

Constitution of The Society for Music Research at the University of Michigan (SMR)

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ARTICLE I: Name.

The name of this organization shall be the Society for Music Research at the University of Michigan (hereafter SMR).

ARTICLE II: Purpose, aims, and functions.

This organization exists to represent the graduate students in music research (that is, Musicology and Music Theory) in the School of Music, Theatre & Dance (hereafter SMTD) at the University of Michigan (hereafter U-M); to provide a central forum where SMR membership may meet to discuss issues pertaining to graduate students in music research at SMTD; to organize events and symposia that foster the sharing of knowledge in the research of music at U-M; to organize social events for SMR membership; and to support any other organizations whose goals relate to those of SMR.

ARTICLE III: Membership requirements and limitations.

All currently-enrolled graduate students in a music research program (Musicology or Music Theory) at SMTD are considered members of SMR. SMR shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, sexual expression, gender identity, gender expression, disability, religion, height, weight, or veteran status.

ARTICLE IV: Officers.

Section 1. Executive

1.1 The Executive of SMR shall consist of at least three and no more than four positions: two Co-Chairs and a Secretary–Treasurer. Should the workload of the Secretary–Treasurer become excessive, the position may be divided between two individuals based on a vote.

1.2 Elections for the Executive positions shall be held at the end of an academic year following the General Assembly. If only one candidate is presented for any position, that person shall be deemed elected by default. SMR members shall be notified of the election results no later than the last day of the winter term.

1.3 The Executive shall hold office for one academic year beginning one week after the last day of the preceding winter term.

1.4 No person shall occupy the position of Co-Chair for more than two successive academic years; there is no limit, however, on how many years total a person may occupy this position.

1.5 Positions that become vacant during the course of the year shall be filled by means of a by-election following the regular election procedure.

Section 2. Other Serving Positions

- 2.1 Other serving positions shall be filled on an ad-hoc basis following a General Assembly.
- 2.2 These positions shall be voted upon. If only one candidate is presented for any position, that individual shall be deemed elected by default.

ARTICLE V: Operations.

Section 1: General Assemblies

- 1.1 At least two General Assemblies shall be held annually: one shall be held at the beginning of the academic year and shall serve to introduce serving members of SMR, outline its plans for that academic year, and propose and discuss the budget for that year; another shall be held at the end of the academic year.
- 1.2 Other General Assemblies may be called by the Executive at any time.
- 1.3 Members of SMR apart from the Executive may call to order a General Assembly in special circumstances through a petition signed by 15% of the membership of SMR.
- 1.4 Notice of a General Assembly shall be provided at least one week prior to the meeting.

Section 2: Quorum and Voting

- 2.1 Quorum for voting shall be 50% + 1 of the membership of SMR. Votes of abstention do not count towards quorum.
- 2.2 Executive votes shall be held by means of an online voting system, which shall be open for voting for at least 72 weekday hours.
- 2.3 Non-Executive votes shall be held either at a General Assembly or by an online voting system.

ARTICLE VI: Removal of Officers or General Members.

Any officer or general member of SMR in violation of SMR's purpose or constitution, or who fails to fulfill his or her responsibilities as outlined in Article IV, may be removed from his or her position or the society by a two-thirds majority vote (not to be held electronically) after a proper order has been called and seconded.

ARTICLE VII: Amendments.

Notice of proposed amendments to the SMR constitution shall be posted at least one week before a General Assembly, and proposed amendments shall be presented and discussed at a General Assembly. Amendments shall be ratified by electronic ballot and shall require the support of a two-thirds majority vote.

ARTICLE VIII: Ratification.

This constitution shall be ratified by two-thirds of all active members to take effect and shall be reviewed every three years.

