

Collegiate Washington Music Educators Association Constitution

Article I – Name and Affiliation

Section 1

This organization will be known as the Collegiate Washington Music Educators Association, hereafter called CWMEA

Section 2

Membership in CWMEA includes membership in the Washington Music Educators Association and MENC: The National Association for Music Education.

Article II – Purpose

It will be the purpose of this organization to:

- a) Make available to members opportunities for educational/professional development in addition to those covered by educational institutions.
- b) Acquaint students with the privileges and responsibilities of the music education profession.
- c) Provide all members with the opportunity to become acquainted with the leaders in the music education profession through participation in programs, demonstrations, discussions, workshops and performances planned by CWMEA, WMEA and MENC.
- d) Provide the opportunity to join in association with college students across the state and country.

Article II – Membership

Section 1

Membership will be open to any student enrolled in any institution of higher education upon payment of dues.

Section 2

Each member will be affiliated with a chapter. In the event that there is no chapter at the institution of higher education a student is currently attending, he or she may choose to be associated with an existing chapter at any other institution.

Section 3

All members, after complying with registration requirements, may attend any of the MENC conventions (MENC, Northwest division and WMEA).

Section 4

Each member has the rights and privileges of collegiate membership extended by MENC and WMEA.

Section 5

Members will receive the official MENC and WMEA publications.



Section 6

If a collegiate member accepts a music teaching position of half time or greater, he or she may request to be transferred to the status of active membership in MENC for the balance of that membership year.

Article IV – State Officers

Section 1

The executive board of this organization will be president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and any other officers appointed by that board. It is recommended that the president and vice president be from different chapters.

Section 2

Candidates for president must have been a member of CWMEA for at least one academic year. Candidates for other offices must have been a member of CWMEA for at least one academic term.

Section 3

In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of president, the vice president will assume the duties of the presidential office for the remainder of the term.

Section 4

Vacancies in other offices will be filled by nominations made to the executive board and elected by the executive board.

Section 5

The state assembly will be the executive board and one representative from each chapter executive board.

Section 6

The CWMEA adviser will be an ex-officio member of the executive board.

Article V – State Officers, Terms of Office

Section 1

The term of president is two years.

Section 2

The term of all other officers is one year.

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Article VI – State Election Process

Section 1

Applications must be submitted to the CWMEA executive board by the designated date.

Section 2

The president will be selected by the CWMEA executive board no later than the conclusion of the WMEA biennial conference.

Section 3

Other officers will be selected annually by the CWMEA executive board.

Article VII – Duties of Officers

Section 1

The president will preside at the meetings, represent the organization, uphold the principles of the constitution and appoint committees as required, subject to the approval of the executive board. The president will be held responsible for giving the organization direction and keeping it on task.

Section 2

The president will be the CWMEA representative to the WMEA executive board, will be held responsible for CWMEA conferences and will coordinate communication with student chapter advisers.

Section 3

The vice president will preside in the absence of the president, serve by appointment of the president and chair appointed committees.

Section 4

The secretary will take executive board minutes, communicate with chapters and distribute the newsletter.

Section 5

The treasurer will supervise the CWMEA budget, manage the reimbursement forms, keep accurate records of expenditures and send updates to the WMEA office.

Article VIII – State Meetings

Section 1

The CWMEA executive board will have a minimum of three meetings each academic year.

Section 2

The CWMEA state assembly will meet at least once each academic year.

Article IX – Chapters

Section 1

A chapter may be formed by two or more students with a faculty adviser at any institution of higher education.

Section 2

Each chapter is responsible for forming a board of officers, one of which must be a chapter president, to govern and maintain the chapter's business.

Section 3

Each chapter is responsible for delegating a member to represent the chapter at the CWMEA state assembly.

Section 4

Each chapter will be responsible to inform its members of all events, activities, benefits, rights and responsibilities.

Section 5

Each chapter will be responsible for informing the CWMEA state adviser of all election results by October 15 of each school year.

Section 6

Each chapter will have a constitution, which must be filed with the state secretary.

Article X – Amendments

Section 1

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the CWMEA executive board.

Section 2

All members of the CWMEA executive board must receive notice of proposed amendments at least seven days prior to the meeting to vote on the amendment.

Section 3

Following approval by the CWMEA executive board, the WMEA board must approve amendments by a majority vote.