



National Federation of Music Clubs – North Central Region Bylaws

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as the National Federation of Music Clubs – North Central 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 object and goals.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Any organization, or individual belonging to a state federation in the North Central Region as defined by the National Federation of Music Clubs (Standing Rules A-3) is a member in the North Central Region in accordance with the classification and ratification of membership as provided for by the Bylaws (Article XVI, Section 1 and 1A) of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

A. The officers of the National Federation of Music Clubs – North Central Region shall be

1. Vice-President for the North Central Region who is elected by the region and name sent to the nominating committee for officers by November 1 in the even-numbered years and voted upon at the biennial NFMC convention.
2. Secretary-Treasurer who is elected by the members of the North Central Region at NCR Days in the odd-numbered years.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. The Vice President in Charge of NC Region shall:

1. Represent the North Central Region at all National Federation of Music Club events.
2. Preside at all North Central Region.
3. Represent the National Federation and promote its projects in NCR and aid in the work of the NFMC Extension Department.
4. Cooperate with the Young Artist Presentations Chairman in arranging tours for Young Artist winners.
5. Arrange an annual meeting for Region members during the summer and at the NFMC Biennial Convention and the NFMC Conference.
6. Perform such additional duties as may be designated by the NFMC Board of Directors pertaining to the office.

B. The Secretary-Treasurer shall:

1. Keep the minutes of all meetings and distribute said minutes to all state presidents and chairman of NCR
2. Collect the dues for membership in the region
3. Pay bills authorized by the Vice-President, and/or the designated official of NCR
4. Submit a financial statement at every business session of the NCR
5. In the Vice-President's absence, preside at North Central Region meetings.
6. File annually the reports required by the General Not for Profit Corporation Act

ARTICLE VII – ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the North Central 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 (7) in the North Central Region.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the National Federation of Music Clubs – North Central Region will be at NCR Days held during the summer in conjunction with Junior Composers Summer Programs.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the North Central Region may be called by the Vice-President or by a majority of the Administrative Board.

Section 3. Voting Body

The voting body of NCR shall be composed of the elected and appointed officers, Administrative Board and elected delegates from each organization holding active membership in the NFMC Senior or Student-Collegiate, or adult counselor of an active junior club

Section 4. Quorum

A quorum will consist of one of the elected officers and representatives from a majority of states in the North Central Region.

SECTION 5. BUSINESS BY MAIL OR E-MAIL.

A. 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.

B. 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.

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

D. 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.

ARTICLE IX – JUNIOR COMPOSERS SUMMER PROGRAMS

Section 1. The North Central Region shall financially sponsor and support Junior Composers Summer Programs (JCSP)

Section 2. The place and date of JCSP will be set by the JCSP Board of Directors.

Section 3. The JCSP Board maintains its own bylaws and governing board structure, but will include the NCR Vice President and up to one representative from each state in the NCR region.

ARTICLE X – DUES

The annual dues for the North Central Region are set annually by vote of those present at the annual meeting. The fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

ARTICLE XI – ENDOWMENT FUND

The North Central Region Endowment Fund will be maintained for development of Junior Composers Summer Programs or other projects as designated by the membership.

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 – North Central Region by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided the proposed amendments have been submitted to the Presidents of the North Central Region’s state federations 14 days prior to the meeting.

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