

**Constitution of the Lander University Chapter of
the National Association for Music Education**

Preamble

It is our desire to become members of the National Association for Music Education's Collegiate Chapter of Lander University, to enjoy its associations, share its responsibilities, and to increase our interest and knowledge in all areas of music education.

Article I: Name and Affiliation

Section 1:

This chapter shall be known as the Lander University Collegiate Chapter of the National Association for Music Education, and shall be listed in the NAFME records as Chapter No. 532.

Section 2:

This chapter shall have affiliate relationship to the South Carolina 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 chapter
- Assist the school in various projects throughout the year
- Provide opportunity for contacts with NAFME student members of other schools

Article III: Membership

Section 1:

Membership shall be open to any music major or minor at Lander University.

Section 2:

Any music major or minor may become a registered member of this organization on payment of the dues as stated in Article XII.

Section 3:

Any student member, upon compliance with registration requirements, may attend the conventions of NAFME and the federal state associations, with all rights and privileges of active membership except those of voting or holding office. The member may participate in activities carried out by the specific NAFME Collegiate

Chapter on campus and by NAFME, its divisions, and the federated state associations in connection with conventions and other meetings.

Section 4:

The member will receive the official NAFME publication, the *Music Educators Journal* and the *South Carolina Musician*.

Section 5:

When a student member accepts a regular teaching position, upon the student's request, the student member will be transferred to the status of active (professional) membership in NAFME for the balance of that membership year.

Section 6:

Upon the payment of the prescribed dues, Special Active Membership is available to any NAFME Student Member who wishes to receive the *Journal of Research in Music Education* as well as the *Music Educators Journal*.

Section 7:

Any member who allows dues to become delinquent by three (3) consecutive months shall have membership revoked.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1:

The officers for this organization shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2:

Any candidate for office shall have been a member of the organization for at least two (2) full, consecutive semesters (fall or spring) prior to his or her nomination.

Section 3:

Each officer shall assume this office at the commencement of the fall term and serve throughout the entire school year.

Section 4:

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. Vacancies in any of the other offices shall be filled by election.

Section 5:

These officers shall be considered the Executive Council.

Article V: Duties of Officers

Section 1:

It is the duty of the President to preside at meetings, represent the organization, uphold the principles of the constitution, and appoint committees as required, subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

Section 2:

It is the duty of the Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President, serve as chairman of the Program Committee, and report the chapter activities for publication in state and/or national periodicals.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1:

There shall be at least one (1) regular meeting of this organization per month.

Section 2:

Special meetings may be called at any other time as determined by the Executive Council.

Article VII: Elections

Section 1:

Election of officers shall be held at the end of the spring semester for the following school year.

Section 2:

Any registered member is qualified to vote.

Section 3:

Nominations may be accepted from the floor of the meeting.

Section 4:

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

Article VIII: Recall

Section 1:

All officers are subject to recall by a signed petition of at least 30% of the membership of the chapter.

Section 2:

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

Article IX: Executive Council

Section 1:

Management of this organization shall be vested in an 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 sponsor as an official member.

Section 3:

The Executive Council shall meet at least once between regular meetings of the chapter to organize and plan future activities.

Section 4:

The Executive Council shall have the power to make necessary decisions in the all matters not specially acted upon by the group.

Article X: Sponsor

Section 1:

There shall be a faculty sponsor who shall be a member of the Executive Council.

Section 2:

The responsibilities of the sponsor shall be to:

- Advise and stimulate interest in NAFME and explain the meaning and ideas of the organization
- Provide guidance in the development and implementation of programs and activities
- Guide chapter participation in state, division, and national meetings
- Serve as liaison between the Collegiate Chapter and the school administration

Article XI: Committees

Section 1:

There shall be standing committees for programming publicity and social activities appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Council.

Section 2:

The President shall have the power to appoint any special committees with the approval of the Executive Council.

Article XII: Finance

Section 1:

National dues shall be collected from each member and be remitted by the Treasurer or Sponsor to NAFME headquarters office or its duly authorized representatives.

Section 2:

Any dues levied in excess of National dues shall be used to help finance the activities of the chapter.

Article XIII: Amendments

Section 1:

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the chapter membership.

Section 2:

All members shall receive advance notice of the proposed amendment at least five days before the meeting.

Section 3:

Article III, Section 1 shall hereby be amended to read as:

Membership shall be open to any music major or minor at Lander University and any other student interested in music who wants to participate. (Added 9-25-08)

Section 4:

Article III, Section 2 shall hereby be amended to read as:

Any student wanting to join NAFME can become a registered member of this organization on payment of the dues as stated in Article XII. (Added 9-25-08)

Section 5:

Article IV, Section 1 shall hereby be amended to include:

Alternately, upon the entire chapter's choice, the organization can operate under the leadership of a SCMEA Conference Chair and a Program Chair. These Chairs will share the responsibilities of the previously listed Executive Council Officers. (Added 9-25-08)

Section 6:

Article V shall be hereby be amended to include:

Section 3:

It is the duty of the Secretary to take attendance at every meeting and to keep records of the minutes of each meeting. He or she will also be responsible for getting the minutes to any member who is absent from a meeting. The Secretary shall also maintain a list of members and their contact information. (Added 9-25-08)

Section 4:

It is the duty of the Treasurer to maintain the bank account and the financial records of the organization. (Added 9-25-08)

Section 5:

In the situation where the chapter votes to have an Executive Council comprised of a SCMEA Conference Chair and a Program Chair, the Chairs will appropriately divide the duties of the aforementioned Executive Council Officers. (Added 9-25-08)

