

National Federation of Music Clubs -Southeastern Region Bylaws

Clarification – “Federation Weekend” shall mean the meeting held during July at a summer music camp (Brevard) or other designated location.

“NFMC Regional Luncheon “ shall mean the SER meeting held during the NFMC Convention/Conference

ARTICLE I -NAME

This organization shall be known as the National Federation of Music Clubs - Southeastern Region, a component part of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

The object of this organization is to bring into working relations with one another, music clubs and other musical organizations and individuals directly or indirectly associated with musical activity for the purpose of developing and maintaining high musical standards; and aiding and encouraging musical education; and the promotion of American music and American artists throughout America and other countries; and to cooperate with the National Federation of Music Clubs in the specific plans for the advancement of music.

ARTICLE III - NON-PROFIT STATUS

Section 1. This organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted while exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or while contributions received are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or not permitted under corresponding sections of any future federal tax code. **No** substantial part of the activities of this organization shall involve attempting to influence legislation, or participation in, or intervention in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. The net earnings of this organization shall not benefit or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except as reasonable compensation for services rendered and as payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II.

Section 2. In the event of the dissolution of this organization, any funds remaining in the treasury after payment of any outstanding debts shall be contributed to the National Federation of Music Clubs or another 501(c)(3) organization with similar objectives and goals.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Any organization, musician or individual belonging to a state federation in the Southeastern Region as defined by the National Federation of Music Clubs is a member in the Southeastern Region in accordance with the classification and ratification of membership as provided for by the Bylaws of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

The officers of the National Federation of Music Clubs - Southeastern Region shall be the Vice-President for the Southeastern Region who is elected by the Board of the National Federation of Music Clubs at the biennial NFMC convention, and a Secretary and a Treasurer who are elected by the members of the Southeastern Region at Federation Weekend at Brevard in the odd-numbered years. The SE Region Vice-President shall appoint a Parliamentarian.

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1. The Vice-President for the Southeastern Region who is elected by the Board of the National Federation of Music Clubs at the biennial NFMC convention.(nominations take place during Federation Weekend preceeding the NFMC Convention)
2. Secretary who is elected by the members of the Southeastern Region at Federation Weekend at Brevard or a location determined and voted on during the NFMC Conference/Convention Region Luncheon in the odd-numbered years.
3. Treasurer who is elected by the members of the Southeastern Region at Federation Weekend at Brevard or a location determined and voted on during the NFMC Conference/Convention Region Luncheon in the odd-numbered years.
4. The SE Region Vice- President shall appoint a Parliamentarian.
5. Advisory Council - (created during the 2011 regional meeting/ per the minutes of July 18-19, 2014) The Advisory council is composed of three members who serve three-year terms ~~on a rotating basis~~. The purpose of the council is:
 - a. To give continuity to the regional organization
 - b. To serve as advisors to the current officers
 - c. To serve as advisors to the host state
 - d. To work with the region officers to investigate and propose ways to encourage attendance at the annual regional meeting
 - e. To work with the region officers to develop and maintain a viable mailing(email) list and to make communication more efficient.

REASON FOR CHANGE – CLARIFICATION AND ALLOWS THE FEDERATION WEEKEND TO BE HELD AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS
THE ADVISORY COUNCIL WAS CERATED DURING THE 2011 REGIONAL MEETING. ORIGINALLY THE 3 MEMBERS SERVED ON ROTATING TERMS, BUT THIS HAS BECOME VERY CONFUSING AND DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The Vice-President represents the Southeastern Region at all National Federation of Music Club events. The Vice-President presides at all Southeastern Region meetings and performs all other duties pertaining to the office.

Section 2. The Secretary keeps the minutes of all meetings and in the Vice President's absence, presides at Southeastern Region Meetings.

Section 3. The Treasurer collects the dues, for membership (if determined by the Administrative board), accepts contributions, pays all approved bills and provides and annual financial report.

A. The Vice-President in charge of the Southeastern Region Shall:

1. Represent the Southeastern Region at all National Federation of Music Club events.
2. Presides at all Southeastern Region meetings and performs all other duties pertaining to the office.
3. Arrange an annual meeting for Southeastern Region members during the summer (Federation Days) and the NFMC Conference/Convention (NFMC Regional Luncheon).
4. Perform such additional duties as may be designated by the NFMC Board of Directors pertaining to the office.
5. In odd numbered years, during the SER Federation Days, appoint a 3 panel nominating committee for the purpose of presenting a slate of officers to the SER members during the next NFMC Regional Luncheon. These officers shall include – Regional Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Advisory Council Chair.

B. The Secretary shall:

1. Keep the minutes of all meetings and distribute said minutes to all state presidents and chairman of the Southeastern Region.
2. In the Vice-President's absence, presides at Southeastern Region meetings.

