

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY STUDENT ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

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Article I: Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To provide a forum for students participating in music industry education programs to interact with educators and representatives of the music industry
2. To advance the students' knowledge, experience, skills in furtherance of career goals in the music industry.
3. To participate and engage in programs and activities organized by MEIEA, i.e., conferences, seminars, workshops at colleges and universities.
4. To interact with students nationally and locally who are participating in music industry education programs.
5. To keep informed of new developments, trends, and any issues that affect curriculums and career development opportunities.
6. To acquire mentoring, career guidance and counseling by the interacting with music industry educators and with representatives from the music industry.

Article II: Membership Rights

1. Each member is entitled to one vote on each of all student association affairs.
2. A member may serve on MEIEA and MEISA committees by appointment.
3. A member may serve as a principal officer of MEISA by peer election.
4. Each member may attend MEIEA general membership meetings.
5. Each member may attend MEIEA/MEISA annual conference.
6. Each member is entitled to all benefits and privileges as determined by the Board of Directors of MEIEA.

Article III: Powers and Duties

MEIEA grants to MEISA the following regulations, powers and authority: * MEISA shall abide by the By-Laws of MEIEA

Article IV: Membership Fees and Student Status

Membership dues are to be paid annually to MEIEA, according to the schedule of membership fees as stipulated in MEIEA By-Laws. Student members may retain their status during absences from their academic training that do not exceed one year in duration. Student member applications and yearly renewals must be accompanied by evidence of continued student status.

Article V: Meetings

Section I: Meetings of MEISA general membership shall be held annually in conjunction with the annual meeting of MEIEA. The Executive Committee (principal officers) and the Board of Directors shall meet twice annually; once prior to the MEIEA Board of Directors meeting and once during or immediately after the MEIEA/MEISA annual conference.

Section II: Board of Directors Meeting

A majority of the members of the Board of Directors as constituted in attendance shall be considered a quorum. The votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be considered as binding, provided the quorum has been met.

Section III: Voting

Each member shall have one vote to cast with the exception of the President, who shall cast a vote only in the case of a tie.

Article VI: Elections and Terms

Section I: Elections

1. MEISA shall adopt Robert's Rules of Order to provide for its organizational structure, activities, responsibilities, legal and fiscal obligations.
2. MEISA shall elect its national governing officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations.
3. Each MEISA college chapter shall elect its own governing officers as specified above.
4. MEISA shall appoint and create such committees as are deemed necessary.
5. The elected officers shall constitute themselves an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall report to the President of MEIEA as warranted. Programs and/or activities on a national scope organized independently by MEISA shall require the approval of the MEIEA President and/or the MEIEA Board of Directors. Requests for funds to engage in activities, which are national in scope, shall be made to the president of MEIEA sufficiently in advance to avoid untoward emergencies. MEISA shall create an agenda appropriate for member discussion and resolution at annual meetings and/or special meetings.
6. MEISA may organize individual college or university chapters for student membership. Local chapters may solicit funds from its members to support local activities. The establishment of individual school chapters requires endorsement by a faculty member in the Music Industry program who is a member in good standing of MEIEA. Application for individual school chapters shall be forwarded to the president of MEIEA (Credentials Committee).

Section II: Terms

1. Election of Board members shall be held annually at the Spring conference as terms expire or vacancies occur.
2. Board members shall serve for one academic year, and may be reelected for one consecutive term only.

Article VI: Principal Officer Duties

Section I: President

1. Shall preside over all MEISA meetings.
2. Shall act as the direct representative of MEISA to MEIEA.
3. Shall assume such other duties and responsibilities as are stated in the MEIEA By-Laws, Article IV, Section 4 where applicable.

Section II: Vice President

1. Shall have such powers and duties as may assigned to her by the President or Board of Directors. In the absence of the President shall, in general, perform the duties of the President.

Section III: Secretary

1. Shall take the minutes of all meetings of MEISA. Such minutes are to be kept on permanent file as a record of activities and transactions of the Association. Copies of minutes shall be distributed to the Board of Directors for correction and confirmation within thirty days following the meeting. Similarly, a copy shall be forwarded to the President of MEIEA.
2. Shall be responsible for all notices and mailings initiated by MEISA to its membership.
3. Shall perform such additional duties as shall be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section IV: Treasurer

1. Shall prepare the MEISA budget for the President to present at the Fall MEIEA Board of Directors Meeting.
2. Shall manage the spending of MEISA funds and seek approval from the MEIEA Board of Directors from any transaction that was not originally included in the budget.
3. Shall preside over the MEISA scholarship program.
4. Shall perform such additional duties as shall be assigned by the President or Board of Directors.

Section V: Public Relations

1. Shall preside over the marketing of MEISA.
2. Shall preside over promotions of all MEISA events and projects.
3. Shall perform such additional duties as shall be assigned by the President or Board of Directors.

Article VII: Rules of Order

Section I: All meetings and elections as formal proceedings shall be governed by Roberts Rule of Order unless revised or amended in the By-Laws of MEIEA