



WORLD CONCERTINA CONGRESS BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Name and Nonprofit Policy

Section 1. Name: The name of the organization shall be the **World Concertina Congress, Inc.**, hereinafter referred to as “WCC”. It was organized and operated under and through the State of Michigan Department of Commerce on the 17th day of May, 1984 in conformity with Act 162, Public Acts of 1982 Lansing Michigan and incorporated as a 501(c) (4) registered charitable, non-profit organization on the 30th day of June, 2014 in the State of Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions under the 1997 Wisconsin Act 79.

Section 2. Nonprofit Policy: The WCC is a non-profit organization of Chemnitzer Concertina enthusiasts. It shall not be operated for profit, and its entire properties, assets, and facilities shall be devoted to the purposes for which it is organized as set forth in its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, as the same may from time to time be amended.

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Goal

Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of the WCC is to honor the living and to commemorate the deceased who in time have labored and contributed unselfishly toward the production, preservation and promotion of the Chemnitzer Concertina and its diverse cultural music across the globe.

Section 2. The Goal: The Goal of the WCC is to recognize, preserve, educate and provide live musical performance(s):

- a) To preserve and promote the diverse cultural music of those playing the Chemnitzer Concertina
- b) To elevate the image of the Chemnitzer Concertina as a musical instrument
- c) To provide students and the public with educational opportunities
- d) To promote the annual Hall of Fame awards
- e) To recognize individuals for promoting the concertina with a Certificate of Appreciation
- f) To collaborate and partner with other Chemnitzer Concertina organizations and clubs
- g) To solicit donations, grants and philanthropic awards to assure perpetuation of the organization’s funds
- h) To research, document and disseminate information on the musical heritage of the Chemnitzer Concertina

ARTICLE III

Board of Trustees

Section 1. Election and Powers: The Board of Trustees shall have custody, control and direction of the WCC, its collections, property and other assets. Trustees shall be elected for an applicable term at each year's January meeting of the Board of Trustees. Each Trustee shall serve until his or her successor is elected and qualified, unless his or her Trustee position be vacated by resignation, death, removal, or otherwise. A Trustee must be a WCC member or a representative of an active Chemnitzer Concertina Club (a group of concertina musicians or enthusiasts having five or more members). WCC members or Chemnitzer Concertina Club representatives who desire to be considered as a candidate for a position on the Board of Trustees must send a letter of interest via US Mail or email message to the WCC President or be recommended by an existing Trustee at least one month prior to the January Board of Trustees meeting. Qualified candidates will be chosen to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees by a majority vote of all current members of the Board of Trustees who attend the January meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Number: The number of Trustees constituting the entire Board of Trustees shall be no less than six (6), or more than twelve (12). Initially six Trustees will be appointed by the President, two to a one-year term, two to a two-year term, and two to a three-year term. This will allow for a minimum of two (2) Trustees to be elected every year. The Board of Trustees, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members of the Board of Trustees, may resolve to increase or decrease the number of Trustees to the extent permitted in the By-Laws of the WCC, provided that no decrease shall shorten the term of any incumbent Trustee.

Section 3. Vacancies: In case of any vacancy in the Board of Trustees, a successor may be elected to serve the remainder of the vacant term using the process outlined in Article III, Board of Trustees, Section 1, Election and Powers at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees and not waiting for the January meeting of the Board of Trustees. Additional Trustees so elected shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

Section 4. Absences: If any Trustee shall fail to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board of Trustees without excuse accepted as satisfactory by the Board of Trustees, such Trustee shall be deemed to have resigned, and the resulting vacancy shall be filled using the process outlined in Article III, Board of Trustees, Section 1, Election and Powers at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees and not waiting for the January meeting of the Board of Trustees. Absences without notification will be deemed as an unexcused absence. Notification consists of notifying a WCC Officer before the Board of Trustee meeting starts.

