

# BYLAW PROPOSAL

## 2024 NFMC NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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### CURRENT BYLAW *(with proposed deletions)*

Article III, Section 4 - STUDENT/COLLEGIATE MEMBERSHIP -S/C members must have reached the 19th but not the 26th birthday.

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~~1. Organizations. Organizations whose members must have reached the 19th but not the 26th birthday, including college music groups, music schools, music departments, poetry groups, dance groups, choirs, bands, orchestras, and similar music organizations shall be eligible for membership upon payment of dues as provided in the NFMC Standing Rules and Procedures.~~

2. An Individual Student may become a Student/Collegiate Individual Member upon the payment of dues as provided in the NFMC Standing Rules and Procedures.

### PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

Article III. Section 4 - STUDENT/COLLEGIATE MEMBERSHIP -S/C members must have reached the 19th but not the 26th birthday.

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**1. Organizational: Student/Collegiate Mass Enrollment Membership** College and/or university, ~~music groups, music schools, music departments,~~ **which may include but not be limited to** poetry groups, dance groups, choirs, bands, orchestras, and similar music groups ~~organizations~~ whose members must have reached the 19th but not the 26th birthday shall be eligible for membership ~~as Associate~~ **Organizational members through S/C Mass Enrollment** upon payment of dues as provided in the NFMC Standing Rules and Procedures.

2. An Individual Student may become a Student/Collegiate Individual Member upon the payment of dues as provided in the NFMC Standing Rules and Procedures.

### CURRENT BYLAW *(with proposed deletions)* ARTICLE III SECTION 6. ASSOCIATE GROUPS

A. ASSOCIATE ORGANIZATIONS. Organizations encompassing all age groups formed for the purpose of promoting a specific music project, such as community choral societies orchestras/orchestra associations, opera companies/opera guilds, music teachers' organizations, local alumni chapters of music fraternities or sororities, church choirs/ orchestras/bands, hand bell choirs, school bands, orchestras and choruses, groups dedicated to the promotion of a concert series in their own community, and similar music organizations shall be eligible for membership upon payment of dues as provided in the NFMC Standing Rules and Procedures.

#### Section 6A1

~~1. College music groups, music schools, music departments, poetry groups, dance groups, choirs, bands, orchestras, and similar organizations whose members must have reached the 19th but not the 26th birthday may become Student/Collegiate Associate Group members through mass enrollment upon payment of dues as provided in the NFMC Standing Rules and Procedures.~~

*Rationale: The goal is to simplify the Student/Collegiate membership structure to provide two avenues of membership: (1) Organizational: S/C Mass Enrollment Membership and (2) S/C Individual membership.*

*Currently there are no federated S/C active organizations/clubs (as described in current Article III, Section 4A 1 ). These proposals remove the obsolete single organization/club membership option and the Associate mass enrollment option, replacing them with one S/C Mass enrollment option which clarifies the process and meets the organizational needs of colleges and universities.*

### CURRENT BYLAW *(with proposed deletions)* Article III. Section 8B TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

B. FORFEITURE: If dues are not received for Senior Organizations, Senior Individual, Senior Associate Groups, Student/Collegiate Organizations, Student/Collegiate Individual ~~or Student/Collegiate Associate Groups~~ by the December 1 deadline, members shall be considered delinquent.

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*Rationale: Under Article III Section 8B FORFEITURE, the term Associate group is incorrectly described as "Senior". The S/C Mass Enrollment replaces "S/C Associate Groups" as addressed in the preceding proposal.*

### 2024 Proposed Bylaw Amendment

Bylaw VIII ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 5F. OFFICERS The newly elected Board (the State Representatives, the Past National Presidents, and the newly elected Board Members-at-Large plus the President, shall meet with the outgoing or incoming State Presidents...to elect a President, a First Vice President, five Vice Presidents in charge of Regions, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

**A quorum shall be established and a majority vote shall be required for election of officers.** The elections shall be by ballot if there are two (2) or more nominees...

*Rationale: This proposal is to clarify (1) NFMC voting tradition for election of officers and (2) to adhere to Robert's Rules of Order which state "When a quorum is present, a majority vote (i.e. a majority of the votes cast, ignoring blanks), is sufficient for the adoption of any motion that is in order except those (Listed on page 162) which require a two-thirds vote. A plurality never adopts a motion or elects anyone to office, unless by virtue of a special rule previously adopted. The New Robert's Rules of Order Revised Edition. Barnes & Noble Books, New York 1993. Article VIII, VOTE, p. 147.*