

## **ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE**

### **Section A.** The Syndicate aka Modern and Electronic Music Education Syndicate

The official name for this organization is the Modern and Electronic Music Education Syndicate  
This organization will use the name or its acronym, MEMES, in all publicity materials and correspondence.

### **Section B. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization is to provide a resource for teachers in the state of Missouri that would like to teach Modern Band. This organization will also provide a network of other teachers to communicate with and share information and ideas. Another focus of this organization is to provide learning materials and pedagogy to the teachers involved. All activities of this organization must be directed toward this purpose.

## **ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section A. REQUIREMENTS**

Membership is not limited to any person. Any person can join this organization.  
Membership decisions will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy, disability, age, medical condition (cancer-related), ancestry, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, or status as a Vietnam-era veteran or special disabled veteran.

As of now, there is no fee to enter this organization

### **Section B. RIGHTS**

All members are eligible to attend all meetings and events of this organization.

### **Section C. WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP**

Members may have their membership withdrawn for failure to adhere to the requirements for membership as stated above.

A simple majority vote of the quorum of membership at a regular or special meeting shall be sufficient to withdraw membership.

Members to be voted upon in this regard will be notified of the intention to do so in writing at least one week prior to the meeting at which the vote will be taken.

## **ARTICLE III. OFFICERS**

### **Section A. OFFICER TITLES**

President- Kristen Englehart

Vice President-

Secretary/Treasurer-

Program Committee Chair-

### **Section B. DUTIES**

The President will chair all meetings of Modern and Electronic Music Education Syndicate and will call special meetings as needed. The President will vote on Modern and Music Education Syndicate matters only in case of a tie.

The Vice President shall chair any ad hoc committees or task forces of the organization.

The Secretary/Treasurer will take, record, and file meeting minutes; produce all official correspondence for the organization, and maintain records and report on the financial transactions of Modern and Electronic Music Education Syndicate.

The Program Committee Chair will direct the planning of the organization's education and social programs.

### **Section C. REQUIREMENTS FOR RUNNING FOR AND HOLDING OFFICE**

All officers and candidates for office must active or former music teachers

All officers must be voting members of Modern and Electronic Music Education Syndicate.

### **Section D. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

Any member may nominate any other member, including himself or herself.

Elections will be held at the June monthly meeting.

Nominations may also be made during the election meeting itself, prior to closing of nominations and taking the vote.

A simple majority vote of the quorum present at that meeting will be sufficient to elect an officer.

If there are more than two candidates and no candidate receives a majority, there will be a run-off vote between the top two vote recipients in the general meeting.

### **Section E. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

Officers may be removed from office for failure to perform duties or for violation of membership clause.

Officers to be voted upon in this regard will be notified of the intention to do so in writing at least one week prior to the meeting at which the vote will be taken.

A two-thirds majority of quorum present at a regularly scheduled meeting shall be sufficient for removal from office.

Any officer may resign by submitting a letter to the President. The President may resign by submitting a letter to the Vice President.

### **Section F. TERMS OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES**

The term of office shall be from the last meeting of each spring semester until the end of the second-to-last meeting of the subsequent spring semester.

Should a vacancy in office occur, there will be another nomination procedure and election for the vacant office.

In the meantime, the Vice President will assume the duties of the President, the Secretary/Treasurer will assume the duties of the Vice President, and the Program Chair will assume the duties of the Secretary/Treasurer should those offices be vacant.

## **ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS**

**Section A.** Regular meetings will be held the third Thursday of every month.

**Section B.** Special meetings may be called by any combination of three of the officers. Notice of special meetings must be communicated to all members at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

**Section C.** To conduct business at any meeting, one half of the entire voting membership must be present to form quorum.

## **ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES**

### **Section A. PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

The only standing committee of the Modern and Electronic Music Educational Syndicate is the Program Committee, whose purpose is to plan events and programs for the organization.

All decisions of the Program Committee involving committing organization funds in amounts greater than \$25.00 will require the approval of the majority of those members present at the

regular or special meeting of ASP. Similar decisions, but for \$25.00 or less may be approved by the Program Chair with consent from two officers.

**Section B. OTHER COMMITTEES**

Other committees may be appointed by a majority vote of the members at a regular meeting of the Modern and Electronic Music Education Syndicate.

**ARTICLE VI. AFFILIATIONS**

**ARTICLE VII. BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS**

**Section A. BY-LAWS**

By-laws can be added to this constitution by a simple majority vote of the entire membership at a regular meeting of the Modern and Electronic Music Education Syndicate.

This constitution takes precedence over any and all by-laws.

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**Section B. AMENDMENTS**

This constitution can be amended by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership at a regular meeting of the Modern and Electronic Music Education Syndicate.

Notification of such a motion must be made to members at least one meeting in advance of the one in which the actual vote is taken.

Date approved by organization \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Presiding Officer

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