

## **Basic Procedure to be Followed in the Formation of a Chapter of the American Harp Society, Inc.**

A minimum of six national members of the American Harp Society, Inc., in good standing, must indicate their desire to form a chapter by coming together as a Committee on Organization and submitting their names, addresses, and signatures to the Chapter Committee on the appropriate form. A copy of the Chapter Bylaws must be sent with this application. Prospective charter members, not already national members of the Society, may join by paying the annual dues of \$60.00 (\$40.00 for those aged 21 and under or a full-time student in a college or university - U.S. addresses only); \$75 for international members. Such dues must accompany the application when sent to the Chapter Committee.

Charter members may include professional and amateur harpists, teachers, students, their families, and music enthusiasts in the community.

ARTICLE XI of the BYLAWS of the AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY, INC. (2014 Revision) entitled CHAPTERS should be studied carefully by the Committee on Organization before determining the following four items:

- 1) Election of officers (Note: CHAPTER OFFICERS MUST BE NATIONAL MEMBERS)
- 2) Chapter name
- 3) The area to be under the jurisdiction of the chapter
- 4) Chapter Bylaws (Please note: the committee should feel free to use the sample bylaws provided as a model, making any changes desired.)

When decisions have been made, information for Items 1-3 should then be entered under the Organization portion of the form and sent, along with chapter bylaws and dues from new national American Harp Society, Inc. members, to the Chapter Committee. Upon approval by the Executive Committee, a charter will be prepared and forwarded to the President of the Chapter.

Each Chapter is entirely free to operate according to the needs and interests of its membership and community, subject to the provisions of the Bylaws of the American Harp Society, Inc.