Section 5. Removal: At any meeting of the Board of Trustees duly called, any Trustee may, by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the elected Board of Trustees, be removed from office and another may be elected by the Board of Trustees to fill the remaining term of the Trustee so removed. The resulting vacancy shall be filled using the process outlined in Article III, Board of Trustees, Section 1, Election and Powers at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees and not waiting for the January meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Section 6. Meetings: The Board of Trustees shall strive to meet monthly to the extent that is possible. Meetings will be held via telephone conference call on a date and time as determined by the Board of Trustees. Special Meetings of the Board of Trustees may be held at any time, as determined necessary by the WCC President, the Secretary, or by request of a member of the Board of Trustees.

Section 7. Agenda for Meetings: The agenda or order of business for WCC meetings shall include the following:

- a) Call to order
- b) Roll Call
- c) Approval of Minutes
- d) Financial report
- e) Report of the President
- f) Reports of Regular Committees
- g) Reports of any other Committees
- h) Old business
- i) New business
- j) Adjournment

Section 8. Notice of Meetings: Notice of the time and place of every meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be distributed by the Secretary with a message to each Trustee at his or her email address not less than seven (7) and not more than thirty-one (31) days before the meeting. Email messages will be sent with return receipt and read requests.

Section 9. Quorum: A simple majority of the elected Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Trustees, and except as otherwise provided by law or herein, a majority in number of such quorum shall decide any question that may come before the meeting. A majority of the Trustees present at any regular or special meeting, although less than a quorum, may adjourn the same from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called.

Section 10. Personal Attendance by Telephone Conference Call: Any one or more members of the Board of Trustees or any Committee thereof may participate in a meeting of such Board of Trustees or Committee, with the consent of all the members of such Board of Trustees or Committee present at such meeting, by means of a telephone conference call or similar communications method allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting. Appropriate telephone conference call courtesy and decorum is expected of all meeting participants.

Section 11. Executive Committee: The Board of Trustees shall, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the elected Board of Trustees, appoint an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the organization, including the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have and may exercise between the meetings of the Board of Trustees, all the authority of the Board of Trustees, except that the Executive Committee shall have no authority as to those matters prohibited under any provision of applicable law. The Executive Committee shall report all its actions to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees. Any reference in these By-Laws to the Board of Trustees shall include the Executive Committee unless the context or express provision otherwise provides.

Section 12. Volunteers: A person who voluntarily offers himself or herself to the WCC for a service or undertaking willingly and without pay will be considered a Volunteer. A Volunteer does not have authority, voting privileges or fiduciary responsibilities to the WCC. A Volunteer is encouraged to attend Board of Trustee meetings or Committee meetings that pertain to their affiliated topic.

Section 13. Committees: As soon as practicable each year following the January meeting of the Board of Trustees and upon the recommendation of the President, the Board of Trustees shall appoint the following Committees, each of which shall consist of at least two (2) Trustees or otherwise as noted in these By-Laws and shall have the authority to carry out its purposes as set forth in this Section 13. In making, these appointments, the Board of Trustees shall designate the Chairman of each Committee other than the Finance Committee.

a) **Finance Committee.** There shall be a Finance Committee that will be chaired by the Treasurer. The Finance Committee shall review and audit policies and provide an annual audit report to the Board of Trustees. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for:

- Conducting an annual audit by two Board of Trustee members or an independent outside auditor if required
- Budgets
- Grants
- Accounting
- Government financial reporting including filing of tax returns or other required documents
- Insurance (i.e., Liability for Events and Officers and Trustees)

b) **Advancement Committee.** There shall be an Advancement Committee that will be chaired by the Secretary. The Advancement Committee will be responsible for:

- All legal issues including, indemnification, confidentiality, conflict of interest, discrimination and harassment and maintaining the Whistleblower and Conflict of Interest Policies as stated in Article VI
- Review, maintain and update the WCC By-Laws
- Insure government regulatory compliances (non-financial)
- Copyright protection of logo and name
- Maintain historical information, archives and any artifacts

c) **Hall of Fame Committee.** There shall be a Hall of Fame Committee.

