Proposed Amendment 2020

The following Amendment has been proposed by the National Executive Board to be voted on in the January, 2020, election for the National Association for Music Education.

Ballot Question

Shall the bylaws of the National Association for Music Education be amended to expand the definition of Collegiate membership to include students who are not, or are not yet, enrolled in music teacher education programs?

Explanation

It appears that many NAfME Collegiate chapters welcome other students as potential music educators; the amended bylaw would reflect that reality.

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If approved, the following changes would be required in the Bylaws of the Association:

Bylaw I, Membership; Section 4. A., Collegiate Membership Eligibility.

Eligibility. Collegiate membership shall be open to music students in teacher education programs or related programs (e.g., music performance, music therapy, music composition, musicology, jazz studies, music production, ethnomusicology) at the college or university level who are not employed full time as teachers.

Full Text of Current By-law

Section 4. Collegiate Membership.

A. Eligibility. Collegiate membership shall be open to music students in teacher education programs at the college or university level who are not employed full time as teachers.

B. Privileges. Collegiate chapter members shall have the same privileges as active members except the right to vote or hold elective office.

C. Services. Each collegiate member shall receive a subscription to those NAfME periodicals and other communication services deemed appropriate by the National Executive Board.

D. Unified membership. Each collegiate member shall hold concurrent membership in his or her respective federated state association of NAfME, if any such association has been recognized by the National Executive Board.