

TO: Collegiate NYSSMA Advisors and Chapters

FROM: Keith Koster, State Collegiate NYSSMA Advisor

MEMO: Greetings & Information for 2019

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On behalf of NYSSMA, I would like to extend to you greetings and best wishes for a successful remaining 2018-2019 academic year. Please find enclosed the following information:

- **Welcome letter and contact information for your State Collegiate Officers**  
*Please pass or duplicate and distribute this letter to your collegiate chapter officers and members.*
- **Upcoming Events and Important Dates for 2019**  
*Mark your calendars and make plans to attend any or all upcoming activities.*
- **Ideas for increased chapter involvement**  
*Need a topic for an upcoming chapter meeting? Review the suggestions in this newsletter.*
- **Social Media Contacts**  
*Support other chapters through social media; Don't see your school listed? Email: [kkoster8@naz.edu](mailto:kkoster8@naz.edu)*
- **Want to run for state office?**  
*Complete the **online** application OR fill out the enclosed form, scan and send to Dr. Koster*
- **2018-2019 Collegiate membership registration instructions**  
*Students can join or renew by locating the "Membership" link on either one of the following websites:*

National Association for Music Education (NAfME)

**Website:** [www.nafme.org](http://www.nafme.org)

For membership (join/renew) click [here](#)

New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA)

**Website:** [www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org)

For membership (join/renew) click [here](#)

- **Upcoming Events for 2019**

**NAfME Eastern Division Conference**

WHEN: April 4 - 7, 2019

WHERE: David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA

COST & REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Click [here](#).

ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK: Click [here](#).

**2019 NAfME Collegiate Summit, Washington DC**

WHEN: June 17 – 19, 2019

WHERE: Washington DC  
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For more information, Email Mr. Alan Orloff  
(NYSSMA Government Relations Chair) [grc@nyssma.org](mailto:grc@nyssma.org) OR click [here](#).

**2019 NYSSMA Summer Conference**

WHEN: August 11 - 13, 2019

WHERE: Albany Hilton Hotel, Albany, NY

For more information, click [here](#). Then, search for *2019 Summer Conference*.

**2019 NAfME National Conference**

WHEN: November 6 – 10, 2019

WHERE: Gaylord Palm Springs Resort; Orlando, FL

For more information, click [here](#).

# Important C-NYSSMA/NAfME Dates 2019

*Mark your Calendars!*

## **March 1 - 31, 2018: Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM)**

PRACTICE-A-THON EVENT [www.hcpracticeathon.com](http://www.hcpracticeathon.com); Contact your Province Rep for more information.

## **March 4, 2019: Joseph Sugar Day in Albany, NY**

NYSSMA members as well as collegiate students meet with State Legislators to promote music education, arts education. It's also a celebration of New York Music Education in the Capitol Building. For more information, Email Mr. Alan Orloff (NYSSMA Government Relations Chair): [grc@nyssma.org](mailto:grc@nyssma.org) OR click [here](#).

## **March 25, 2019: Deadline to run for State Office**

Deadline to run for State Executive Board; Application and letter of recommendation are due by midnight. Send to Dr. Koster ([kkoster8@naz.edu](mailto:kkoster8@naz.edu))

## **April 1 - 8, 2019: State Office Elections (E-ballot)**

Annual E-Elections for State Executive Board; *Terms run from May to May*; NOTE: Each collegiate chapter advisor will be sent a secure link to the ballot. Send the link to your student members so that they can vote. VOTING ENDS ON APRIL 8, 2019 at midnight. Results will be announced on April 15, 2019.

