

ISME Constitution and Bylaws revision proposal, as of September 28, 2017.

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Current Language:	Proposed Language:
Article I - Name	Article I - Name
The name of the organisation shall be the <i>International Society for Music Education</i> . The official abbreviation shall be ISME.	The name of the organization shall be the <i>International Society for Music Education</i> . The official abbreviation shall be ISME.
Article II - Purpose	Article II – Purpose
<p>The purpose of the Society shall be to promote music in the education of people of all ages throughout the world, to enable every person to enjoy music and to take part freely in the musical life of the community, and to assist music educators in the preservation and teaching of the music cultures of human society while developing creative and competent musicians for the contemporary world. In order to realise the purpose of the Society the Board of Directors shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) organise regular and special conferences; 2) issue such publications as may be deemed necessary; 3) establish, or recommend to the General Assembly the establishment of, Commissions, Councils and Committees as appropriate for carrying out the work of the Society; 4) authorise such other activities as may be appropriate to achieve the purpose of the Society. <p>The Society will operate as a non profit organization</p>	<p>The purpose of the Society shall be to promote the learning and teaching of music for all people and to support the professional growth of music educators throughout the world.</p>
	Article III – Status
	The Society shall operate as a non-profit organization.
Article IV - Membership	Article IV – Membership or Partnership
The Board of Directors shall propose appropriate categories of membership for the Society. Such categories shall be approved by the General Assembly.	Appropriate categories of membership or partnership, together with the privileges and responsibilities associated with each category, shall be specified in the Bylaws of the Society.
	Article V – World Conference

	A World Conference of the Society shall be held in each even-numbered year.
Article V – General Assembly	Article VI – General Assembly
The members shall be convened in a General Assembly at each biennial conference of the Society. Provisions governing meetings of the General Assembly shall be specified in the Bylaws of the Society.	The individual members of the Society, when assembled, shall constitute the General Assembly of the Society. The General Assembly shall be convened at least biennially. Provisions governing the functioning of the General Assembly shall be specified in the Bylaws of the Society.
Article III – Board of Directors	Article VII – Board of Directors
The Board of Directors shall be the legal representative of the Society and as such shall hold and administer all property, funds and affairs of the Society. Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Society shall be specified in the Bylaws of the Society.	The Board of Directors shall be the representative of the Society and, as such, shall conduct the affairs of the Society and shall hold and administer all of the property and funds of the Society. Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Society shall be specified in the Bylaws of the Society.
Article VI - Elections	Article VIII - Elections
The manner of the election or appointment of the officers of the Society and the members of the Board of Directors shall be specified in the Bylaws of the Society.	Procedures governing the election or appointment of the officers of the Society and the members of the Board of Directors shall be specified in the Bylaws of the Society.
Article IX - Dissolution	Article IX - Dissolution
1) The dissolution of the Society may be pronounced only at a meeting of the General Assembly specifically convened for that purpose. A two-thirds majority of the Voting Delegates casting votes shall be required to dissolve the Society. 2) Any assets remaining to the Society shall be disposed of by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Board of Directors. Such assets shall be donated to one or more non-profit organisations pursuing aims similar to those of the Society. In no event may any portion of such assets be distributed among the members of the Society.	1) The Society shall be dissolved only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the General Assembly devoted solely to that question. 2) Any assets remaining to the Society shall be disposed of by the Board of Directors. Such assets shall be donated to one or more non-profit organizations pursuing aims similar to those of the Society. In no event shall any portion of such assets be distributed among the Individual members of the Society.
Proposed New Article	Article X – Parliamentary Authority
N/A	The affairs of the Society and its constituent bodies shall be conducted in accordance with procedures and guidance provided in a manual of parliamentary procedure specified in the Bylaws of the Society.
Article VIII - Amendments	Article XI - Amendments
Amendments to this Constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of Voting Delegates casting votes in the General Assembly. The text of any amendment proposed by a member shall be accompanied by the	Amendments to these Articles shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the General Assembly. Any proposed amendment must be submitted to the Board of Directors for its consideration and recommendation prior to its submission to the General Assembly. Procedures

