CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the Arkansas State University student guitarists, on this date of November 4, 2004 in Jonesboro, Arkansas declare the formation of a Guitar Guild for the purpose of advancing the art of guitar performance and pedagogy, and to build a strong, supportive community of guitarists throughout the Northeast Arkansas region. The founding members consist of Frank Hendrix, Tom Head, Jay Shepherd, Justin Dugger, Justin Patterson, Ryan Jackson, Lance Lewallen, Joe Ferguson, and Sheffield Kent. The faculty advisor is Dr. Timothy Crist.

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The Name of this organization shall be:

Arkansas State University Guitar Guild

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1. Arkansas State University Guitar Guild is a society dedicated to the promotion of guitar performance and pedagogy. Members include ASU student guitarists, guitar performance degree alumni, and guitarists from the Jonesboro community and surrounding region.

Section 2. The Guitar Guild will abide by all university policies as set forth by the Student Handbook of Arkansas State University.

ARTICLE III. Membership

Section 1. Membership in the Arkansas State University Guitar Guild is annual and may be obtained by submitting the Membership Application found on the Guild’s website and paying the annual membership fee. The official members list will be updated each semester and filed in the faculty advisor’s office.

Section 2. Members must pay a non-refundable membership fee. The amount will be determined each year by the ASU student guitarists holding membership in the Society.

Section 3. All members shall be entitled to receive the Newsletter and all notices pertaining to activities of the Society and to participate in activities.

Section 4. Membership is open to all ASU full-time undergraduate and graduate students, guitar performance degree alumni, and guitarists from the Jonesboro community and surrounding region.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. All officers must be full-time ASU students enrolled as music majors who are not on academic probation or suspension and meet all GPA requirements. There are four officers:
President – presides at all meetings. sets meeting and organizational agenda. Updates website.
Vice-President – assists the president and presides at all meetings. May act as president in the president’s absence. Manages email/newsletter list.
Treasurer – keeps financial records.
Secretary – records minutes of meetings and tracks memberships.

ARTICLE V. OPERATIONS

Section 1. At the beginning of each year, officers will be elected by nomination from chapter members. All members who are full-time music majors are eligible for office. If any officer is not fulfilling his or her office, a motion may be made to remove that officer from his/her office. In the case that an officer cannot continue to function in office, an officer may resign his/her position and a replacement may be nominated.

Section 2. The faculty advisor will assist the president in establishing annual agenda, and will be available to all members in an advisory capacity as needed.

ARTICLE VI. FINANCES

Section 1. Each member is responsible for submitting annual membership dues.

Section 2. The Guild will seek supportive funding through ASU Action Funds.

Section 3. The Guild will comply with all ASU financial policies, including the use of a University account to receive money from the Action Fund.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Guild will meet at least once each semester to determine and plan events.

Section 2. Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed and called into session by the president.

Section 3. 50% of the membership must be present to meet quorum. The president and/or vice-president must be present at each meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY.

Section 1. Meeting procedures will follow Robert’s Rules of Order with the president calling meetings to order. The president will act as the parliamentarian.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. Amendments may be proposed by any Guild member. Amendments will be voted on by the entire membership.