## **April 4 - 7, 2019: Eastern NAfME Conference, Pittsburgh, PA**

Cost and registration information will be shared once it is available. Check: [nafme-eastern.org](http://nafme-eastern.org)

## **June 17 - 19, 2019: NAfME Collegiate Summit, Washington DC**

For more information, E-mail Mr. Alan Orloff (NYSSMA Government Relations Chair) [grc@nyssma.org](mailto:grc@nyssma.org) OR check out the following link: <https://nafme.org/advocacy/nafme-collegiate-advocacy-summit/>

## **August 11 - 13, 2019: NYSSMA Summer Conference, Albany, NY**

WHERE: Hilton Albany Hotel, 40 Lodge Street, Albany, NY 12207;

For more information: [www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org)

**NOTE: IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL EVENTS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE POSTED TO THIS CALENDAR, SEND THE INFORMATION TO Keith Koster ([kkoster8@naz.edu](mailto:kkoster8@naz.edu)). We'll post this information on the C-NYSSMA website. Thank you.**

I look forward to your participation at these exciting events scheduled for this year. C-NYSSMA will continue to be successful as more collegiate chapters make a commitment to be visible and active participants at these in-services and conferences. Please mark your calendars and encourage your chapter members to get involved this year.

Should you need any assistance in getting your chapter members to attend in-services and conferences scheduled this year or if you need any suggestions about how to establish or maintain an active chapter, please feel free to contact our State Collegiate officers:

President: Kiersten Hecht (Nazareth College)  
[khecht4@mail.naz.edu]

State President-Elect: Derek Schmelter (CUNY-Queens College)  
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Secretary-Treasurer: Morgan Beaton (Nazareth College)  
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Province Rep Area 1: Kayla Boedner (SUNY-Fredonia)  
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*Province 1 Chapters:*

#1211 Niagara County Community College  
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#1107 SUNY Buffalo State (Victoria Furby, Advisor)  
#151 SUNY Fredonia (Christian Bernhard, Advisor)

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#50 Eastman School of Music (Mara Culp, Advisor)  
#150 Houghton College (Sarah Massey, Advisor)  
#1043 Monroe Community College  
#328 Nazareth College (Keith Koster, Advisor)  
#218 Roberts Wesleyan University (Grace Cummings, Advisor)  
#980 Rochester Institute of Technology  
#858 SUNY Brockport

Province Rep Area 3: Caitlyn Krueger (Syracuse University)  
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*Province 3 Chapters:*

#219 Ithaca College (Matthew Clauhs, Advisor)

#566 Onondaga Community College  
#3 SUNY Potsdam (Mark Campbell, Advisor)  
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Province Rep Area 4/5: Christina Fray (College of Saint Rose)  
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*Province 4/5 Chapters:*

#1242 Broome Community College  
#297 College of Saint Rose (Jennifer Campbell, Advisor)  
#261 Hartwick College (Meghan K. Sheehy, Advisor)  
#502 Manhattanville College (Jerry Kerlin, Advisor)  
#313 Nyack College (Joan Mallory, Advisor)  
#12 Schenectady County Community College  
#1138 SUNY Binghamton  
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*Province 6 Chapters:*

#856 Baruch College  
#624 Brooklyn College (Claudia Cali, Advisor)  
#326 City College of New York  
#1263 City College of Technology  
#1083 CUNY Lehman College (Diana Mittler-Battipaglia, Advisor)  
#504 CUNY Queens College (Susan Davis, Advisor)  
#1276 CUNY York College (Mark Adams, Advisor)  
#975 Hunter College (Victor Bobetsky, Advisor)  
#1174 Mannes College of Music  
#22 New York University (Elise Sobol, Advisor)  
#111 Teachers College, Columbia University (Kelly Parkes, Advisor)  
#713 Wagner College

Province Rep Area 7: Peter O'Malley (Hofstra University)  
[pomalley1@pride.hofstra.edu]

*Province 7 Chapters:*

#783 Adelphi University (Heather Waters, Advisor)  
#846 Concordia College  
#1021 Five Towns College (William Fortgang, Advisor)  
#589 Hofstra University (Cindy Bell, Advisor)  
#663 Long Island University/CW Post (Jennifer Miceli, Advisor)  
#1133 Molloy College (Michelle Rampal, Advisor)  
#730 Nassau Community College (Garry Ouellette, Advisor)

By all means, let me know as well. I would be delighted to visit your campus and visit with your collegiate members or arrange for state collegiate officers to be present. I can be reached by dialing (585) 730-4165 or electronically at: [kkoster8@naz.edu](mailto:kkoster8@naz.edu). If you notice any inaccuracies in what I have listed above, please contact me so that we can update our records.