<p>name and signature of the member proposing the amendment and the name and signature of the member seconding it and shall be received by the Secretary General at least 90 days prior to the meeting of the General Assembly at which it is to be considered.</p> <p>The text of any proposed amendment to the Constitution to be considered at a meeting of the General Assembly shall be provided to each member of the Society by the General Secretary at least 30 days prior to the meeting.</p>	<p>for proposing amendments shall be specified in the Bylaws of the Society.</p>
<p>Bylaw VIII - Languages</p>	<p>Bylaw I – Languages</p>
<p>The official languages of the Society shall be English and those languages appropriate to the venue of the conferences and seminars of the Society.</p>	<p>The official language of the Society shall be English. Additional languages appropriate to the venues of the conferences and seminars of the Society shall also be considered official.</p>
	<p>Bylaw II - Inclusion</p>
	<p>Every action, program, and publication of the Society shall be designed in such a way as to embrace and engage members of all ages, cultures, faith traditions, genders, sexual orientations, special needs, languages and geographic areas; oppose discrimination in any form; promote and encourage principles of acceptance, inclusion, and diversity; and support the equitable treatment of every individual.</p>
<p>Bylaw I – Membership and Dues</p>	<p>Bylaw III – Membership or Partnership</p>
<p>1) Membership in the Society shall require:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Written application to the Secretary General b) Payment of dues <p>2) Categories of membership shall include but not be limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Honorary Life b) Individual c) Group d) Associate e) Patron <p>3) The conditions, rights and privileges of the various categories of membership shall be specified by the Board of Directors. (Revised and incorporated in proposed Con. Art. IV)</p> <p>4) Dues for the various categories of membership shall be fixed by the Finance Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors within limits established by the General Assembly. (Revised and incorporated in proposed Bylaw III [3])</p>	<p>1) Membership in the Society shall be available by enrolling and paying the applicable dues.</p> <p>2) The following categories of membership shall be available within the Society:</p> <p>Membership</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Individual: This category of membership shall be available to any person teaching or facilitating music learning and to any person desiring to support the work of the Society. b) Student: This category of membership shall be available to any person enrolled in a program leading to a career in teaching or facilitating music learning. This category shall be available to any individual for a maximum of three membership periods of two years each. c) Honorary Life: This category of membership shall be limited to those distinguished members designated as Honorary Life members by the Board of Directors. <p>3) Dues for Individual and Student members shall be established by the Board of Directors.</p>

<p>5) Membership in the Society shall be for a two-year period beginning on the first of January each year, commencing in January 2011 (Approved by GA, August 2010). (Revised and incorporated in proposed Bylaw III [6])</p> <p>6) The fiscal biennium of the Society shall be determined by the Board of Directors. (Revised and incorporated in proposed Bylaw IX [4])</p>	<p>Student members and Individual members at least sixty-five (65) years of age shall receive a reduced rate, never to exceed fifty (50) percent of the Individual membership rate. No dues shall be required of Honorary Life members.</p> <p>4) Members of the Society, as defined in Sections 2a, 2b, and 2c above, shall have all rights of membership, including the right to vote, the right to hold office, and all other rights as specified in the Bylaws, the Policy Manual, and the manual of parliamentary procedure adopted by the Society.</p> <p>5) The period of membership for each category as defined in Section 2 a, 2b, and 2c above shall extend for two (2) years beginning on January 1 of the year in which the applicant’s dues are received by the Chief Executive Officer.</p> <p>6) The giving or holding of proxies shall not be permitted in any meeting or activity sponsored by the Society or a constituent body.</p> <p>7) The following categories of partnership shall be available within the Society:</p> <p>Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Professional: This category of partnership shall be available to any professional association whose aims are consistent with those of the Society. b) Institutional: This category of partnership shall be available to any non-commercial entity whose aims are consistent with those of the Society. c) Corporate: This category of partnership shall be available to any corporation or other commercial entity whose aims are consistent with those of the Society. <p>8) Enrollment fees for each category of partnership shall be established by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>9) Partners of the Society as defined in Section 7a, 7b and 7c above, shall not have the right to vote or hold office but may have other rights as specified in the Bylaws or the Policy Manual of the Society.</p> <p>10) The period of enrollment as a Partner of the Society as defined in Sections 7a, 7b, and 7c above, shall be established at the discretion of the Board of Directors.</p>
<p>Bylaw II – General Assembly</p> <p>1) Members of the Society shall be notified of the time and place of each meeting</p>	<p>Bylaw IV – General Assembly</p> <p>1) Notice of each convening of the General Assembly shall be circulated to the members at least</p>

of the General Assembly by the Secretary General at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Each member of the Society present shall be considered a member of the General Assembly.

