

## **Preamble**

Our desire is to become members of the National Association for Music Education Collegiate Chapter of Auburn University. We as members have the opportunity to enjoy MENC collegiate membership, to share its responsibilities, and to increase interest, knowledge, and productivity in all areas of music education.

## **Non-discriminatory Statement**

Auburn University CMENC is an equal opportunity organization and, as such, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, creed, disability, age, religion or national origin.

## **Article I – Name and Affiliation**

### *Section 1*

This chapter shall be known as the Auburn University Collegiate Chapter of MENC: The National Association for Music Education and shall be listed in the MENC records as Chapter Number 289.

### *Section 2*

This chapter shall have an affiliated relationship with the Alabama 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 all members with the opportunity to become acquainted with leaders in the music profession through participation in programs, demonstrations, discussions, workshops, and performances planned by this chapter, the state music educators association, and The National Association for Music Education;
- assist the school in various projects throughout the year;
- provide the opportunity to have contact with collegiate members from other schools.

## **Article III – Membership Eligibility and Benefits**

### *Section 1*

Membership shall be open to any student enrolled at Auburn University who is engaged in receiving a teaching certification and who is not employed full-time in the field of music education.

### *Section 2*

Students who fulfill the requirements as stated in Section 1 may become members of this chapter on payment of dues as stated in Article IV.

### *Section 3*

Graduating collegiate members of this chapter will have the opportunity to receive regular MENC membership at a special introductory rate in the year of or immediately following their graduation as a first-year teacher of full-time employment in music education.

### *Section 4*

Any member of this chapter may participate in the activities carried on by this collegiate chapter and by MENC, including its divisions and the federated state associations, in connection with conferences and other meetings. All collegiate members, after complying with registration requirements, may attend all MENC conventions – national, divisional, and those of the federated state associations.

### *Section 5*

Every collegiate member of this chapter will receive issues of the official MENC periodicals *Music Educators Journal* and *Teaching Music*, and, if applicable, issues of the official state music educators association periodicals.

### *Section 6*

Any MENC collegiate member of this chapter may receive subscriptions to the *Journal of Research in Music Education*, *General Music Today*, *UPDATE: Applications of Research in Music Education*, and *Journal of Music Teacher Education* upon payment of the prescribed additional fees.

### *Section 7*

All optional member services afforded by MENC are available to the collegiate members of this chapter. See Part IV: Member Benefits and Services in the *MENC Collegiate Chapter Handbook*.

## **Article IV – Finance**

### *Section 1*

Dues for MENC collegiate membership are for an academic year. The total dues collected each year for MENC collegiate membership represent both national and state dues. National dues for MENC collegiate membership are less than one-third the cost of regular MENC membership. State dues are appropriated by each state music educators association. Students eligible for MENC collegiate membership become members of MENC and their federated state music educators association when proper national and state dues are sent to the MENC national office.

### *Section 2*

Nominal dues may be levied in excess of national and state dues to help finance the activities of the chapter.

## **Article V – Executive Council**

*Section 1*

Management of this chapter is the responsibility of the Executive Council and is upheld by this constitution.

*Section 2*

The Executive Council shall consist of the officers of this chapter and the chapter advisor as an ex officio 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 all matters not specifically acted upon the group.

**Article VI – Chapter Advisor**

*Section 1*

There shall be a chapter advisor who is a member of the music faculty at Auburn University and who is a member of MENC. The chapter advisor shall serve ex officio on the Executive Council.

*Section 2*

The responsibilities of the chapter advisor shall be to:

- act as a representative of MENC to the students;
- represent students in their association with MENC at every level;
- inform the students of the nature, purpose, and function of MENC;
- encourage interest and participation of students in MENC activities;
- act as a liaison with the various levels of MENC;
- serve as an advisor and guide in formulation of chapter programs and policies;
- serve as a resource person;
- receive and distribute fall enrollment materials to potential members;
- explain the benefits of MENC collegiate membership during orientation meetings, methods classes, and other functions that involve music education students;
- complete Section B on each student's Application for Collegiate Membership with remittance authorization and signature;
- receive and distribute the MENC and state association periodicals that are sent in bulk to students who apply for MENC collegiate membership by October 31;
- encourage the development of student initiative, leadership, and imagination, to build a sense of responsibility on the part of students;
- help officers in fulfilling their respective duties, including maintenance of chapter records;
- meet with chapter officers to help with planning and implementing chapter activities;
- promote professional attitudes among chapter members;

- work for support of the chapter by members of the college faculty and explore with department chairpersons the possible funding of chapter activities;
- represent the interests of the chapter on campus and at MENC functions;
- promote the concept of chapter importance in training music education students.

## **Article VII – Officers**

### *Section 1*

The officers of this chapter shall be President, Vice President-Advocate, Secretary-Webmaster, and Treasurer.

### *Section 2*

Any candidate for the office shall have been a member of this chapter for at least one full semester prior to nomination.

### *Section 3*

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

### *Section 4*

In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of President for the remainder of the term of office. Vacancies in any of the other offices shall be filled by election.

### *Section 5*

The officers of this chapter shall be considered the Executive Council for the chapter.

## **Article VIII – 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-advocate to preside in the absence of the president and serve as chairperson of the program committee. It is also his or her duty to represent the chapter on advocacy issues, contact the MENC state coalition chairperson to become involved on the local and state levels, and act as the resource person for the chapter to receive information.

### *Section 3*

It is the duty of the secretary-webmaster to keep accurate records of meetings and business, keep a current roll of membership, maintain the chapter CMENC website, and keep in touch with members of this chapter and other chapters, maintain a close connection with MENC headquarters, and report the chapter activities for publication in state and/or national publications.

*Section 4*

It is the duty of the Treasurer to be responsible for and account for the collection of any monies and/or payment of any debts to the organization.

**Article IX – Election of Officers**

*Section 1*

Election of officers shall be held in the spring of the current year for the following school year.

*Section 2*

A nominating committee shall draw up a slate of candidates.

*Section 3*

Nominations may be accepted from the floor of the meeting at which the nominating committee reports.

*Section 4*

Any registered member of this chapter is qualified to vote in the chapter's election of officers.

*Section 5*

A candidate must receive a majority of votes cast for that office to be elected.

**Article X – Recall**

*Section 1*

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

*Section 2*

Should a recall election occur, Article VII, Section 4, shall still apply.

**Article XI – Committees**

*Section 1*

There shall be a standing committee for programs and activities. This committee is appointed by the president, with approval of the Executive Council.

*Section 2*

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

**Article XII – Meetings**

*Section 1*

There shall be at least 10 regular meetings of this chapter per year.

*Section 2*

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

**Article XII – Amendments**

*Section 1*

This constitution may be amended by a vote from 51% of the membership.