- The Hall of Fame Committee will be responsible for reviewing nominations and selecting nominees for induction into the WCC Hall of Fame. It shall be the duty of the Hall of Fame Committee to receive applications presented each year and select the person(s) living and deceased or pioneer who in their opinion most nearly epitomizes in the word and spirit, the Purpose and Goal of the WCC.
- The Hall of Fame Committee shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Board of Trustees from the membership and approved by a simple majority of the Board of Trustees. Appointment to the Hall of Fame Committee shall be for a two-year term with two seats being filled each year. For the initial Hall of Fame Committee, two members will be appointed to a one-year term and two members will be appointed to a two-year term. The Board of Trustees should strive to establish geographically diverse representation on the Committee.
- Outgoing Committee members shall be eligible to be reappointed. The Board of Trustees shall appoint one member of the committee members to serve as Hall of Fame Committee Chair. The outgoing Committee Chair shall be eligible to be reappointed as Committee Chair.
- The Hall of Fame Committee shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining the process and criteria used to determine a candidate's eligibility for consideration to induction in the Hall of Fame. This includes but is not limited to the Hall of Fame application document, required application supporting material, application process schedule and retention of candidate application materials, and final candidate presentation to the Board of Trustees.
- Each year, to the extent that they receive a sufficient number of candidate applications, the Hall of Fame Committee shall strive to present the Board of Trustees with a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of eight (8) Hall of Fame candidates for their consideration.
- Each candidate's induction into the WCC Hall of Fame shall be approved by a simple majority of the Board of Trustees. Approved candidates into the Hall of Fame shall be presented with an award of distinction and induction into the Hall of Fame with a ceremony, to the extent that is possible, as endorsed by the WCC.

d) Certificate of Appreciation Committee. There shall be a Certificate of Appreciation Committee.

- The Certificate of Appreciation Committee shall consist of two (2) members appointed by the Board of Trustees from the WCC membership and approved by a simple majority of the Board of Trustees. Appointment to the Certificate of Appreciation Committee shall be for a two-year term with one seat being filled each year. For the initial Certificate of Appreciation Committee, two members will be appointed to a one-year term and one member will be appointed to a two-year term. The Board of Trustees should strive to establish geographically diverse representation on the Certificate of Appreciation Committee.
- Outgoing Committee members shall be eligible to be reappointed. The Board of Trustees shall appoint one member of the Certificate of Appreciation Committee to serve as Committee Chair each year.
- The Certificate of Appreciation Committee will be responsible for reviewing nominations and selecting candidates for a Certificate of Appreciation. The Certificate of Appreciation Committee's duty is to receive applications and select the person(s), living and deceased, who in their opinion have contributed to the promotion and continuation of the concertina.
 - a) This award can be presented to anyone who over time has dedicated time and effort to the support of the Chemnitzer Concertina.
 - b) Nominations for this recognition may be made by anyone to the Certificate of Appreciation Committee.
 - c) A short biography and picture of the nominee is required and may be used for publication in the WCC newsletter or WCC social media channels.
 - d) Candidates for recognition must have a completed Nomination Form with one sponsor and two recommendation signatures.
- The Certificate of Appreciation Committee shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining the process and criteria used to determine a candidate's eligibility for consideration for a Certificate of Appreciation. This includes review of supporting material and retention of candidate application materials by the Certificate of Appreciation committee.
- The Certificate of Appreciation Committee shall present the Board of Trustees with candidates for their consideration after Committee review. All Certificates of Appreciation must be approved by the Board of Trustees. Each candidate under consideration for a Certificate of Appreciation shall be approved by a simple majority of the Board of Trustees.
- Approved candidates shall be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation award by the sponsor at a local ceremony. Certificates will be sent via U.S. Mail, or an email message and the sponsor will provide a suitable frame for presentation.

e) Membership, Events, and Fundraising Committee. There shall be a Membership, Events, and Fundraising Committee.

- The Membership, Events, and Fundraising Committee shall consist of two (2) members appointed by the Board of Trustees from the WCC membership and approved by a simple majority of the Board of Trustees. Appointment to the Membership, Events, and Fundraising Committee shall be for a two-year term with one seat being filled each year. For the initial Membership, Events, and Fundraising Committee, two members will be appointed to a one-year term and one member will be appointed to a two-year term. The Board of Trustees should strive to establish geographically diverse representation on the Membership, Events, and Fundraising Committee.
- Outgoing Committee members shall be eligible to be reappointed. The Board of Trustees shall appoint one member of the Membership, Events, and Fundraising Committee to serve as Committee Chair each year.