2) The agenda for an ordinary session of the General Assembly shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a) A report by the Board of Directors on the activities of the Society;
- b) A financial report by the Board of Directors;
- c) A proposed budget for the forthcoming biennium;
- d) The establishment of limits for dues for the various categories of membership;
- e) Reports by Commissions, Councils or Committees as requested by the Board of Directors;
- f) A report on the election of the President-Elect and Members-At-Large of the Board of Directors;
- g) An announcement of the date and place of the next meeting of the General Assembly.

3) Any member in attendance at a meeting of the General Assembly shall have the right to propose and second resolutions. The text of any resolution proposed by a member shall be accompanied by the name and signature of the member proposing the resolution and the name and signature of the member seconding it and shall be received by the General Secretary at least 48 hours prior to the meeting of the General Assembly at which the resolution is to be considered. Consideration of any resolution shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

4) In all matters brought before the General Assembly, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, each Individual Member and each Honorary Life

thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. The notice shall state the date, the time, the agenda, and the location of the meeting. The members present shall constitute a quorum and minutes shall be taken.

2) The agenda for each meeting of the General Assembly shall include, but not be limited to, the following items:

- a) approval of the agenda
- b) approval of the minutes of the previous convening of the General Assembly
- c) introduction of the Board of Directors, officers, and others as appropriate,
- d) a Biennial Report by the President that shall include, but not be limited to, the following items:
 - i) a summary of the activities of the Society
 - ii) a financial report
 - iii) reports from the Commissions, Councils, Committees, Special Interest Groups, and other groups as appropriate,

Time shall be allotted for the General Assembly to discuss the Biennial Report. Upon the conclusion of discussion, the report shall be filed.

- e) a proposed Biennial Plan by the President-Elect that shall include, but not be limited to, the following items:
 - i) strategic priorities for the Society
 - ii) activities for the forthcoming biennium
 - iii) a budget for the biennium

Time shall be allotted for the General Assembly to discuss the Biennial Plan. Matters arising from the discussion shall be considered during the first meeting of the incoming Board of Directors.

- f) discussion and action on motions or resolutions submitted by members, if any,
- g) announcement of the results of the recent election, and

