

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **PREAMBLE**

It is our desire to enjoy the associations, to share the responsibilities, and to increase our interest and knowledge in all areas of music education through the National Association for Music Education.

### **ARTICLE I - Name and Affiliation**

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Kansas Collegiate Member Chapter of the National Association for Music Education, C-NAfME.

Section 2. This organization shall have affiliate relationship to the Kansas Music Educators Association.

### **ARTICLE II - Purpose**

It shall be the purpose of this organization to:

- Make available to members opportunities for professional development.
- Acquaint students with the privileges and responsibilities of the music education profession.
- Provide for its members opportunities to become acquainted with leaders in the music education profession as gained from participation in programs and demonstrations, discussions, and performing groups planned by this organization.
- Provide opportunity for contacts with individual NAfME student members of this and other states.

### **ARTICLE III - Membership**

Section 1. Membership shall consist of all registered Kansas C-NAfME chapters and their members.

Section 2. Any student chapter member, upon complying with the registration requirements, may attend the conventions of the NAfME-National and Division, the federated state association, with all the rights and privileges of active membership except those of voting or holding office. Student chapter members may participate in activities carried on by the NAfME student Member Chapters, its divisions and federated state associations, in connection with conventions and other meetings.

Section 3. Each member will receive the state student NAfME publications.

### **ARTICLE IV - Officers**

Section 1. The offices of this organization shall be President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

Section 2. The offices of President and Vice-President shall be filled by election.

Section 3. The office of Secretary shall be appointed by the President and Vice President.

Section 4. Any candidate for elected office must have at least one semester of college leadership experience prior to applying. This leadership experience is not required to be leadership in your chapter, but the candidate must have been involved in a previous collegiate leadership role prior to applying.

Section 5. Applicants for the office of Secretary shall have been a member of the applicant's local student chapter for at least one full semester (or quarter) prior to appointment.

Section 6. Each officer shall assume office at the conclusion of the first meeting of the KMEA Board of Directors following the In-Service Workshop and serve through the first meeting of the Board following the In-Service Workshop the following year.

Section 7. In case a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of that office for the remainder of the term of office. The vacancy in the office of Vice-President, (at this time or any time), would then be filled by the candidate with the next highest number of votes from the election of the previous C-NAfME business meeting. Upon notification, said candidate would assume office for the remainder of the term. In case a vacancy occurs in the office of Secretary, the current President shall fill the position by appointment.

Section 8. These officers shall be considered the State C-NAfME Executive Council.

#### **ARTICLE V - Duties of Officers**

Section 1. It is the duty of the President to represent the organization, uphold the principles of the constitution, organize regular business meetings of the State Executive Council and preside at those meetings, oversee nominations and elections for new officers, appoint committees subject to the approval of the State Board, encourage C-NAFME communications, report the chapter activities for publication in district, regional, state, and/or national periodicals, and attend all meetings of the KMEA Board of Directors—both the Outgoing and Incoming Presidents shall attend the first meeting of the Board following the In-Service Workshop.

Section 2. It is the duty of the Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President, assist the other officers in planning activities, attend KMEA Board meetings at the request of the President, and chair any meeting as requested by the President.

Section 3. It is the duty of the Secretary to keep accurate records of meetings and business, keep current roll of student chapters, and keep in touch with members of this chapter and other chapters. Also, the Secretary is to be responsible for the collection of any monies of the organization and their record.

#### **ARTICLE VI - Elections**

Section 1. Election of officers shall be held during the annual C-NAfME luncheon.

Section 2. A quorum shall consist of those in attendance at the C-NAfME business meeting.

Section 3. A Chapter Information Sheet shall be sent to each registered C-NAfME chapter by the state faculty advisor or Executive Council. Space will be provided for nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary. Information sheets shall be filled out by the chapter advisor and sent back to the State President.

Section 4. Any student registered in C-NAfME and present at the KMEA In-Service Workshop is qualified to cast one vote for each office.

Section 5. Elections shall be by private ballot.

Section 6. To be elected, a candidate must receive a simple majority of the vote cast for that office.

Section 7. In the event that no candidate runs for the office of President, the candidate for Vice-President who receives the most votes will become President. In the event that no candidate runs for the office of Vice-President, the runner-up candidate for President will become Vice-President.

#### **ARTICLE VII - Recall**

Section 1. All officers are subject to recall by a signed petition of at least 30% of the registered local C-NAfME chapters.

Section 2. Should a recall election occur, Article IV, Section 4 will still apply.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - Executive Council**

Section 1. Management of this organization shall be vested in the State Executive Council responsible to the entire membership to uphold this constitution.

Section 2. This Council shall consist of the officers of the organization and the advisor as an ex-officio member.

Section 3. It shall have the power to make necessary decisions in all matters not specifically acted upon by the group.

Section 4. It shall meet at least once between regular meetings of the entire organization and plan future activities.

#### **ARTICLE IX - State Board**

Section 1. The State Board shall consist of one representative from each active chapter and the Executive Council.

#### **ARTICLE X - Meetings**

Section 1. There shall be three regular board meetings of this organization per year.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called at any other time as determined by the President and/or faculty advisor.

Section 3. Advance notice will be sent to all student chapters in the state for meetings.

Section 4. Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall serve as a basis for parliamentary procedure.

#### **ARTICLE XI - Sponsor**

Section 1. There shall be a faculty advisor appointed by the KMEA President who shall be a member ex-officio of the Executive Council.

#### **ARTICLE XII - Amendments**

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds ( $2/3$ ) majority vote of this in attendance at a C-NAfME board meeting. Any amendments moved and accepted shall not become binding until ratified at the next council business meeting.

Section 2. All chapters shall receive advance notice of the proposed amendment(s) at least 30 days prior to the anticipated vote.