- The Membership, Events, and Fundraising Committee will be responsible for:
 - Membership (growing membership, processing applications, maintaining contact information, etc.)
 - Organizing WCC Hall of Fame induction presentations (to the extent applicable)
 - Special events (events that are created, supported, or managed by the WCC)
 - Fundraising and development (conducting raffles, soliciting donations, etc.)
 - Merchandise sales (apparel, etc.)

f) Public Relations and Education Committee. There shall be a Public Relations and Education Committee.

- The Public Relations and Education Committee shall consist of two (2) members appointed by the Board of Trustees from the WCC membership and approved by a simple majority of the Board of Trustees. Appointment to the Public Relations and Education Committee shall be for a two-year term with one seat being filled each year. For the initial Public Relations and Education Committee, two members will be appointed to a one-year term and one member will be appointed to a two-year term. The Board of Trustees should strive to establish geographically diverse representation on the Public Relations and Education Committee.
- Outgoing Committee members shall be eligible to be reappointed. The Board of Trustees shall appoint one member of the Public Relations and Education Committee to serve as Committee Chair each year.
- The Public Relations and Education Committee will be responsible for:
 - Media relations
 - Website presence
 - Social media (Facebook, email mailing list, etc.)
 - Graphics and branding
 - WCC Newsletter
 - Community outreach (in coordination with the Membership, Events, and Fundraising Committee)
 - Sheet music library
 - Music instruction
 - Artifact donations
 - Digital archiving
 - Advertising collaboration (microphones, hand and neck straps, concertina sales, repair and tuning, etc.)

Section 14. Special Committees. The President, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, may designate additional Committees, each of which shall consist of at least two (2) Trustees and may include other persons who need not be Trustees. Each such Committee shall have such authority and shall serve for such time as provided in the resolution designating the Committee, except that such authority shall not exceed the authority conferred on the Executive Committee by Section 13 or on any regular Committee by Section 14 of this Article.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. Election of Officers: Every two years, the Board of Trustees shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the WCC. Each WCC Officer shall be elected for a two-year term from among the current Trustees at the January meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall fill any vacancy in the above offices as soon as practicable, consistent with the provisions of the other Sections in this Article IV, Officers. Nominations for any WCC Officer position must be made during a Board of Trustee meeting or submitted in writing to a member of the Board of Trustees, or to a current WCC Officer, no less than one month prior to the January elections. Outgoing Officers shall be eligible to be renominated for another term. Nominated persons are not obligated and may decline consideration as a candidate for the elected position. Qualified candidates will be chosen to fill Officer vacancies by a majority vote of all current members of the Board of Trustees who attend the January meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Abandonment or Resignation: At any time during their elected term, the current President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer of the WCC may become incapacitated and abandon their position or voluntarily chose to resign their position. Should this vacancy be the President position, the current Vice-President shall automatically become the President for the remainder of the President's elected term. The remaining term of the Vice-President vacancy shall be filled using the process defined in Article IV, Officers, Section 1, Election of Officers at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees and not waiting for the bi-annual Election of Officers. Should this vacancy be the Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer position, the remaining term of the vacancy shall be filled using the process defined in Article IV, Officers, Section 1, Election of Officers, at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees and not waiting for the bi-annual Election of Officers.

Section 3. Removal: At any meeting of the Board of Trustees duly called, any Officer of the WCC may, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the elected Board of Trustees, be removed from office and another may be elected by the Board of Trustees in the place of the Officer so removed, to serve the remainder of the current term until the next bi-annual Election of Officers.

Section 4. President: The President shall be the presiding officer of the Board of Trustees with the power and duty to exercise general supervision over the affairs and operations of the WCC. He or she shall act as Chairman of and preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees and of the Executive Committee. He or she shall oversee all committees, except the Hall of Fame and Certificate of Appreciation Committees, in addition to the appointed members. The President shall have such other powers and duties as may be designated by the Board of Trustees.