<p>Member of the Society shall have one vote.</p> <p>5) All voting in the General Assembly shall be conducted by a show of hands, except that a secret, written ballot shall be taken on any issue at the request of at least one Voting Delegate.</p> <p>6) Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, all actions by the General Assembly shall require a simple majority of the votes cast. (Revised and incorporated in proposed Bylaw IV[5])</p> <p>7) In the event of a parity of votes the vote of the presiding officer shall be decisive.</p> <p>8) Issues concerning rules of order or procedure pertaining to meetings of the General Assembly, the Board of Directors or other official bodies of the Society shall be decided by the presiding officer.</p>	<p>h) announcement of the date and place of the next convening of the General Assembly.</p> <p>3) In all matters brought before the General Assembly, each Individual Member as defined in Bylaw III (Sections 2a, 2b, and 2c), shall have one vote.</p> <p>4) All voting of the General Assembly shall be conducted by a voice vote or other means described in the manual of parliamentary procedure adopted by the Society at the discretion of the presiding officer unless the General Assembly shall specify, by a majority vote, a particular method.</p> <p>5) Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, all actions by the General Assembly shall require a simple majority vote.</p> <p>6) The General Assembly may refer matters brought before it for action by a vote of the full membership. In every such case a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days shall be allowed for discussion by the membership and a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days allowed for voting. The discussion and voting shall be overseen by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with procedures specified by the Board of Directors. The results of the vote shall be announced to the membership within five (5) calendar days of the close of the voting and no results shall be announced until that time.</p>
<p>Bylaw III - Officers</p>	<p>Bylaw V - Officers</p>
<p>1) The officers of the Society shall be the President, President-Elect, Past President, and two Members-At-Large of the Board of Directors elected by the Board. The officers of the Society shall also function as the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and as it's Finance Committee of the Society.</p> <p>2) The President shall be the official representative of the Society. The President shall direct and supervise the activities of the Society and consult regularly with the officers and members of the Board of Directors. The President's duties shall include presiding at meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors. In the event of the absence of the President his or her duties shall be assumed by the President-Elect or the Past President, in that order.</p> <p>3) The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the funds of the Society, which shall be disbursed upon signatures according to procedures prescribed by the Board. At each ordinary session of the General Assembly the Board of Directors</p>	<p>1) The officers of the Society shall consist of the President, the President-Elect, and the Past President.</p> <p>2) The President shall serve as the official representative of the Society.</p> <p>3) In the event of the absence or incapacity of the President, the President's duties shall be assumed by the President-Elect or the Past President, in that order.</p> <p>4) In the event of the death or resignation of the President, the President-Elect shall succeed to the presidency and shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term of the President and shall then succeed to a full term as President.</p> <p>5) In the event of the death, resignation or succession to the presidency of the President-Elect, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member of the Executive Committee to serve as Acting President-Elect until a new President-Elect shall be duly elected.</p>

<p>shall report on the finances of the Society during the past biennium and present a projected budget for the coming biennium. (Revised and incorporated in proposed Bylaws VI [2], and IV [2d, 2e])</p> <p>4) In the event of the temporary incapacity of any officer the Executive Committee may, on the nomination of the President, designate a substitute to serve until the incapacity no longer exists. (Revised and incorporated in proposed Bylaw V [3,4,5])</p>	<p>6) In the event of the death or resignation of the Past President, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member of the Executive Committee to assume the responsibilities of the Past President.</p> <p>7) The President shall provide leadership in the day-to-day activities of the Society, shall direct the work of administrative staff, and shall consult regularly with the other officers and the Board of Directors.</p> <p>8) The officers shall perform the duties prescribed for their offices in the Bylaws and the Policy Manual of the Society and as described in the manual of parliamentary procedure adopted by the Society.</p>
<p>Bylaw IV – Board of Directors</p>	<p>Bylaw VI – Board of Directors</p>
<p>1) The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Past President, and twelve Members-At-Large, two of whom shall serve as officers of the Society.</p> <p>2) Prior to each ordinary session of the General Assembly the Finance Committee shall submit a proposed budget for the forthcoming biennium to the Board of Directors for its approval. The Board of Directors shall then submit a proposed budget for the biennium to the General Assembly for approval. The Finance Committee may authorise expenditures of Society funds until the General Assembly has approved a budget for the biennium. (Revised and incorporated in proposed Bylaws IV [2e], IX [2])</p> <p>3) Only Board members present at meetings at physical or virtual meetings of the Board of Directors shall have the right to vote. Voting electronically is permitted between Board meetings, as directed by the President, and to be carried out by the Secretary General. (Revised and incorporated in proposed Bylaw VI [8])</p> <p>4) A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of one-half of its members.</p> <p>5) The Board of Directors may delegate powers to the Executive Committee. (Revised and incorporated in proposed Bylaw VI [3])</p>	<p>1) The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, the President-Elect, the Past President, and twelve Members-At-Large.</p> <p>2) The Board of Directors shall be responsible for all property and funds of the Society. The Board shall establish procedures for the disbursement of the funds of the Society, and no funds shall be disbursed except in accordance with such procedures.</p> <p>3) The Board of Directors may delegate authority to the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Board with respect to specific matters or in specific circumstances. Any such actions by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board within fifteen (15) days, and such authority shall expire at the end of the biennium in which it is granted.</p> <p>4) The Board of Directors shall develop and maintain a Policy Manual, which shall specify in detail the practices, policies, procedures, and expectations governing the various activities of the Society and its constituent bodies. The Policy Manual shall be revised as necessary and the Board shall take care to ensure that these practices, policies, and procedures are faithfully adhered to.</p> <p>5) The Board of Directors shall be responsible for strategic planning and action to ensure the long-term health and success of the Society.</p> <p>6) The Board of Directors may elect Honorary Life Members of the Society. Each Honorary Life Member must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) be recognized as a genuinely outstanding music educator in at least one country b) have established a record of achievement and distinction,

