

**PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES  
TO BE VOTED ON AT THE FALL SESSION IN DENVER  
AUGUST, 2008**

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 4. STUDENT/COLLEGIATE MEMBERSHIP** shall be limited to young people between the ages of ~~16~~ **19** and ~~25~~ **26**.

**ARTICLE IV. STATE FEDERATIONS**

**SECTION 2. REPRESENTATION**

**A. AT NATIONAL MEETINGS.** A State federation shall be represented at meetings of the National Federation of Music Clubs by the State President, **whether outgoing or incoming, as determined by the State Federation. The State Federation may also elect an alternate and may determine the State's representation at NFMC banquets honoring State Presidents.**

**ARTICLE V. MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1. BIENNIAL CONVENTIONS AND FALL SESSIONS.** Biennial Conventions shall be held in the odd numbered year **and Fall Sessions in the even numbered year. The specific dates and place of the meeting shall be determined by the President and the Planning Committee. A six week notice shall be given all voting members.**

**ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SECTION 1.A. SPECIAL PERSONNEL.** Included in the sixty-three members shall be **the President**, the Chairman of the Council of State Presidents, the Coordinator of Division Activities, the Chairman of the Office Committee, each of the nine Division Chairmen and the Editors/Chairmen of *Music Clubs Magazine* and *Junior Keynotes*, who shall be appointed or elected as provided in these Bylaws.

**B. REMAINDER OF BOARD.** The remaining ~~forty-nine (49)~~ **forty-eight (48)** Directors shall be representatives of the Qualified State Federations and the Members-at-Large, elected as provided in Article VIII, Sections 1, 2, 3.

**C. In the event that the newly elected President is a State Representative to the Board of Directors, that State will select a new Representative to the Board.**

**SECTION 2. MEETINGS**

~~D. OPEN MEETINGS. Certain meetings of the Board shall be designated by the President as "open meetings" when members of the Council of State Presidents, Division, Department and Committee Chairmen, or any others, at the discretion of the President, are invited to attend with voice but without vote.~~

**D. OPEN MEETINGS.** All NFMC Convention and Fall Session meetings shall be open to all Federation members, except where required by law. Observers may speak only upon recognition by the chair.

**SECTION 4. BUSINESS BY MAIL OR E-MAIL**

**A. EMERGENCY.** ~~Emergency~~ **Important** business, which, in the opinion of the President, needs the immediate attention of the Board of Directors, may be handled by ~~either mail ballot or e-mail ballot.~~

**ARTICLE VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**SECTION 1. PERSONNEL.** There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the nine elected officers, the active Past Presidents, ~~Chairman of the Student Division, chairman of the Junior Division~~ **the nine Division Chairmen**, Chairman of the Council of State Presidents, the Finance Chairman, Chairman of the Office Committee, and the Coordinator of Division Activities.

## ARTICLE VIII. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

**SECTION 4. B. OFFICERS.** The Directors shall then elect, from their own membership, a President, a First Vice-President, five Vice-Presidents in Charge of Regions, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. Nominations shall be made from the floor and the election shall be by ballot, **if there are two (2) or more nominees. If there is only one nominee, voting may be by voice vote.**

## ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS

**SECTION 2. A.6.** Appoints, subject to approval of the Executive Committee, the Chairman and ~~four (4)~~ **five (5)** members of the Editorial Board and the Chairman of the ~~Legislation~~ **Arts Advocacy** Department.

## ARTICLE XI. DIVISIONS, DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

**SECTION 4. REPORTS.** All Division, ~~Department and Committee~~ Chairmen shall present a report at each Fall Session and shall ~~give a full report at the Convention. and Fall Session.~~ **Should a Division Chairman be unable to be present for any reason, they shall prepare a report which shall then be read by another member of said Division or by the Recording Secretary.**

**SECTION 5. TERM LIMIT.** A Division, Department or Committee Chairman, the Chairman of the Council of State Presidents, or the Coordinator of Division Activities shall not serve in the same capacity for more than two consecutive terms. **An exception shall apply if an appointment is made to fill an unexpired term, which shall then not preclude the appointee's eligibility for a two consecutive term electability. Also, an additional exception may be made if the Executive Committee determines the position is in a Specialized Field or is held by a Designated Chairman.**

**SECTION 6. RESTRICTION FOR STATE PRESIDENTS.** No person shall serve as the Chairman of a National Division, Department, Committee **or a Regional Chairman** and as a State President at one and the same time.

## ARTICLE XII. DUES AND FINANCE

**SECTION 6.A. SENIOR MEMBERSHIP.** 1.b.i. *Individual Membership Dues.*

A Senior Special Member shall pay annual dues of \$20.00. ~~which shall be divided equally between the State and National Federations.~~ **Six dollars (\$6.00) of the dues shall be used for a *Music Clubs Magazine* subscription and the remainder shall be divided equally between NFMC and the State Federation.**

**All amounts for membership dues shall be removed from the Bylaws and added to the Standing Rules.**  
**{These changes would impact SECTION 6. A, B, C and D}**

## ARTICLE XVIII. PAST PRESIDENTS ASSEMBLY

**SECTION 2.B. DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.** Dues for membership in the Past Presidents Assembly shall be ~~one~~ **two** dollars ~~per year,~~ and shall be paid to the State Treasurer, who shall forward one-half the amount to the National Treasurer.

**SECTION 5. CHARTERS.** A Charter shall be issued by the Chairman of the Past Presidents Assembly when a group meets these requirements and pays the charter fee of ~~one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50)~~ **two dollars (\$2.00), fifty cents (\$0.50) of which shall remain in the state,** and agrees to make an annual contribution to the NFMC Young Artist Fund over and above dues as provided above. The full amount of said State contributions shall be credited to the NFMC Young Artist Fund and shall not be divided with the State.