

## Proposed NER-AMTAS Bylaws Changes 2019

### **Proposal #1**

**Current:** Article I, Section 1

Section 1. Membership will be open to any student member of NER-AMTA as described in Article I section 3 of the NER-AMTA bylaws.

**Proposed:** Membership will be open to any student member of NER-AMTA as described in Article III section 4 of the NER-AMTA bylaws and as stated in section 3 below.

**Rationale:** This revision corrects an error to reference the relevant sections in NER-AMTA bylaws. It also references a newly proposed section 3, which states the membership eligibility requirements.

### **Proposal #2**

**Proposed:** Article I, Section 3

**Section 3.** Student membership shall be open to declared music therapy majors enrolled in AMTA-approved schools, or other interested students within the New England Region, and is contingent upon having an active AMTA membership. Student membership does not include the right to vote or to hold office on the national and regional level.

**Rationale:** This addition provides language to specify the eligibility requirements of membership. Previous versions of the bylaws did not have a Section 3.

### **Proposal #3**

**Current:** Article II, Section 4, c.

Section 4. c.) The President shall appoint new officers to the Executive Board in such an event as outlined in Article II, Section 12 and 13 of these bylaws, and shall perform all other duties commensurate with the stated purpose of this organization.

**Proposed:**

Section 4. c.) The President shall appoint new officers to the Executive Board in such an event as outlined in Article II, Section 13 and 14 of these bylaws, and shall perform all other duties commensurate with the stated purpose of this organization.

**Rationale:** This revision corrects an error to include the intended relevant sections.

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### **Proposal #4**

***Current:*** (No current relevant section.)

***Proposed:*** Article II, Section 7, c.

Section 7. c.) The Secretary will work with the President to write a meeting agenda, and will send it out to the Board 72 hours before the meeting.

***Rationale:*** This revision clarifies the Secretaries duties, as outlined in other sections of the bylaws. The current “c.” will be changed to “d.”.

### **Proposal #5**

***Current:*** Article II, Section 10 c.) and 11 b.)

Section 10. c.) The President Elect shall review the NER-AMTAS constitution and bylaws and present recommended changes to be approved at the annual meeting, as detailed in Article VIII of the NER-AMTAS Constitution.

Section 11 b.) The Parliamentarian and the President review the NER-AMTAS Bylaws and present recommended changes to be approved at the annual meeting.

***Proposed:***

Section 10. c.) The President Elect shall review the NER-AMTAS constitution and bylaws and present recommended changes to be approved at the annual **business** meeting, as detailed in Article VIII of the NER-AMTAS Constitution.

Section 11 b.) The Parliamentarian and the President review the NER-AMTAS Bylaws and present recommended changes to be approved at the annual **business** meeting.

***Rationale:*** This revision clarifies which meeting the bylaw is addressing.

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### **Proposal #6**

***Current:*** Article III, Section 2, b.

Section 2. b.) The Secretary shall send notice of the meeting to all Board members at least one week prior to the meetings. The President and Secretary will write an agenda that will be sent out to the Board 24 hours before the meeting.

***Proposed:***

Section 2. b.) The Secretary shall send notice of the meeting to all Board members at least one week prior to the meetings. The President and Secretary will write an agenda that will be sent out to the Board 72 hours before the meeting.

***Rationale:*** This revision gives the Board more time to review the agenda of a meeting and prepare any required materials, as specified by the agenda.

### **Proposal #7**

***Current:*** (No current relevant section.)

***Proposed:*** Article III, Section 4.

Section 4. The Executive Board shall be responsible for the development of two committees to further involve the student body: “Online Masterclasses” and the “Student Engagement Committee.” After elections, the incoming Board will discuss which members would be best suited to lead each committee, and the appropriate Board members will be assigned the responsibility of chairing the committees.

***Rationale:*** The new committees are very important to the mission of our Board. However, the committees are still in their infancy, and their required time commitment and direction are not fully realized. This Section would require the future Board to continue the committee work for student members, but give the Board the flexibility to divide up the responsibility as they see fit. Future revisions will clarify the progress of the committees, i.e., potentially assigning them to existing Board positions, or adding a new position, as deemed appropriate.