C. The Treasurer shall:

1. Collects the dues, for membership (if determined by the Administrative board), accepts contribution.
2. Pays all approved bills
3. Provides a financial statement at every business session of the Southeastern Region.
4. File annually the reports required by the General Not for Profit Corporation Act.
5. Manage the payment of the Southeastern Region Beth McAuley Brevard Scholarship.

REASON FOR CHANGE – CLARIFICATION OF DUTIES OF EACH OFFICER

ARTICLE VII -ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the Southeastern Region shall be vested in the hands of the Administrative Board consisting of the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the President, or President's designee, from each state in the Southeastern Region.

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REASON FOR CHANGE – CHANGE TO INCLUDE THE ADVISORY COUNCIL AS NOTED IN THE 2009 MINUTES

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the National Federation of Music Clubs – Southeastern Region will be held during the Federation weekend at Brevard. Special meetings of the Southeastern Region may be called by the Vice President or by a majority of the Administrative Board. A Quorum shall consist of a majority of the Administrative Board, members and representatives present from the states in the Southeastern Region.

A. Annual Meetings

The annual meeting of the National Federation of Music Clubs – Southeastern Region will be held during the NFMC Conference/Convention at the Southeastern Luncheon. The meeting of the National Federation of Music Clubs- Southeastern Region Summer weekend (Federation Days) will be held at a site determined by members and will be used to formulate possible recommendations of action for the Southeastern Region. Special meetings of the Southeastern Region may be called by the Vice President or by a majority of the Administrative Board. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Administrative Board, members and representatives present from the states in the Southeastern Region.

D. Business by mail or e-mail.

1. Important business, which in the opinion of the Vice-President, needs the immediate attention of the Administrative Board, may be handled by either mail or e-mail ballot.

2. Ballots

Identical ballots, including the information necessary for an intelligent decision, shall be sent to each member of the Administrative Board by the Recording Secretary.

3. Results

A vote of the majority of the Administrative Board shall be necessary to consider the result as the opinion of the Board.

4. Report

The Recording Secretary shall immediately report the result of the vote to each member of the Board and shall give a complete report of the ballots at the next session of the Board.

REASON FOR CHANGE – CLARIFICATION OF POSSIBLE MEETING PLACES OTHER THAN Brevard and that National meetings would be where actions for the Southeastern Region will be presented and voted on. Rationale: More of the Southeastern members will have more active part in the actions of the Southeastern Region.

ARTICLE IX - SE REGION BREVARD SUMMER MUSIC CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

Section 1. The Southeastern Region shall sponsor an annual scholarship for a student, from the Southeastern Region, accepted by the Brevard Music Camp, upon the recommendation of said audition panel. Brevard shall provide the Southeastern Region VP with the name of the recipient.

Section 2. The annual amount of said scholarship shall be approved by the Southeastern Vice-President and the Administrative Board. The Administrative Board shall have the authority to withdraw said scholarship provided each Southeastern Region state president has been notified 14 days prior to vote.

Section 3. The recipient shall be expected to perform during the Southeastern Federation Weekend at Brevard

ARTICLE X - DUES

The Administrative board shall have the option to establish dues for the Southeastern Region which shall be set by vote of those present at the annual meeting. The fiscal year shall be July 1 through June 30.

ARTICLE XI - ENDOWMENT FUND

The Southeastern Region Endowment Fund shall be maintained for development of the SE Regional Brevard Scholarship.

ARTICLE XII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

"Robert's Rules of Order, most recently revised" governs the proceedings, subject only to the bylaws and rules of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

ARTICLE XIII -AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the National Federation of Music Clubs - Southeastern Region by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided the proposed amendments have been submitted to the Presidents of the Southeastern Region's state federations 14 days prior to the meeting

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REASON FOR CHANGE – CLARIFICATION

ARTICLE XIV – ELECTIONS

Odd Numbered Years –

NFMC Regional Luncheon/Convention – SER Secretary, Treasurer and Advisory Council Chair elected and installed
Regional Vice President elected by NFMC Board

serve on the SER nominating committee. They will present a slate of officers including Regional Vice President, SER Secretary, SER Treasurer, Advisory Council Chair to the SER members during the NFMC Regional Luncheon at the next NFMC Conference.

Even Numbered Years –

NFMC Regional Luncheon – slate of officer will be presented to the members with nominations accepted from the floor. The nominee for Regional Vice President will assist in completing NFMC form AD 1-2 and submit form in a timely manner to NFMC Chair.

Original 7/1/2009

Revised 7/11/2009 by members attending Federation Weekend at Brevard.

Revised 6/2019 – to be voted on in Jacksonville, Florida