I wish you a very successful school year and hope to see you and your students in Pittsburgh, Washington DC, Albany, and Orlando!!

With best wishes,

Keith

NAfME Collegiate New York State Advisor

## **Spring 2019 Ideas for your Chapter!!**

- Once you join or renew your Collegiate Membership, add the following to your e-mail signature:

*Member, Collegiate NYSSMA/NAfME*

- Once you join or renew your Collegiate Membership, post a picture on social media indicating that you're a member of Collegiate NYSSMA/NAfME.
- Promote a Collegiate NAfME-NYSSMA drive at your school. Be prepared to speak about the value of membership in our largest music organization for music educators! Use the promotional materials that were sent to your Chapter Collegiate Advisor.
- Reach out to area high schools to establish partnerships with an area Tri-M Chapter. If area schools don't have a Tri-M Chapter, assist the Music Teachers their in establishing one.
- Invite Tri-M students to your meetings, attend theirs and consider joint-sponsored events (guest speakers, service activities, Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM) events, etc.
- Create social media accounts for your Chapter; Follow other collegiate chapters; Create a collegiate chapter website which can serve as the primary source for all things Collegiate NYSSMA/NAfME
- Need a meeting agenda item? Lead your chapter members in a walk-through of the NAfME website, noting special events and opportunities for collegiate members.
- Consider a meeting where members watch an NAfME Academy Webinar OR other online podcast brought to you by NAfME.
- Collaborate with other Collegiate Chapters in your Province. Reach out to your Province Representative to assist.
- Make plans to establish the Harry Chapin Practice-A-Thon event on your campus. This would be a wonderful activity for Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM).

- Invite a state collegiate officer OR Dr. Koster to attend your next collegiate chapter meeting. State officers and Dr. Koster can assist you with just about any aspect of your chapter.
- Promote events mentioned in the Fall and Spring Newsletters that your Chapter Advisor receives. (NOTE: Make sure that your Chapter Advisor circulates each newsletter with you.)
- Host a Mini-Afternoon Province Conference: Invite state officers, area NYSSMA members, and students from your Province. NOTE: Coordinating this kind of event is always good practice should your chapter want to host a state collegiate conference in the future!!
- Need a road trip? Consider a trip to Washington DC with a visit to NAFME headquarters in Reston, VA.
- Host a student teaching panel with student teachers from your school.
- Invite area teachers to speak at an upcoming meeting.
- Invite area music vendors to speak at an upcoming meeting.
- Invite area music supervisors to a meeting and present a session about the job interviewing, hiring processes.
- Host a Music Education Alumni Recital and Reception event. It's a great way to connect with former graduates and current teachers from your school.
- Don't see the conference sessions that you would like to see at a conference? Reach out to presenters, teachers, etc., and encourage them to submit conference session proposals for future conferences. The process is easy! Information about conference session proposals can be found at [www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org) OR e-mail Dr. Koster (kkoster8@naz.edu)

## **IMPROVING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CHAPTERS??**

### **HERE'S HOW!**

Collegiate Links

*Follow us!*

### **State Collegiate NYSSMA/NAfME Links**

Facebook group: NYSSMA Collegiate (NAfME Collegiate NY)

Facebook page: Nyssma Collegiate - Nafme Collegiate NY

Instagram: Click [here](#) @nafmecollegiateny

Twitter: @nafmecollegeny

Gmail: nafmecollegiateny@gmail.com

Website: [www.nyssma.org/nafme-collegiate-nyssma/](http://www.nyssma.org/nafme-collegiate-nyssma/)