	<p>c) have made contributions to music education that are of lasting value and that will likely be considered of importance by future music educators, and</p> <p>d) have been active in the Society for an extended period.</p> <p>7) A quorum of a simple majority of the members of the Board of Directors must be present in order for the Board to transact business.</p> <p>8) Only members of the Board of Directors physically present at meetings of the Board may vote. However, the Board may convene by electronic means when necessary, at the discretion of the Board, provided that there is a quorum participating. Minutes shall be taken both at electronic sessions and at physical meetings.</p> <p>9) In the event of the death or resignation of a Member-At-Large of the Board of Directors, the Board may appoint an individual to serve in that capacity for the unexpired portion of the term.</p> <p>10) Any members standing for election as President-Elect or as a Member-at-Large of the Board of Directors is understood to have agreed to abide by the rules, requirements, and expectations set forth in the Bylaws and the Policy Manual of the Society.</p> <p>11) No member of the Board of Directors may serve concurrently as Chair of a Commission, Council, Special Interest Group, or Editor or Co-editor of a major print publication of the Society except as provided in these Bylaws.</p> <p>12) Each member of the Board of Directors shall act at all times in the best interest of the Society as a whole and not on behalf of any constituent body of the Society or any external organization. A member of the Board shall be recused from and may not participate in any discussion or vote by the Board concerning any matter before the Board that may raise or appear to raise a professional, organizational, or financial conflict of interest for that member.</p>
	<p>Bylaw VII – Executive Committee</p>
	<p>1) The Executive Committee shall consist of the three officers of the Society and two Members-At-Large of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>2) The two Members-At-Large shall be nominated and elected to the Executive Committee each biennium by the Board of Directors without the participation of the officers.</p> <p>3) In the event of the death, resignation, or temporary incapacity of a Member-At-Large serving on the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors may elect an alternate Member-At-Large to serve for the remainder of the biennium or until the incapacity no longer exists.</p>

	Bylaw VIII – Removal or Suspension of Officers and Directors
	<p>1) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to discipline, suspend, or remove from office an officer or a Member-At-Large of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>2) Discipline or suspension shall require a majority vote of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>3) Removal from office shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.</p>
	Bylaw IX – Financial Affairs
	<p>1) The Executive Committee shall constitute the Finance Committee of the Society.</p> <p>2) The Finance Committee may authorize limited expenditures of Society funds until the Board of Directors has approved a budget for the forthcoming fiscal biennium.</p> <p>3) Prior to each meeting of the General Assembly at a Biennial World Conference, the Finance Committee shall present a proposed budget for the forthcoming fiscal biennium to the Board of Directors for its consideration.</p> <p>4) The Society shall operate on a fiscal biennium beginning on January 1 of each odd-numbered year.</p>
Bylaw V - Administration	Bylaw X - Administration
<p>1) The Board of Directors shall appoint a Secretary General. The Board can appoint additional administrative personnel or can authorise the Secretary General to do so.</p> <p>2) The duties of the Secretary General shall be to conduct the daily business of the Society within the framework of the resolutions of the General Assembly, according to instructions of the Board of Directors.</p>	<p>1) The Board of Directors shall appoint a principal administrator of the Society, to be known as Chief Executive Officer or an equivalent title designated by the Board of Directors. The Board may appoint additional administrative personnel or may authorize the Chief Executive Officer to do so.</p> <p>2) All administrative personnel shall serve under the direction of the President and at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>3) The Chief Executive Officer shall be responsible for conducting the daily business of the Society under the direction of the President and in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, Policy Manual, and the parliamentary manual adopted by the Society.</p> <p>4) The Chief Executive Officer shall attend meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.</p>
Bylaw VI - Elections	Bylaw XI - Elections
<p>1) The President-Elect and Members-At-Large of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the Individual, Group and Honorary Life Members of the Society (GA</p>	<p>1) The candidates receiving the most votes for President-Elect and for seats as Members-At-Large of the Board of Directors shall be elected. All such elections shall be conducted in a</p>

2002). Voting shall be conducted in a manner as provided for by the Board of Directors. Ballots and necessary supporting information shall be distributed at least sixty (60) days prior to the close of voting to all members of record who are eligible to vote. The closing date for voting shall be designated by the Board of Directors and stated on the ballots.

