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Bylaw III--Government

Section 3. National Executive Board.

- A. Composition. The National Executive Board shall be composed of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, the Presidents of the Divisions, the Immediate Past Presidents of the three Divisions with the largest numbers of active and retired members, and the Immediate Past President of one of the three Divisions with the smallest numbers of active and retired members, a total of thirteen (13) and not more than fifteen (15) members.
- B. Responsibilities. The National Executive Board shall:
- a. have general jurisdiction over and responsibility for the functions of the Association, including the dividing of the Association into geographical Divisions;
 - b. approve the slate of candidates for each national and Division election;
 - c. approve the dates and sites of national and Division in-service conferences;
 - d. fill the unexpired term in case of vacancy in the office of Immediate Past President;
 - e. have authority to establish and discontinue Societies, Councils, Committees, and Task Forces;
 - f. select or approve selection of members of Societies, Councils, Committees, and Task Forces;
 - ~~g.~~ h. provide for an annual examination of the accounts of the Association by a qualified accountant;
 - ~~h.~~ i. appoint an independent audit committee;
 - ~~i.~~ j. assume responsibility for the business management and operations of the Association, and for the management and control of the funds thereof; and
 - ~~j.~~ k. appoint an Executive Director, prescribe his or her duties and compensation, and have full control of his or her acts as Executive Director.
- C. Executive Committee of the National Executive Board.

- a. Composition. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, and one Division President appointed by the President.
- b. Chair. The President shall serve as chairperson, except that in the final year of the President's term, the President-Elect shall serve as chair in any meetings or portions of meetings dealing with the preparation of the budget for the coming year.
- c. Responsibilities. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to:
 - i. serve as the finance ~~and audit~~ committee,
 - ii. recommend to the National Executive Board a budget for the Association, and
 - iii. make such other recommendations concerning the affairs of the Association as it shall from time to time deem appropriate.



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Bylaw VII. Societies, Councils, Task Forces, and Committees

Section 5. Standing Committees.

- A. Editorial Committees. Leadership groups within NAfME that the National Executive Board may appoint, as it deems appropriate, to guide periodicals and other forms of regular communication produced by the Association.
- B. ~~Hall of Fame Board. The Hall of Fame Board administers the Music Educations Hall of Fame. The National Executive Board shall maintain a Hall of Fame Committee with the purpose of honoring the long contributions of individuals to Music Education.~~
 - a. ~~Membership and Terms of Office. The Hall of Fame Board shall consist of the Hall of Fame Screening Committee and the Hall of Fame Committee-at-Large.~~
 - b. ~~The Screening Committee shall consist of three members in addition to a chairperson. Members shall be appointed by the National Executive Board upon the recommendation of the President. The term of office of each member shall be six years.~~
 - c. ~~The Committee-at-Large shall be appointed each biennium, concurrent with the term of the President of the Association, by the National Executive Board. There shall be ten members, each of whom will serve for two years. Retiring members of the Committee-at-Large shall be eligible for immediate reappointment.~~
 - d. ~~The chairperson of the Board and of both Committees shall be a member of the Council of Past Presidents of the Association elected by the Council for a term of six years.~~



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Bylaw I -- Membership

Section 1. Active Membership.

- A. Eligibility. Active membership shall be open to persons engaged in music teaching or other music-related educational work in the United States of America including its territories, the District of Columbia, and APO and FPO addresses, and in other countries recognized by the National Executive Board. Active membership may also be open to persons eligible for life membership, introductory membership, collegiate membership, or retired membership upon payment of the prescribed active membership dues, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the respective federated state association. Active membership may also be open to United States citizens residing in foreign countries, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the federated state association, if any, through which they apply for active membership.
- B. Privileges. Each active member shall have the right to vote and hold office.
- C. Services. Each active member shall have the right to receive a subscription to those NAfME periodicals and other communication services deemed appropriate by the National Executive Board.
- D. Unified membership. Each active member shall hold concurrent membership in his or her respective federated state association of NAfME, if any such association is recognized by the National Executive Board.

Section 2. Life Membership.

- A. Eligibility. Life Membership shall be open to persons who are eligible for active membership.
- B. Privileges. Life members shall have the same privileges as active members.
- C. Services. Each life member shall have the right to receive a subscription to those NAfME periodicals and other communication services deemed appropriate by the National Executive Board.

- D. Unified membership. Each life member shall hold concurrent membership in his or her respective federated state association of NAFME, if any such association has been recognized by the National Executive Board.

Section 3. Introductory Membership.

