

KANSAS MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION  
SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

BY-LAWS

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4 **ARTICLE I - NAME**

5 The corporation name of this association is the Kansas Music Educators Association South  
6 Central District.

7 Section 1-NAfME -The National Association of Music Education. The South Central  
8 District is part of the Kansas Music Educators Association and it shall function as the affiliated  
9 state unit of NAfME.

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11 **ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE**

12 The objective of this association is the advancement of music education.

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14 **ARTICLE III - COUNTIES**

15 The KMEA South Central District encompasses the following counties: Butler, Cowley, Harper,  
16 Harvey, Kingman, Marion, McPherson, Reno, Rice, Sedgwick, and Sumner.

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18 **ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

19 Section 1. Active Membership. Active membership shall be open to all persons engaged  
20 in music teaching and other persons with an interest in the advancement of music  
21 education within the counties of the KMEA South Central District. Active membership  
22 shall provide the privileges of participation in the activities of the district, including the  
23 right to vote, to hold office, and admission to meetings of the district per membership  
24 period, upon the member's compliance with state and national registration requirements.  
25 Dues shall be determined by the State Association and paid to such. Active membership  
26 in the Kansas Music Educators Association and National Association for Music  
27 Education along with KMEA South Central District county affiliation constitute  
28 membership in the KMEA South Central District.

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30 **ARTICLE V - GOVERNMENT**

31 Section 1. Officers. The officers of the KMEA South Central District shall be a  
32 President, President-Elect, and Vice President (Past-President). Each office is a two-year  
33 term, for a total of six years of service. The duties of these offices shall be as follows:

- 34 A. President. The District President shall preside at all meetings of the district  
35 members and shall have the power to appoint all district advisory personnel  
36 and committees for the district not provided for in these bylaws. The  
37 President shall, in consultation with the Board of Directors and with the other  
38 officers of the district, prepare the program for the meetings of the district and  
39 perform all other duties pertaining to the office. The President shall be  
40 responsible for implementing the overall program of the state association  
41 within the district. The President shall have the power to appoint any active  
42 member of the district to fill any vacancy that may occur in the district offices  
43 (except the office of President) to be ratified at the next regular district  
44 meeting, pending the next regular election.
- 45 B. Vice-President (Past-President). The Vice-President, who shall be the  
46 immediate past president, shall serve as advisor to the President, shall have  
47 such other duties as may be assigned by the President.
- 48 C. President-Elect. The District President-Elect shall assist the President in an  
49 advisory capacity and have such other duties as may be assigned.

50 Section 2. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee of the KMEA South Central  
51 District shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, and President-Elect and the  
52 Executive Director. The Executive Committee shall represent and act for the Board of  
53 Directors in the intervals between the meetings of that body. The duties of the Executive  
54 Director shall be:

- 55 A. Executive Director. The Executive Director shall keep and record the minutes  
56 of the district meetings and shall be responsible for the financial obligations of  
57 the district.

58 Section 3. Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of KMEA South Central District  
59 shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, President-Elect, Executive Director  
60 (ex-officio) and Chairs of the Honor Groups (High School: Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra,  
61 and Choir; Middle School: Band and Choir; Elementary: Choir). The Board of Directors  
62 shall:

- 63 1. Administer and be responsible for the business management, educational  
64 affairs, and operation of the KMEA South Central District, and for the  
65 management and control of the funds thereof;
- 66 2. Have the responsibility for the KMEA South Central District general policies  
67 and program of activities;
- 68 3. Appoint an Executive Director, prescribe duties and compensation and have  
69 full supervision and control of actions taken by the Executive Director;
- 70 4. Serve as the nominating committee for the election of the officers of the  
71 KMEA South Central District.

72 **ARTICLE VI-ELECTIONS**

73 Section 1. Nominating Committee. Shall secure the names of candidates eligible for  
74 incoming President-Elect and Chairs of the Honor Groups. The Nominating Committee  
75 must bring the names of nominees to the Board for approval. Upon Board approval,  
76 nominees become candidates. The Executive Committee will serve as the Nominating  
77 Committee.

78 Section 2. District Election of Officers. An election shall be held before the annual  
79 December district meeting during each even-numbered year for the purpose of electing  
80 district President-Elect and Chairs of the Honor Groups (High School: Band, Jazz Band,  
81 Orchestra, and Choir; Middle School: Band and Choir; Elementary: Choir). Nominations  
82 shall be voted upon by the district active members. The candidate receiving the most  
83 votes shall be elected.

84 Section 3. Eligibility to Vote. Only a person holding a current and active KMEA  
85 membership with affiliation with the South Central District shall be eligible to vote.

