

## WYOMING BLUES AND JAZZ SOCIETY BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I

- A. Purposes: The purposes for which this corporation is formed are not for the pecuniary profit and are for educational, social, and cultural purposes. These purposes include the following:
- 1) To promote and perpetuate blues and jazz music.
  - 2) Blues and jazz being true American Heritage and culture, to educate and encourage the playing and listening of the blues and jazz in the community with our monthly jams and events that we have.
  - 3) To provide the public, privately or publicly, with blues and jazz for young and old alike.
  - 4) To encourage members to participate in public events and activities including local, county, regional, and national events.
  - 5) To encourage meetings and parties for the purpose of exchanging ideas in the techniques of blues and jazz.
  - 6) To periodically publish a newsletter featuring the activities of the society and the members thereof and to honor people deceased or alive, national or local who have contributed to the art forms of blues and jazz.
  - 7) To provide meeting places for those who are interested in blues and jazz; and any activities that are in any way related to the above purposes.
- B. To do other things reasonably related to the above purposes.

### ARTICLE II

- A. Memberships: Any person who has an interest in playing or listening to blues or jazz may become a member of the society.
- 1) Member. Any one, upon payment of dues for the current fiscal year and upon subscribing to the laws and agreeing to be bound by the provisions thereof, may have full rights to vote and hold office.
  - 2) Honorary Member. Any person elected to membership in the society by a majority vote of the members present, at the monthly meeting may

become a member without voting rights, or eligibility to hold office, or obligation to pay dues.

B. Membership term: A term of membership shall extend one year beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of the calendar year in which dues are paid.

C. Membership Dues

- 1) Membership dues in this society shall be determined by the Officers based upon the needs of the society.
- 2) Function of Dues: Membership dues are to be used as expense money for the society to purchase card stock for postcards, postage, pay dues for the National Blues Foundation, and other society business.
- 3) Voting Rights: No member of this society shall be eligible to vote without payment of dues, or to enjoy any of the privileges or benefits offered by the association, including the right to hold office.

ARTICLE III

A. Meetings:

- 1) Monthly Meetings: The monthly meetings will be held on the second Sunday of each month. The President may reschedule monthly meetings to accommodate holidays and as may otherwise be necessary. The membership shall be given ten days written and/or e-mail notice of the date, time, and location of the rescheduled monthly meeting.
- 2) Special Meetings: Special meetings may be called by the President by giving the membership ten days written notice of the date, time, location and purpose of the special meeting.

ARTICLE IV

A. Quorum:

- 1) Society: A quorum shall consist of two duly elected officers.

ARTICLE V

A. Officers, Powers, Terms and Duties: The officers of the society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

- 1) Duties of the President: The president shall preside at all meetings of the society. He or she shall be a member ex officio to all committees, and shall perform such duties as usually pertain to this office.
- 2) Duties of the Vice-President: In absence of the President, the Vice-President may/shall perform all those duties of the President.
- 3) Duties of the Secretary: The secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports and letters required of the society. The Secretary shall keep a true record of all meetings of the society and have custody of the books and papers of the society.
- 4) Duties of Treasurer: The Treasure shall have charge of all funds of the society and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the body of the Society. Such money shall only be withdrawn by checks signed by the President and Treasurer, and for the payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the Society. The treasurer shall keep an accurate account of financial transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting and present an annual report for his term.
- 5) The Officers shall serve as the board of directors for purposes of maintaining, preserving, and accounting for society property.

## ARTICLE VI

A. Elections:

- 1) All officers shall be elected for two-year terms.
- 2) All officers shall be elected from the membership.
- 3) All officers will be nominated from the floor, and will have given prior consent.
- 4) All officers will be voted upon and elected by the majority of the members present at the election meeting.

## ARTICLE VII

A. Recall: An officer may be removed from office and any member may be suspended or expelled from the society, for just cause, by two-thirds vote of the members in good standing and present at any special meeting called for that purpose. No vote of suspension, removal, or expulsion may be taken

unless at least 15 days notice, in writing, shall be given to the officer or member with the reasons for their removal or suspension, and the time and place of the special meeting for which such ballot is to be taken.

#### ARTICLE VIII

- A. Committees: Committees, as needed, will be appointed or volunteer upon approval of the chairperson.

#### ARTICLE IX

- A. Amendments: Any amendment of the bylaws may be introduced by any member of the society and acted upon at any required meeting or special meeting called for that purpose, provided that a copy of the amendment has been sent to each society member by US mail 10 days prior to that meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present will be necessary to pass the amendment.

#### ARTICLE X

- A. Exploitation: No member shall exploit the name of the society or use the name for pecuniary or political gain. Such exploitation or use shall constitute grounds for cancellation of the membership.

#### ARTICLE XI

- A. Dissolution: In the event the Wyoming Blues and Jazz Society should be dissolved, that all assets are to be donated to the music department of Casper College.