BANGOR BAND
EMERITUS MEMBERSHIP POLICY PROPOSAL

I. PREFACE

A. Article III, Section I of the Constitution states in part, "*The Board of Directors (herein referred to as the Board) shall determine the policies of the Band*."

B. There is currently no formal policy establishing the creation and awarding of the title of "Emeritus Member."

C. Article III, Section V of the Constitution states in part, "*Five voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum of the Board."*

D. It stands to reason, then, by items A and C, that the Bangor Band Board of Directors may create, modify, or expunge policies via a Board of Directors vote so long as a quorum is present. Item B illustrates a need for a new policy.

II. PURPOSE

To create the honorary title of Member Emeritus to recognize and preserve the connection with musicians who have provided a lifetime of extraordinary service and musical stewardship to the Bangor Band.

III. POLICY

A. The title Member Emeritus is bestowed by the Bangor Band Board of Directors, at its discretion, for a retiring member whose service has been defined as exemplary by the Board.

B. Qualifications for Nomination

1. Exceptional Tenure: A minimum of 50 years of active service, or a period of service which, in the judgment of the Board, represents a significant and defining portion of the member's musical life.
2. Musical Stewardship: Consistent contribution to the musical stability and standards of their section over multiple decades.
3. Institutional Memory: A demonstrated role as a keeper of tradition, providing historical context that supports the Band's continued excellence.

C. Rights and Privileges:

1. The title is honorary and provides no further benefits or privileges beyond those specifically authorized by the Bangor Band's Board of Directors.
2. Permanent Roster Placement: The member's name shall be listed in all concert programs under a dedicated "Emeritus" heading to acknowledge their permanent place in the Band's history.
3. Archival Access: The member shall serve as a resource for the Band's archives and historical records.
4. The "Open Seat": At the Conductor's discretion, the member may be invited to sit in for rehearsals or performances.

D. The title, when awarded, will take effect only after the recipient has concluded their active performing duties for the Bangor Band.

IV. PROCEDURE

The appointment of the Member Emeritus shall be made by a Board of Directors vote consistent with their policies and procedures. Per Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (12th ed.) 44:10, bestowal requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board to ensure the honor reflects a broad consensus.

Responsibilities: Board of Directors
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