2) Prior to each election of the Society the Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee to solicit and review nominations for President-Elect and for Members-At-Large of the Board of Directors for the next biennium and to recommend candidates to the Board. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Past President, who shall serve as Chair, and four other members. The Nominating Committee shall present to the Board of Directors a slate of not more than two candidates for each office to be filled. Every effort shall be made to present a balanced and diverse slate, particularly with respect to geography. The Board of Directors shall approve a slate of candidates for presentation to the membership.

3) At the expiration of his or her term the President shall succeed automatically to the office of Past President and the President-Elect shall succeed automatically to the office of President.

4) Each officer and each Member-At-Large of the Board of Directors shall serve a two-year term beginning at the conclusion of the General Assembly at which he or she is elected.

5) A Member-At-Large of the Board of Directors may be re-elected for one additional term, after which he or she shall be ineligible for the same office for a two-year period. However, in the event that fewer than three Members-At-Large are eligible and willing to accept nomination for a second term, one or more members who have already served for two consecutive terms may be designated by the Board of Directors as eligible for a third consecutive term in order that the number of incumbent Members-At-Large available for nomination may not be fewer than three. The number of incumbents designated by the Board as eligible for a third term may not exceed the number necessary to bring the total number of available incumbents, whether or not nominated, to three. In no case may any person serve for more than three consecutive terms as a Member-At-Large of the Board of Directors.

6) No person may serve for more than one two-year term as President-Elect, President or Past President.

manner prescribed by the Board that will allow each member eligible to vote pursuant to Bylaw III (Sections 2a, 2b, 2c) an opportunity to cast a ballot. Ballots, supporting information, and instructions shall be distributed to each eligible member no fewer than sixty (60) days prior to the closing date for voting. The closing date for voting shall be determined by the Board and shall be stated on the ballots and in the accompanying instructions.

2) Prior to each election, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of the Past President and four other members. The Past President shall serve as Chair. The committee shall perform the following functions:

- a) solicit and review nominations for President-Elect and for Members-At-Large of the Board of Directors for the next biennium
- b) develop a slate of candidates that is balanced and diverse, particularly with respect to culture, experience, gender, language, and geography
- c) present to the Board of Directors a slate of not more than two candidates for each position to be filled

3) The Board of Directors shall approve a slate of candidates from the Nominating Committee for presentation to the membership.

4) At the expiration of their terms, the President shall succeed automatically to the office of Past President and the President-Elect shall succeed automatically to the office of President.

5) Each officer and each Member-At-Large of the Board of Directors shall serve a two-year term beginning at the conclusion of the General Assembly at which the election results are announced.

7) Members-At-Large of the Board of Directors may be re-elected for one additional term, after which they shall be ineligible for the same office.

8) No person may serve for more than one two-year term as President-Elect, President, or Past President except as provided elsewhere in these Bylaws.

9) In the event of a tie vote for President-Elect, or in the event that a tie vote makes it impossible to determine who shall be seated on the Board of Directors, the decision shall be made by the Nominating Committee.

