

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

# Internal Communications Worksheets

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The following five worksheets contain examples of common events when NASM especially recommends the establishment of an internal communications system. The worksheets are not inclusive of all steps in the application process for **Membership** or **renewal of Membership**, but rather are examples of such instances where an established communication system would be beneficial to the institution. The focus of the events listed in the worksheets is the communication, distribution, and/or use of information flowing between the Association and the institutional representative.

- **Membership / Renewal of Membership** ([PDF](#)) ([MSWord](#))
- **New Curricula** ([PDF](#)) ([MSWord](#))
- **Standards Reviews and Changes** ([PDF](#)) ([MSWord](#))
- **Higher Education Arts Data Services [HEADS]** ([PDF](#)) ([MSWord](#))
- **Web Site Access** ([PDF](#)) ([MSWord](#))

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