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### **Buffalo State University Chapter Links**

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Buffalo-State-NAfME-Collegiate-360107307404819/](https://www.facebook.com/Buffalo-State-NAfME-Collegiate-360107307404819/)

Department page: <http://music.buffalostate.edu>

Advisor: *Victoria Furby*

### **College of St. Rose Chapter Links**

Email: [strosenafme@gmail.com](mailto:strosenafme@gmail.com)

Facebook: NAFME at the College of Saint Rose

Instagram: [st.rose\\_NAfME](https://www.instagram.com/st.rose_NAfME)

Website: [www.strose.edu](http://www.strose.edu)

Advisor: *Jennifer Campbell*

### **Eastman School of Music Chapter Links**

Email: [eastman.nafme@gmail.com](mailto:eastman.nafme@gmail.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EastmanNAFME/>

Instagram: [eastmannafme](https://www.instagram.com/eastmannafme)

Website: <https://www.esm.orchester.edu/mth/cmenc/>

Advisor: *Mara Culp*

### **Hofstra University Chapter Links**

Email: [hofstra.nafme@gmail.com](mailto:hofstra.nafme@gmail.com)

Facebook: NAFME-Hofstra Chapter

Twitter: Hofstra NAFME

Department Page: <https://www.hofstra.edu/academics/colleges/hclas/music/>

Advisor: *Cindy Bell*

### **Ithaca College Chapter Links**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/icnafme219/>

Instagram: [@ic\\_nafme219](https://www.instagram.com/ic_nafme219)

Advisor: *Matt Clauhs*

### **Manhattanville College Chapter Links**

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Facebook: McNAfME, [https://www.facebook.com/mvillenafme/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/mvillenafme/?ref=br_rs)

Instagram: McNAfME

Website: [www.mville.edu](http://www.mville.edu)

Advisor: *Jerry Kerling*



### **Nazareth College Chapter Links**

Email: [nafme@mail.naz.edu](mailto:nafme@mail.naz.edu)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Nazareth-College-NAfME](http://www.facebook.com/Nazareth-College-NAfME)

Twitter: [twitter.com/NazNafme](http://twitter.com/NazNafme)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/naznafme](http://www.instagram.com/naznafme)

Department page: [www.naz.edu/music](http://www.naz.edu/music)

Advisor: *Keith Koster*

### **New York University Chapter Links**

Email: [smenyu@gmail.com](mailto:smenyu@gmail.com)

Facebook: Student Music Educators of NYU

Instagram: [@smenyu](https://www.instagram.com/smenyu)

Website: [steinhardt.nyu.edu/music/education](http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/music/education)

Advisor: *Elise Sobol*

### **Queens College-CUNY Chapter Links**

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Twitter: [@nafmeqc](https://twitter.com/nafmeqc)

Instagram: [@nafmeqc](https://www.instagram.com/nafmeqc)

Department page: <http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/music/>

Advisor: *Susan Davis*

### **SUNY-Fredonia Chapter Links**

Email: [grab3024@freodnia.edu](mailto:grab3024@freodnia.edu)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/145618501559](http://www.facebook.com/groups/145618501559)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/FredoniaNAfME](http://www.instagram.com/FredoniaNAfME)

Department page: [home.fredonia.edu/music/](http://home.fredonia.edu/music/)

Advisor: *Christian Bernhard*

### **Syracuse University Chapter Links**

Email: [dhknapp@syr.edu](mailto:dhknapp@syr.edu)

Facebook: NAFME Cuse Chapter 215:

[www.facebook.com/Nafme-Cuse-Chapter-215-524505964237817/](http://www.facebook.com/Nafme-Cuse-Chapter-215-524505964237817/)