<p>7) The General Assembly may elect an Honorary President, who shall serve for life. The Honorary President shall serve without vote as a member of the Board of Directors. (Deleted)</p>	
<p>Bylaw VII – Commissions, Councils and Committees</p>	<p>Bylaw XII – Constituent Bodies</p>
<p>1) Standing Commissions and Councils may be established by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Board of Directors. Each Commission shall be organised to study a specific topic. Each Council shall be composed of a clearly defined population of members.</p> <p>2) Each Commission shall consist of six members, including a Chair. Two members of each Commission shall be appointed each biennium. Each Commission member shall serve a non-renewable six-year term. Each Commission Chair shall serve a two-year term. A Chair may be reappointed unless his or her term on the Commission has expired. Chairs and members shall be nominated by the Commissions for appointment by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>3) Commissions may hold seminars and develop publications with the approval of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>4) Each Commission shall be responsible for a series of sessions at each biennial. These sessions shall be organised by the Chair of the Commission based on procedures designated by that Commission and in consultation with the local organising committee.</p> <p>5) The Chair of each Commission shall be a member of the Council of Commission Chairs. The President-Elect of the Society shall serve as Chair of the Council of Commission Chairs. The Council of Commission Chairs shall be convened at least once during each biennial conference of the Society.</p> <p>6) The Board of Directors may establish such Committees as it sees fit. Each Committee shall be assigned a specific charge. Unless otherwise specified, each Committee shall expire at the end of the biennium in which it was established. (Revised and incorporated in proposed Bylaw XII [7])</p> <p>7) Prior to each meeting of the General Assembly, the Chair of each Commission and Committee shall submit to the Board of Directors a written report on the</p>	<p>1) Constituent bodies of various types may be established to conduct the work of the Society. They may be designated as Commissions, Councils, Special Interest Groups, or Committees.</p> <p>a) Provisions governing the functioning of these bodies shall be established by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>b) Every person serving on a Commission, Council, or Committee, and every member of a Special Interest Group must be a member of the Society eligible to vote pursuant to Bylaw III (Sections 2a, 2b, and 2c), and every person participating in an activity sponsored by a Commission, Council, Committee, or Special Interest Group must be a member of the Society.</p> <p>c) No Commission, Council, Committee, or Special Interest Group shall have access to any funds of the Society except as specifically authorized by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>d) Prior to each meeting of the General Assembly, the Chair of each Commission, Council, Committee, and Special Interest Group shall submit to the Board of Directors a written report on its activities since the previous meeting of the General Assembly.</p> <p>2) Commissions devoted to research and practice in specific fields of interest within music education may be established or terminated by a vote of the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Board of Directors.</p> <p>a) Each Commission shall consist of six (6) members, including a Chair. Two (2) members of each Commission shall be appointed each biennium. Commission members and Chairs shall be appointed by the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Commission. Each Commission member shall serve a term of six years and shall not be eligible for reappointment to that Commission. Each Commission Chair shall serve a term of two (2) years. A Chair may be reappointed, but any appointment as Chair shall expire when the term of that individual on the Commission expires.</p> <p>b) Each Commission shall be responsible for organizing one or more sessions for the membership at each Biennial World Conference. These sessions shall be organized by the Chair of the Commission in cooperation with the local organizing groups.</p>

activities of the Commission or Committee. (Revised and incorporated in proposed Bylaw XII [9])

8) No Commission, Council or Committee shall have access to any funds of the Society unless specifically authorised by the Board of Directors. (Revised and incorporated in proposed Bylaw XII [11])

3) Councils devoted to facilitating and supporting the work of the Society may be established or terminated by a vote of the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

- a) The Chairs of the various Commissions shall constitute the Council of Commission Chairs. The President-Elect of the Society shall serve as Chair of the Council of Commission Chairs. The Council of Commission Chairs shall be convened at least once during each Biennial World Conference of the Society.
- b) The Presidents of the various Professional Associations that are Partners of the Society pursuant to Bylaw III(7a), or their designees, shall constitute the Council of Professional Associations. The purpose of the Council of Professional Associations shall be to provide a mechanism for these organizations to exchange information, collaborate, learn from one another, and build international relationships as well as to establish a means for the respective organizations and the Board of Directors of the Society to exchange information and counsel. The President-Elect of the Society shall serve as Chair of the Council of Professional Associations. The Council of Professional Associations shall convene physically at each biennial World Conference of the Society and at other times, either physically or electronically, as determined by the members of the Council.

4) Special Interest Groups designed to meet the needs and interests of members may be established by the Board of Directors. Provisions governing the membership, activities, privileges, and responsibilities of each group shall be specified by the Board, and any such group may be terminated at the discretion of the Board.

