

Draft: Proposed *Handbook* Changes

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

January 20, 2016

OFFICIAL NOTICE. This constitutes the official notice of proposed *Handbook* changes forwarded in advance of membership voting.

NOTE. All proposed changes are indicated in red.

VOTE SCHEDULED. Following review and comment, a final text of proposed amendments will be presented to the membership for a special vote-by-email procedure on January 26, 2016.

Rationales for these changes are provided on page 2.

COMMENT PERIOD

January 20 – January 25, 2016

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BYLAWS

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Bylaws

Article I, Membership

Section 1. Accredited Institutional Membership

D. Associate Membership

Amend Section 1.D. as follows:

- D. Associate Membership.** A postsecondary institution applying ~~for Membership~~ for the first time, meeting all curricular standards and ~~a substantial portion of~~ all other applicable standards of the Association, and ~~showing promise of being able to meet completely within a five-year period the Association's standards applicable to the music curricula which it offers~~ which is developing in areas related to purposes or operations, may be granted Associate Membership and be listed as such in NASM publications. At the end of five years, a full review of the institution is expected to demonstrate ~~that all applicable NASM standards have been met~~ substantial progress in areas under development and that the institution is ~~eligible for Membership for a period of five years~~ able to satisfy all criteria for Membership in the Association. Following the ~~initial~~ five-year period of Membership, the ten-year cycle will be applicable.

STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION, APPENDICES

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Appendix III.B. Policies Concerning Listings in NASM Publications

Section 1. Institutional Membership

Amend Section 1., paragraph 2 as follows:

Associate Membership may be granted to baccalaureate and/or graduate degree-granting institutions, community colleges, and non-degree-granting institutions applying for the first time that meet all curricular standards and ~~a substantial portion of~~ all other applicable standards of the Association, and ~~show promise of being able to meet completely the Association's standards applicable to music curricula offered by the institution which are developing in areas related to purposes or operations.~~ Accreditation with Associate Membership is valid for up to five years. At the end of this period, such institutions will be required to satisfy all criteria for Membership in the Association.

NOTE: Rationale for Changes

The proposed changes to the Bylaws and Standards for Accreditation Appendices of the *Handbook* listed above a) align *Handbook* language with actual practice, and b) provide clarification for federal agencies.