- A. Eligibility. Introductory membership shall be open to persons in their first year of full-time music teaching or other music-related education work who have been collegiate members during the preceding fiscal year. The membership shall be limited to one membership year.
- B. Privileges. Introductory members shall have the same privileges as active members except the right to hold elective office.
- C. Services. Each introductory member shall receive a subscription to those NAFME periodicals and other communication services deemed appropriate by the National Executive Board.
- D. Unified membership. Each introductory member shall hold concurrent membership in his or her respective federated state association of NAFME, if any such association has been recognized by the National Executive Board.

Section 4. Collegiate Membership.

- A. Eligibility. Collegiate membership shall be open to music students in teacher education programs at the college or university level who are not employed full time as teachers.
- B. Privileges. Collegiate chapter members shall have the same privileges as active members except the right to vote or hold elective office.
- C. Services. Each collegiate member shall receive a subscription to those NAFME periodicals and other communication services deemed appropriate by the National Executive Board.
- D. Unified membership. Each collegiate member shall hold concurrent membership in his or her respective federated state association of NAFME, if any such association has been recognized by the National Executive Board.

Section 5. Retired Membership.

- A. Eligibility. Retired membership shall be open to former music educators who have retired from teaching or other music-related educational work and who have been members of NAFME for at least ten consecutive years prior to seeking retired membership status.
- B. Privileges. Retired members shall have the same privileges as active members except the right to hold elective office.
- C. Services. Each retired member shall receive a subscription to those NAFME periodicals and other communication services deemed appropriate by the National Executive Board.
- D. Unified membership. Each retired member shall hold concurrent membership in his or her federated state association of NAFME, if any such association has been recognized by the National Executive Board.

Section 6. Associate Membership.

- A. Eligibility. Associate membership shall be open to any individual interested in the advancement of music education who is not primarily engaged in music teaching or other music-related educational work.
- B. Privileges. Associate members shall have the same privileges as active members except the right to vote and to hold elective office.
- C. Services. Associate members shall receive a subscription to those NAFME periodicals and other communication services deemed appropriate by the National Executive Board.
- D. Unified membership. An associate member need not hold concurrent membership in his or her respective federated state association of NAFME.

Section 7. International Membership.

- A. Eligibility. International membership shall be open to nationals of countries other than the United States and American music educators located in countries outside the United States and its territories, where there is no affiliate association recognized by the National Executive Board.
- B. Privileges. International members shall have the same privileges as active members except the right to hold elective office.
- C. Services. Each international member shall receive a subscription to those NAFME periodicals and other communication services deemed appropriate by the National Executive Board.
- D. Unified Membership. International members shall not be required to hold concurrent membership in a federated state association.

Section 8. Corporate Membership.

- A. Eligibility. Any firm or institution desiring to contribute to the support of the educational activities of NAFME may become a corporate member upon payment of the prescribed dues.
- B. Privileges. A corporate member must assign its membership to an individual employed by that corporation, who shall have the same rights and privileges as active members except the right to hold elective office.
- C. Services. The individual named as the corporate member shall receive a subscription to those NAFME periodicals and other communication services deemed appropriate by the National Executive Board.
- A. by NAFME, where monies are handled.

Bylaw VI--Federated State/International Associations

Section 1. Conditions for Recognition.

- A. ~~In the States.~~ Federated state associations are recognized by the Association as broadly representative of music education interests within their states or in other countries recognized by the National Executive Board.
- B. In other jurisdictions. Similar associations within the territories, commonwealths, District of Columbia, or other jurisdictions (including other nations or provinces, or other entities within other nations, at the discretion of the National Executive Board) may also be recognized by the

Association and shall be referred to herein as federated state associations. Such associations may or may not be assigned to Divisions by the National Executive Board.

- C. Consistency of constitution and bylaws. The constitution and bylaws of a federated state association shall not conflict with any provision of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association. The constitution or bylaws of each federated state association shall stipulate that each member of the state association, except associate members or those in other membership categories limited to persons who are not primarily engaged in music teaching, must also be a member of the Association.

Section 2. Maintenance of Federated Relationship.

- A. Meetings. A federated state association must hold at least one meeting of its membership or of its governing board each year. Failure to hold such a meeting during a period of two years shall be cause for suspension of the federated relationship. Failure to hold such a meeting for a period of three years shall be cause for cancellation of the federated relationship.
- B. Procedures for Suspending Federated Relationship. Before suspension or cancellation of the federated relationship shall take effect, thirty (30) days' notice by certified mail shall be given to the officers and/or members of the governing board of the federated state association. The National Executive Board shall determine the disposition of the state portion of the annual dues paid by members of a federated state association whose federated relationship with the Association has been suspended or canceled.

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