5) In addition to the Committees established elsewhere in these Bylaws, the Board of Directors may establish such Standing Committees or Ad Hoc Committees as it sees fit to accomplish specific tasks on behalf of the Society. Each Committee shall be assigned a specific charge by the Board and may be assigned a termination date. Each Committee not designated as a Standing Committee shall be considered an Ad Hoc Committee, and if no termination date is assigned by the Board, the Committee shall be terminated at the end of the biennium in which it was established.

- a) There shall be a Standing Committee on Honorary Life Membership. The Committee shall consist of four members, each appointed for a term of four (4) years. Two members and the Chair shall be appointed by the incoming President with the approval of the Board of Directors each biennium. At least one (1) member of the Committee shall concurrently be a member of the Board of Directors. In the event of a vacancy, the President shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term, and that member shall

	<p>be eligible for reappointment. The Committee may recommend not more than two (2) candidates for Honorary Life membership each biennium for consideration by the Board of Directors.</p>
	<p>Bylaw XIII – Records and Information Management</p>
	<p>1) The archives of the International Society for Music Education shall be maintained in the Special Collections in Performing Arts at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland, United States of America, subject to conditions negotiated with the University.</p> <p>2) The files and records maintained and preserved in the archives of the International Society for Music Education shall include but not be limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly b) Reports submitted to the Board of Directors or presented to the General Assembly c) Financial Records d) Publications of the Society e) Photographs, Recordings, and other media products of the Society f) Programs of the Biennial World Conferences and other meetings sponsored by the Society <p>3) The Chief Executive Officer shall cause the materials cited in Section (2) above to be deposited in the archives of the International Society for Music Education at the University of Maryland within ninety (90) days of the conclusion of each biennium.</p> <p>4) The Board of Directors shall appoint an Historian for the Society who shall be charged with the task of documenting and disseminating information regarding the history of the Society through a variety of means, including presentations at conferences, publications, and electronic media.</p> <p>5) The Board of Directors shall establish policies for protecting the privacy of members, and such policies shall be applicable to all activities, records, and publications of the Society. Personal information and records concerning individual members of the Society designated for disposal shall be safely discarded in a permanent manner.</p>
Proposed New Bylaw	Bylaw XIV – Parliamentary Authority
N/A	<p>1) The current edition of the American Institute of <i>Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure</i> shall govern the Society and its bodies, including the Board of</p>

	<p>Directors, Commissions, Councils, and Committees, in all parliamentary situations that are not otherwise provided for in the Constitution, Bylaws, or Policy Manual of the Society.</p> <p>2) The President of the Society shall appoint a Parliamentarian who shall serve for a period to coincide with the term of the President and shall concurrently hold no other elective or appointive position within the Society.</p> <p>3) The Parliamentarian shall participate in meetings of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly, shall be available for electronic consultation during meetings of the Executive Committee, and, at the request of the presiding officer, shall make every effort to be available for electronic consultation during meetings of other constituent bodies of the Society.</p>
<p>Bylaw IX - Amendments</p> <p>Amendments to these Bylaws may be adopted by a simple majority of Voting Delegates casting votes in the General Assembly. The text of any amendment proposed by a member shall be accompanied by the name and signature of the member proposing the amendment and the name and signature of the member seconding it and shall be received by the Secretary General at least 90 days prior to the meeting of the General Assembly at which it is to be considered. The text of any proposed amendment to the Bylaws to be considered at a meeting of the General Assembly shall be provided to each member of the Society at least 30 days prior to the meeting.</p>	<p>Bylaw XV – Amendments</p> <p>1) Amendments to these Bylaws shall require a majority vote of the General Assembly. Any proposed amendment must be submitted to the Board of Directors for its consideration and recommendation prior to its submission to the General Assembly.</p> <p>2) A proposal to amend or revise either the Constitution or the Bylaws of the Society may be submitted by the Board of Directors or submitted and seconded by Individual members.</p> <p>3) A proposal to amend or revise the Constitution or Bylaws must be received by the Chief Executive Officer at least 120 days prior to a convening of the General Assembly and shall be included in the documentation and agenda sent to members prior to the meeting.</p>