

MONDAY NOVEMBER 7 (Sent by e-mail to all collegiate advisors.)

COMEA advisors (or NAFME Collegiate, whichever you prefer ;-)

We had an outstanding turnout at the Fall Kickoff in Oklahoma City on October 20. Close to 100 music education students attended! What an outstanding future we have in music education in Oklahoma!

The executive board has been planning for the January OMEA conference for quite sometime. Sessions include a workshop on working with special needs students in the music classroom and some one-on-one time with former Miss America Susan Powell and current NAFME President Scott C. Schuler.

Also planned (tentatively) for the January conference would be officer elections. This would be a change from years past when officers were elected before that conference and took office at that time. The current Executive Board and I felt that it would be more efficient for officers to serve a term that spanned an entire academic year rather than calendar year. In the current proposal new officers would be voted on in January at the convention and would "shadow" the existing Executive Board during the spring semester and officially take office the following fall.

To that end the Executive Board has made proposed changes to the organization's constitution and I have attached them here. I have attached two documents: 1. The 2010 Constitution Revisions (already voted on and passed, and therefore our *current* constitution), and 2. The 2011 Proposed Constitution with changes in **bold print**. [*Editor's note: Only the 2011 proposed Constitution is posted on the OkMEA web site. You may ask your local faculty advisor for a copy.*]

It is important that all active chapters (chapters with advisors who are current members of NAFME/MENC and student members who are current members) vote on these proposed changes and report back to me by Monday, November 21. If this is not possible, if you will not meet before then and do not feel you can take a representative vote via email or by other means, please contact me and I will extend the date.

Thank you for the great work you do with these outstanding future music educators!

Best,

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