

APPROVED Minutes National Executive Board January 18, 2025 – 11:00 a.m. – 1:47 p.m. ET Virtual Meeting

## I Board Members Present

Deb Confredo, NAfME President (2024-2026) Cecil Adderley, NAfME President-Elect (2024-2026) Scott Sheehan, NAfME Immediate Past President (2024-2026) Kim Bruguier, President, North Central Division (2024-2026) Dusty Molyneaux, President, Northwest Division (2023-2025) Susan Smith, President, Southern Division (2024-2026) Martha Gabel, President, Southwestern Division (2023-2025) Michael Stone, President, Western Division (2024-2026) Sue Barre, Immediate Past President, Eastern Division (2023-2025) Rich Tengowski, Immediate Past President, North Central Division (2024-2026) Tom Muller, Immediate Past President, Northwest Division (2023-2025) James Daugherty, Immediate Past President, Southern Division (2024-2026) Scott Hedgecock, Immediate Past President, Western Division (2024-2026) David Brown, President-Elect, Eastern Division (2023-2025) Joe Dyvig, President-Elect, Northwest Division (2023-2025) Annamarie Bollino, President-Elect, Southern Division (2024-2026) Angelica Brooks, National Executive Board Member (2024-2026) Adrian Davis, National Executive Board Member (2024-2026)

## II Staff Members Present

Christopher B.L. Woodside, NAfME Executive Director Chaudlier Moore, NAfME Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Kim Henry, NAfME Chief of Staff and Governance Relations

## III Call to Order

President Deb Confredo called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. Eastern Time on Saturday, January 18, 2025.

## IV Review and Adoption of Agenda (Appendix A)

IT WAS MOVED BY BROWN, SECONDED BY TENGOWSKI, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE AGENDA, INCLUDING THE CONSENT AND INTERIM AGENDAS, WITH FLEXIBILITY AS DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT:

- APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 18, 2024 NEB MINUTES
- APPROVAL OF MTPAC APPOINTMENTS
  - ROSETTA DINGLE, SC
  - MARTINA VASIL, KY
- APPROVAL OF JRME EDITORIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
  - SETH PENDERGAST, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
  - JAMEY KELLY, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

## V Reports/Ongoing Business

## A Report of Chair, Executive Committee

President Deb Confredo asked Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, Chaudlier Moore, to provide an overview of the NAfME finances. Mr. Moore reviewed the November 2024 month to date (MTD) and year to date (YTD) expenses, revenue, and investments. November 2024 transactions increased over November 2023 transactions.

President Confredo reviewed for the board the NAfME National Nominating Committee timeline, as well as the January 2026 election timeline. Equity Committee Co-Chair Angelica Brooks provided a report from the Equity Committee regarding the National Nominating Committee. The Equity Committee reviewed the candidates that were provided to them by the Division Presidents, as outlined in NAfME Policy I.J.001. The Equity Committee provided a slate of candidates to the board for consideration.

It was moved by Molyneaux, seconded by Bollino, and carried unanimously to approve the following individuals to the national nominating committee:

- HEATHER COTE, EASTERN DIVISION
- CARIN MCEVOY, NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION
- MICHEL STICKA, NORTHWEST DIVISION
- MATT KOPERNIAK, SOUTHERN DIVISION
- MARK GARD, SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION
- JOHN BURN, WESTERN DIVISION

President Confredo led the board in a discussion about the NAfME dues. President Confredo reminded the board there was a dues increase for 2024-2025 of \$2.00. The board participated in a dialogue that focused on the creation of a short term ad hoc committee that would study a member fee restructure that could address inequities in access to NAfME membership. The committee will comprise members of the Music Teacher Profession Advisory Committee (MTPAC), the Equity Committee, and state MEA Presidents and Executives, and Collegiate members. The board will be kept updated.

IT WAS MOVED BY BOLLINO, SECONDED BY GABEL, AND CARRIED, DAVIS ABSTAINING, TO SET THE ANNUAL ACTIVE DUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AT \$105.00 (A \$1.00 INCREASE); ALL OTHER RATES WILL BE PROPORTIONAL TO THE ACTIVE ANNUAL DUES RATE, AND CREATE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW OPTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL REVENUE MODELS TO PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION TO THE NEB BY MAY 2025.

### VI Executive Session

WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:16 P.M.

WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 1:41 P.M.

The Board returned from Executive Session and reported out that it had discussed financial, budget, personnel, and program development issues.

President Confredo directed the board to review the written reports that were provided in advance of this meeting. Written reports were submitted by the Equity Committee, the Professional Learning and Partnerships Committee, the MTPAC, and the Small Schools Task Force.

### VII Appointments

## A Approval of Music Teacher Profession Advisory Committee Appointments

Approved in the consent agenda. See page 2.

## **B** Approval of the JRME Editorial Committee Appointments

Approved in the consent agenda. See page 2.

#### VIII Old Business

President Confredo reviewed the 2025 Fall Division Board Meetings dates with the board. The Division Presidents will begin finalizing the schedule with staff for the 2025 Fall Division Board Meetings.

President Confredo provided the board with an update on the 2025 National Assembly (NASS) planning. President Confredo noted that there will be an updated schedule to share prior to the next board meeting.

#### IX Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED BY HEDGECOCK, SECONDED BY BROWN, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025 AT 1:47 P.M. EASTERN TIME.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher B.L. Woodside, Executive Director

Summary and notes formally taken by Kim Henry, Chief of Staff and Governance Relations



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