

AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS  
COLUMBUS JAZZ SOCIETY, INC.

A NON-STOCK GEORGIA CORPORATION  
WITH IT'S PRINCIPAL OFFICE IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS

ARTICLE THIRTEEN  
Aims and Purposes

The aims and purposes of the Columbus Jazz Society, Inc., hereinafter called the CJS, are the fostering in a greater interest, understanding, and appreciation of Jazz, not limited to, but by at least the following methods:

1. Sponsoring a monthly (or more) meeting of musicians and jazz enthusiasts to hear live jazz music. A portion of this meeting shall be a jam session whereby musicians in attendance may join in and perform with the "core" band, thus improving their skills as jazz musicians.
2. Producing specific educational and cultural programs for members and the general public to perpetuate jazz, the American musical art form.
3. Providing annual scholarship assistance to a chosen high school senior who has demonstrated creative potential in their high school music program.
4. Communicating information about jazz events and activities to local jazz musicians, newspapers, the media, and interested individuals as they are known via email or the CJS web site.

## ARTICLE FOURTEEN Membership Classes

All CJS members enjoy equal rights and benefits as specified by our membership By-Laws and Amendments. The following classes of memberships are established to encourage membership growth and their retention by varying their annual dues:

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP\*\*** Other than students, there is one general class of membership in the Columbus Jazz Society. Discounted rates are available for additional family members.

**STUDENT** Is available to any high school or college student under the age of 25 upon presentation of a current student ID card.

**GROUP** Is available to groups or organizations that can purchase (10) or more memberships at one time. A discount determined by the President will be allowed at registration.

**HONORARY** May be awarded to any person who in the opinion of the Board of Directors has contributed to the advancement of the aims and purposes of the CJS. This is valid for one year.

**LIFETIME** Presented at an annual meeting by the outgoing President. This award represents a lifetime achievement in the presentation of the Jazz art form, the promotion of Jazz activities, or a contribution of time, talents, or duty in combination of which improves the standing of the Columbus Jazz Society in the community.

## ARTICLE FIFTEEN DUES

The dues of all members shall be set at the September meeting of the Board of Directors. All musicians attending a monthly concert with instruments who sign in to play in the jam session are exempt from dues or fees.

Memberships are sold on a monthly basis to all classes of members. Renewals may be accepted two months prior to each individual's anniversary date. If not renewed within three months after this date the membership is considered expired.

Non-members that attend monthly meetings and jam sessions will be required to pay a one-day membership fee. Lifetime and Honorary members are exempt from dues and fees

## ARTICLE SIXTEEN Election of Officers

ARTICLE THREE, Section 1. is amended as follows:

1. The position of program chairman shall be considered an officer position as his/her function is no less important to the CJS than that of Secretary or Treasurer.
2. All officers shall serve a term of two years.
3. Elections shall be held once each year in June for two officers. On even years (2004, 2006, etc.) an election will be held for the offices of Vice-President and Secretary. On odd years (2003, 2005, etc.) an election will be held for the offices of Treasurer and Program Chairman.
4. The Vice-President assumes the office of President at the end of his/her two-year term.

## ARTICLE SEVENTEEN Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of all elected officers and others as nominated and approved by majority vote to number fifteen (15) total members. A quorum is a simple majority\*\* and is needed to decide changes to bylaws and to reduce or increase board members. A simple majority of board members present is adequate to decide on the business of the Society at any monthly meeting.

2. Board Members must attend at least six (6) meetings a year in order to retain membership to board.

3. Board members serve for a term of two years and at the end of which may petition for another two year term at the discretion of the President. They become Honorary Members for the term of their membership and as such have their annual dues remitted.

\*Approved 9-8-08 at annual board meeting

\*\* Approved 1-10-10 at called board meeting