator, and Graduate Student Representative.

The duties of the President shall be: to preside at the meetings; to appoint committees of the chapter; to represent this organization when necessary; and to administer the policies as laid down in this constitution.

The duties of the Vice-President shall be: to preside at meetings when the President is absent or incapacitated to perform the duties of the office; to assist in administering the affairs of the chapter serving on such committees as are designated in the By-Laws.

The duties of the Secretary shall be: to keep the records of membership; to record the minutes of the meetings; to carry on the necessary chapter correspondence; and to pass on to the secretary succeeding him/her all remaining records.

The duties of the Treasurer shall be: to keep a record of all financial matters pertaining to this organization; to collect and preserve the chapter's funds; to pay out of the chapter's funds the necessary and designated monies to meet the financial obligations of the chapter; and to pass on to the treasurer succeeding him/her all records and funds remaining in the treasury.

The duties of the Events Coordinator shall be: to manage all social media and web pages, create and distribute invitations to all chapter events, coordinate with the Secretary for event scheduling, and to collaborate with the Treasurer for event budgeting.

The duties of the Graduate Student Representative shall be: to assist and advise the executive board and serve as a representative of the graduate student body.

ARTICLE VI: ADVISOR

The duties of the Advisor shall be:

1. To support the goals and aims of the officers and membership
2. To attend meetings when needed
3. To serve as a faculty liaison to the University when deemed appropriate or necessary by the officers.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

The committees of the American Choral Directors Association at Indiana University shall be:

1. Programs and Activities
2. Publicity

The duty of the Program and Activities Committee shall be to arrange for all meetings and activities of the chapter and to designate time and place of the meetings and activities, as provided for in the By-Laws.

The duty of the Publicity Committee shall be to arrange for publicity of any activities or special features of chapter operations or any of its members in local and state newspaper, on radio, or television.

In addition to these standing committees, the President may appoint special committees to attend to and report upon any specific matter that it may become necessary for this chapter to consider.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Regular weekly meetings shall be held at such times and places as shall be designated in the By-Laws.

Special meetings may be called by the President after consultation with and approval of the other officers of the chapter.

The public may be invited to attend any regular or special meeting of this organization.

ARTICLE IX: DUES

Each member will pay dues of five (5) dollars to the organization. These dues will be collected when a member begins his/her affiliation with the organization. In addition, each member is expected to maintain active membership with National American Choral Directors Association.

ARTICLE X: AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution of this organization may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership at any meeting where a quorum is present: provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given at a previous meeting.

ARTICLE XI: ANTI-HAZING POLICY

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 the person's consent or lack of consent.

ARTICLE XII: PERSONAL GAIN CLAUSE

Personal Gain Clause: This organization shall ethically raise and distribute profits from organizational functions to either the organization or to members who provide a service that directly benefits the organization. Individual members may not receive compensation directly from for-profit companies if acting as a representative of a student organization.

ARTICLE XIII: STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Statement of Non-Discrimination: American Choral Directors Association at IU allows any interested student to participate in, become a member of, and seek leadership positions in the organization without regard to arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

ARTICLE XIV: PROGRAMS INVOLVING CHILDREN

This organization, when working with children, will be aware of and abide by the University's Programs Involving Children (PIC) Policy.