



# **NAfME Tri-M Musical Honors Society**

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## **Amendment Document**

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## **Amendments 2016/2017** *Starting from 10/11/2016*

### **I. Creation of an Amendment Document**

A. **Proposed By:** Krishna Kumar

B. **Date:** 10/11/2016

C. **Proposition:**

1. I propose that a separate document be created for the documentation of all proposed amendments to our chapter Bylaws. If this clause be passed, such a document would have the following requirements for each amendment proposed: A generalized title for the notion, who proposed the notion, the date that the notion of was proposed, a description of what it would change and why, a tally of how the officers voted for it, and whether or not the clause passed. If a clause is passed, the document would require extra information about the amendment. This information detailed as the following: The date of approval, and the date added to the Official Bylaws document
2. This addition would be made in order to add one more layer to protect the Chapter Bylaws from being tampered with. It would also serve the additional purpose of documenting our progress for future generations of the Honors Society.

D. **Officer Votes:**

1. President: **For the Notion**
2. Vice President: **Abstained**
3. Secretary: **For the Notion**
4. Treasurer: **For the Notion**
5. Historian: **Abstained**

E. **Clause Passed:**

1. Passed by a majority officer vote
2. Pass Date: 10/11/2016
3. Date added to Bylaws: 4/13/2017

### **II. Allowing Officers to Remain Neutral or Abstain During Votes**

A. **Proposed By:** Krishna Kumar

B. **Date:** 10/11/2016

C. **Proposition:**

1. I propose that while voting on amendments to our chapter bylaws, officers reserve the right to either abstain or vote neutrally.
2. This addition would allow for officers to display their opinions about the amendment more accurately.



**D. Officer Votes:**

1. President: **For the Notion**
2. Vice President: **Abstained**
3. Secretary: **For the Notion**
4. Treasurer: **For the Notion**
5. Historian: **Abstained**

**E. Clause Passed:**

1. Passed by a majority officer vote
2. Pass Date: 10/11/2016
3. Date added to Bylaws: 4/13/2017

**III. Course of Action if Officers Cannot Decide on Amendment \*(Cause II Dependent)**

A. **Proposed By:** Krishna Kumar

B. **Date:** 10/11/2016

**C. Proposition:**

1. I propose that if the officers are unable to come to an agreement on any amendment clause, the vote shall open up to the general populous of Tri-M. The Tri-M members would follow a simple first-past-the-post voting system (If a majority is in favor of the notion, it will be passed). If this results in a tie, the Chapter Advisor will act as the final tie breaker. The "Clause Passed" section of the amendment document will be expanded to not only whether or not the clause passed, but also to indicate *how* it was passed.
2. This clause is a safety mechanism that must be added in order to create tie breakers. (After the approval of Clause II, it became possible for officer votes to result in a tie)

**D. Officer Votes:**

1. President: **For the Notion**
2. Vice President: **Abstained**
3. Secretary: **For the Notion**
4. Treasurer: **For the Notion**
5. Historian: **Abstained**

**E. Clause Passed:**

1. Passed by a majority officer vote
2. Pass Date: 10/11/2016
3. Date added to Bylaws: 4/13/2017

**IV. The Requirement of a Chapter Advisor During Executive and Officer Meetings**

A. **Proposed By:** Aldrin Feliciano

B. **Date:** 10/11/2016



**C. Proposition:**

1. I propose that during all gatherings of Executive Leadership or Officers in which decisions are being made concerning the chapter, the Chapter Advisor be required to have a presence for the meeting to commence.
2. The purpose of this is to maintain chapter integrity.

**D. Officer Votes:**

1. President: **For the Notion**
2. Vice President: **For the Notion**
3. Secretary: **Abstained**
4. Treasurer: **Abstained**
5. Historian: **For the Notion**

**E. Clause Passed:**

1. Passed by a majority officer vote
2. Pass Date: 10/11/2016
3. Date added to Bylaws: TBD