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87 **ARTICLE VII-TERMS OF OFFICE**

88 Section 1. President. The President-Elect assumes the office of the President for a term  
89 of two years beginning with the first day of the first month following the close of the  
90 annual State In-Service Workshop held on odd numbered years.

91 Section 2. President-Elect. The President-Elect shall serve for a term of two years  
92 beginning with the first day of the first month following the close of the annual State In-  
93 Service Workshop held on odd numbered years.

94 Section 3. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall serve for a term of two years  
95 beginning with the first day of the first month following the close of the annual State In-  
96 Service Workshop held on odd numbered years.

97 Section 4. Honor Group Chairs. The Chairs of the Honor Groups (High School: Band,  
98 Jazz Band, Orchestra, and Choir; Middle School: Band and Choir; Elementary: Choir)  
99 shall serve as assistant chairs under the President-Elect, and shall become chairs when the  
100 President-Elect becomes President. Each chair will, at the discretion of the President and  
101 the Executive Director, select conductors for and organize the district ensembles.

102 Section 5. Advisory Board Members. Mentor Chair, Advocacy Chair, Assistant Honor  
103 Group Chairs and Facility Coordinator are all appointed and will serve for as long as  
104 deemed necessary by the District President.

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**ARTICLE VIII - RE-ELECTION**

Section 1. President, Vice-President, and President-Elect. Members of these offices may not be re-elected to succeed themselves but may be returned to the same office after a period of one or more terms have elapsed.

Section 2. Honor Group Chairs. The Chairs of the Honor Groups (High School: Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, and Choir; Middle School: Band and Choir; Elementary: Choir) may be re-elected and succeed themselves in the same office. Serving consecutive terms is allowed.

**ARTICLE IX - ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

The KMEA South Central District shall have the following Administrative Officer.

Section 1. Executive Director. The Executive Director is the chief professional administrator of the KMEA South Central District and is responsible through the District President to the Board of Directors, operating within the by-laws of KMEA and within the policies established by the Board of Directors. In the event of a resignation or incapacitation, Executive Director candidates shall be nominated by the voting members of the KMEA South Central District board. After discussion, the voting members of the board will vote for the best candidate for the position with the majority of the vote resulting in the new Executive Director. The current President shall assume the duties of the Executive Director if that person becomes incapacitated or resigns until the position is filled by the board. The duties of the Executive Director shall be:

- A. Executive Director. The Executive Director shall keep and record the minutes of the district meetings and shall be responsible for the financial obligations of the district

**ARTICLE X - MEETINGS**

Section 1. Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall meet annually and at the call of the President or upon the joint request of not less than three members of the Board of Directors. A quorum of not less than six members of the Board shall be required for the transaction of business. Authority for emergency or quick action by the Board of Directors may be secured by email or phone and action thus taken shall be effective immediately.

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**ARTICLE XI - AFFILIATIONS**

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Section 1. Affiliations. Such affiliations as set forth above shall not restrict or alter these  
139 by-laws, nor shall such affiliations alter the status of the KMEA South Central District in  
140 its affiliated organizations, nor operation and activities thereof, nor the rights and  
141 privileges of individual members as herein set forth.

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**ARTICLE XII - LIMITATIONS OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICERS**

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The authority and responsibility for the management of the good will and credit of the  
145 association is vested in the Board of Directors but it is expressly understood that neither the  
146 Board of Directors nor any member thereof, nor any salaried officer, nor any member of the  
147 association shall be required to accept personal financial responsibility for duly authorized bills  
148 or obligations, or for suits, or from authorized activities of the organization carried on in good  
149 faith in pursuit of the objectives, purposes and activities or authorized by KMEA.

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**ARTICLE XIII - FISCAL YEAR**

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The fiscal year of the KMEA South Central District shall be the same as the state and shall be  
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**ARTICLE XIV - RULES OF ORDER**

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Roberts Rules of Order-Newly Revised shall govern in all business meetings of the KMEA  
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**ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS**

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The by-laws may be altered or amended by an approving vote of two-thirds of the active  
161 members voting provided formal notice of such contemplated alteration or amendment shall be  
162 given by mail or posted on the district website to all active members sixty days before the annual  
163 business meeting or, the by-laws may be altered or amended by an approving vote of two-thirds  
164 of the active members voting, provided the alteration or amendment has the approval of the  
165 Board of Directors and formal notice of such contemplated alteration or amendment shall have  
166 been given to the active members attending the annual convention at least twenty-four hours  
167 before the annual business meeting.