Section 5. Vice-President: At the request of the President, or in his or her absence or during his or her disability, the Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the functions of the President. The Vice-President shall have such other powers and duties as may be designated by the Board of Trustees or the President.

Section 6. Secretary: The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes of all meetings of the Board of Trustees. He or she shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by law. The Secretary shall be responsible for the custody of the records and of the seal or seals of the WCC. The Secretary shall also be responsible for all official correspondence of the WCC. The Secretary shall have such other powers and duties as may be designated by the Board of Trustees or the President. The WCC Secretary is the WCC Compliance Officer for complaints and the Chairperson of the Advancement Committee.

Section 7. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have supervision over the financial records of the WCC. The Treasurer shall provide the Board of Trustees at each of its regular meetings, and upon written request, with a statement of the financial condition of the WCC. He or she shall serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee and shall have such other powers and duties as may be designated by the Board of Trustees or President.

ARTICLE V

Membership and Fees

Section 1. Members: Membership is open to all Chemnitzer Concertina enthusiasts and not restricted to concertina players and musicians. Members must be willing to support the Purpose and Goals of the WCC as documented in Article II of these By-Laws.

Section 2. Membership Application: All potential new members must complete the WCC Membership Application form in order to become a member of the organization. There are two types of membership terms, Annual Membership and Lifetime Membership. Annual Membership Fees are \$10.00 per year. Annual Membership payments may be made any time during the current membership year. Annual Membership payments made after October 1 of the current year will be considered paid for the entire next calendar year. Lifetime Membership Fees are \$50 for applicants who are ages 65 years and older, and \$100 for applicants who are ages less than 65 years. Lifetime Membership payments may be made at any time and no proof of age is required. Annual and Lifetime Membership payments are payable to the WCC Treasurer using the WCC Membership Application form sent via post mail or using an electronic online payment option made available on the WCC website of choice.

Membership Benefits Include:

- WCC Membership Card
- Concertina music and concertina lessons, available through interaction with WCC members
- Consideration for nomination to WCC Hall of Fame
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Access to all WCC meetings, minutes and media
- Website listing in the Concertina People feature

Section 3. Membership Card: A receipt in the form of a WCC Membership Card, either Annual Membership or Lifetime Membership, will be issued to all paid members. Replacement cards will be supplied on request.

Section 4. Concertina Club Affiliation: Upon approval of the Board of Trustees, any concertina club can be affiliated with the WCC by agreeing to any applicable provision of its By-Laws and encouraging and enlisting their members to join the WCC.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments and Other Provisions

Section 1. Amendments: These By-Laws may be adopted, amended or repealed in whole or in part by the affirmative vote of a majority of the elected Board of Trustees. The proposed amendment(s) shall be distributed not less than seven (7) and not more than thirty-one (31) days before the next Board of Trustees meeting at which any amendment(s) shall be voted upon. Written notice of the proposed amendment(s) shall be distributed to each member of the Board of Trustees, together with a concise statement of the change(s) proposed to be made.

Section 2. Conduct of Meetings: Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws, by applicable law or by resolution of the Board of Trustees, all meetings of the Board of Trustees or of any committee designated by the Board of Trustees shall be conducted in conformity with Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, as amended from time to time. If an Officer, Trustee or guest becomes unruly or disruptive during a Board of Trustees meeting, by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the attending Board of Trustees, the disruptive individual(s) will be asked to leave the meeting.

Section 3. Financial Reporting: For financial reporting purposes, the WCC fiscal year will run from January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year.

Section 4. Indemnification: The WCC shall indemnify (a) any person made or threatened to be made a party to any action or proceeding by reason of the fact that such a person, or such person's testator or in testate, is or was a Trustee or Officer of the WCC and (b) any Trustee or Officer of the WCC who served on any other corporation of any type or kind, or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise, association, or entity in any capacity at the request of the WCC, in the manner and to the maximum extent permitted by the Not for-profit Corporation Law of Wisconsin, as amended from time to time; and the WCC may, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, purchase and maintain insurance pursuant to such indemnification and indemnify all other corporate personnel to the extent permitted by law.

