**TEXAS MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION**

**Texas Future Music Educators**

# State Constitution

## ARTICLE I. Name and Purpose

SECTION 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Texas Future Music Educators (TFME).

SECTION 2. Purpose

The organization is established by the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) to promote music education as a profession.

The purpose of TFME is to recognize and promote students in grades 9-12 who are interested in pursuing a career in music education and provide them with opportunities for growth and engagement with the broader music education community.

## ARTICLE II. Chapters

SECTION 1. Locations

A TFME chapter may be established in a school, or a school district, that provides instrumental and/or choral music instruction to students in grades 9-12.

SECTION 2. Establishment of Chapters

Information about establishing a new chapter may be found on the TMEA website.

SECTION 3. Officers

Each chapter will have student officers: a president, a vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer, who shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected.

SECTION 4. TFME Sponsors

1. Each chapter must have at least one sponsor who holds an Active membership in TMEA.
2. All TFME sponsors must hold an Active Membership in TMEA.

SECTION 5. Meetings

Each chapter must hold a minimum of four meetings per year, preferably with two in the fall and two in the spring. The quorum for each meeting will be determined by the chapter bylaws.

SECTION 6. Chapter Bylaws

Each chapter’s bylaws should closely follow the suggested Chapter Bylaws provided by TMEA.

SECTION 7. Revocation

A chapter which reports no members for three consecutive years shall be subject to revocation of its chapter.

## ARTICLE III. TFME Membership

SECTION 1. Eligibility

Membership in TFME shall be open to students in schools and/or school districts serving students in grades 9-12, who have been certified by an Active TMEA Member director as a participating member of one of the school’s parent musical organizations.

Section 2. Membership

No discrimination in admission of members may be allowed by reason of race, ~~e~~thnicity, creed, gender or gender identity or expression, disability, national origin, political or religious beliefs, family, social or cultural background, sexual orientation or identity, education, or other unique characteristics.

SECTION 3. Transfers

If a student member moves to another school or school district, they may transfer their membership by requesting a transfer letter from their original chapter and submitting it to the sponsor of the new chapter.

## ARTICLE IV. Dues and Benefits

SECTION 1. State TFME Membership Fee

1. Each student must pay a TFME membership fee as established by the TMEA Executive Board. ($15.00, 3/04). This fee will be remitted to the TMEA state office.
2. Each paid member will receive a certificate of membership, a patch, and access to a digital edition of *Southwestern Musician*. This $15.00 fee will also include convention registration.
3. The deadline for remitting dues to TMEA state office is January 15.

SECTION 2. Local Chapter Dues

In addition to the required state membership fee, each chapter may decide its own dues by a majority vote of the student members. The chapter dues will be retained by local chapter.

**ARTICLE V. Distribution of Assets upon Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the TFME, the assets of the state organization shall be deposited into the TMEA Scholarship Fund.

## ARTICLE VI. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the TMEA Executive Board.

# Suggested Chapter Bylaws

## ARTICLE 1. Officers

SECTION 1. The student officers of the chapter will consist of a president, a vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer. The sponsor of the chapter shall serve as a chapter administrator.

SECTION 2. At the first meeting of each year, members will cast their votes to elect officers who will serve a term of one year, or until a successor is elected. If there is only one candidate for the office, they may be elected by acclamation.

SECTION 3. The president’s duties are the usual ones typically associated with the position. In addition, the president may call special meetings as described in Article III, Section 2.

SECTION 4. The vice-president’s duties are the typical ones associated with this position.

SECTION 5. The secretary-treasurer has the responsibility to keep an accurate record of all chapter transactions, maintain a membership roll, and safeguard the Bylaws and other chapter records.

## ARTICLE II. Membership

SECTION 1. Students must be certified by an Active TMEA Member director as a participating member of one of the school’s parent musical organizations.

Section 2: No discrimination in admission of members may be allowed by reason of race, ~~e~~thnicity, creed, gender or gender identity or expression, disability, national origin, political or religious beliefs, family, social or cultural background,sexual orientation or identity, education, or other unique characteristics.

## ARTICLE III. Meetings

SECTION 1. Each chapter must hold a minimum of four meetings per year, preferably with two in the fall and two in the spring.

SECTION 2. Special meetings may be called by the president, chapter sponsor, or upon written request by any four student members. Notice of a special meeting must be provided to each member at least one week prior to the meeting.

SECTION 3. At least one-half of the student members must be present to conduct official business.

SECTION 4. The order of business may be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Reading of minutes of the last regularly scheduled business meeting and intervening special meetings
3. Announcement of new members
4. Appointment of committees
5. Report of chapter officers
6. Report of committees
7. Unfinished business
8. New business
9. Program
10. Adjournment

## ARTICLE IV. Sponsors

SECTION 1. TFME sponsors must maintain Active membership in TMEA.

## ARTICLE V. Distribution of Assets upon Dissolution

SECTION 1. If the chapter becomes inactive or is dissolved, all its assets will belong to the associated school or school district.

## ARTICLE VI. Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to these Bylaws may be approved at any meeting of the chapter with a three-fourths majority vote, provided the amendments are consistent with the TFME State Constitution and have been approved by the TFME sponsor(s).

***NOTE***: Article V is mandatory in order to comply with state statutes.

Not all suggestions for chapter bylaws are applicable to all chapters in every detail. However, the procedures and definitions of authority align with the Constitution of the Texas Future Music Educators which has been approved by the TMEA Executive Board.