Section 5. Confidentiality: It is the policy of the WCC that each member of the Board of Trustees, Officer, Volunteer or guest shall keep confidential any and all information relating to discussions at WCC Board of Trustee meetings. While results of Board of Trustee agenda items may be disclosed, information concerning the discussions during the Board of Trustee meetings is prohibited. Anyone who violates this policy may be subject to discipline including termination of his or her position within the WCC.

Section 6. Conflict of Interest: It is the policy of the WCC to comply with a Conflict of Interest Policy to deal with conflicts and related party transactions. The WCC seeks transparency in its transactions and to avoid the appearance of impropriety. Therefore, the Board of Trustees will maintain a Conflict of Interest Policy that will be distributed annually to each member of the Board of Trustees by the Secretary. This Conflict of Interest Policy will include a Statement of the Conflict-of-Interest Policy as well as the following: 1) Discloser 2) Board of Trustee Action 3) Records of Conflict 4) Other Procedures as needed or required by Law.

Section 7. Discrimination and Harassment: The WCC does not discriminate against anyone and will not tolerate any form of harassment. This includes but is not limited to discrimination based upon race, creed, religion, gender, sex or any other category of class. If anyone encounters what they believe to be discrimination or harassment within the WCC, he or she should immediately report it to a member of the Board of Trustees in writing.

Section 8. Whistleblower: The WCC requires its Board of Trustees, Officers, Volunteers and guests to observe high standards of ethics in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities. The WCC strives to maintain integrity and honesty in fulfilling its responsibilities to comply with all applicable laws and regulations. Therefore, the Board of Trustees will maintain a Whistleblower Policy that will be distributed annually to each member of the Board of Trustees by the Secretary.

This Whistleblower Policy is intended to encourage awareness of any concerns of violations of the By-Laws or suspected violations of law or regulations that govern the WCC's operations. There will be no retaliation for good faith reporting of violations or suspected violations. Anyone who retaliates is subject to discipline including termination.

To report any concerns or complaints, please provide a written report of the alleged incident to any member of the Board of Trustees who is then obligated to investigate any complaint. The WCC Secretary is the WCC Compliance Officer for complaints and the Chairperson of the Advancement Committee who will advise the Board of Trustees of any complaint and investigation. Reports of violations or suspected violations will be kept confidential to the extent possible, consistent with the need to investigate.

ARTICLE VII

Dissolution and Perpetuation

Section 1. Dissolution: This association shall not be dissolved without the written consent of eighty percent (80%) of the Board of Trustees. And that, in the event of its dissolution, any assets remaining after payment of all claims against the organization are to be distributed to an organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2. Perpetuation: To ensure the continued perpetuation of the WCC Hall of Fame if the WCC organization ceases to exist. A majority vote by the Board of Trustees would establish the WCC Hall of Fame as a separate entity and rename it to the “World Concertina Hall of Fame.” This action allows for continued perpetuation of the Hall of Fame by existing concertina clubs.

Section 3. Existence: At such time that it is necessary for the daily operations to be passed on to an existing concertina club, the Board of Trustees will determine the criteria for eligibility and their role. The proposed club(s) will be evaluated and voted on by the existing Board of Trustees of the WCC organization and carried out by the President to insure perpetuation of the World Concertina Hall of Fame.

Revision 1: 02/06/2019 to repeal the 26 May 2015 Constitution and By-Laws.

Revision 2: 02/06/2019

Revision 3: 05/18/2020 to correct wording to commemorate.

Revision 4: 07/09/2020 Annual Review

Revision 5: 07/20/2020

Revision 6: 09/18/2023 to address Hall of Fame Committee and Hall of Fame Application changes.

Revision 7: 11/13/2023 to add Lifetime Membership option and clarify membership payments.

Proposed Revision 8: 05/18/2024 to add provisions for officer abandonment or resignation.

Proposed Revision 9: 05/18/2024 to make various updates and corrections.