*Don't see your school?  
Send your information to  
Dr. Koster ([kkoster8@naz.edu](mailto:kkoster8@naz.edu)).*

# Want to run for State Office?

*Here's what you need to know.*

## **Introduction**

*Serving Collegiate NYSSMA/NAfME is an excellent way to further develop your leadership skills by serving the state collegiate members of NYSSMA/NAfME. **You must be a current member of NYSSMA/NAfME in order to run for state office.***

## **Positions Available & Job Descriptions**

### *1. State President Elect (2-year term)*

It is the duty of the President-Elect to learn the duties of the President and create a smooth transition with linear, shared goals between terms. During the first term of office, the President-Elect will be responsible for developing an agenda for their term in office as State Collegiate President. The President-Elect is to be actively involved with other Executive Board members and chapters and assists in any projects determined by the Executive Board. At the NYSSMA Winter Conference, the President-Elect is responsible for overseeing scholarship assignments. NOTE: This position is especially for first, second, or third year students because it requires two years of commitment. **Term runs from May 1 – May 1.**

### *2. Secretary (1-year term)*

It is the duty of the Secretary to record all Eboard meetings and to circulate minutes from those meetings to the Executive Board of NYSSMA and to take and report minutes at meetings at the NYSSMA Winter Conference. **Term runs from May 1 – May 1.**

### *3. Web Editor (1-year term)*

It is the duty of the Web Editor to maintain the NAfME-Collegiate website, update materials for the website in a timely manner, and edit web content as necessary. The Web Editor is to be actively involved with other Executive Board members and chapters and assists in any projects determined by the Executive Board. Proficiency in social media usage is expected. **Term runs from May 1 – May 1.**

### *4. Province Representatives (1-year term)*

It is the duty of the Province Representative to act as the liaison between local chapters and the Executive Board, to encourage chapter events, to facilitate communication between local chapters in each Province, and to represent local chapters at meetings of the Executive Board. It is the Province representative's responsibility to communicate with chapters on a monthly

basis, and report on chapter activities at the annual Executive Board meeting and General Membership meeting at the NYSSMA Winter Conference. **Term runs from May 1 – May 1.**

***Interested in running? Do one of the following:***

***1. Complete an online nomination form. Click [here](#).***

***2. Fill out the nomination form on the next page, scan and send to Dr. Koster (kkoster8@naz.edu)***

**Nomination Form for  
NAfME Collegiate NYSSMA State Executive Board**

***Once completed, either mail OR scan and send to:***

**Keith Koster  
Music Department  
Nazareth College  
4245 East Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14618**

**OR**

**kkoster8@naz.edu**

**NOTE:** If you wish to run for more than one office, please complete **a separate form for each office.**

1. Office for which you are running (Circle **ONLY** one)

President Elect\*

Secretary-Treasurer

Web Editor

Province Representative

2. Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. NYSSMA/NAfME  
Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Year in College: \_\_\_\_\_

4. School you attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Campus  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

***Form continues on next page.***

Your Home  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellphone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chapter  
Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Advisor's  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please **attach the following:**

A. Statement of your experience, background, and qualifications (300-word maximum) for the position for which you are running. NOTE that this statement may be printed in *School Music News*.

B. A brief letter of recommendation from your chapter's faculty advisor.

**NOTE:**

All members of the Executive Board are expected to attend the Executive Council Meeting and the dinner/ business meeting at the NYSSMA Winter Conference. In the event of an emergency or conflict, it is the officer's obligation to appoint a replacement for those meetings and provide the alternate with the relevant report.

Candidates must mail this form with attachments to Dr. Keith Koster; Nazareth College; Music Department; 4245 East Avenue; Rochester, NY; 14618, postmarked no later than **March 25, 2019**.

\*Please note that the President-elect shall serve in that office for the term of one year, and shall succeed automatically to the office of President for the term of one year. Hence, the candidate must be currently a Freshman or Sophomore or Junior.

# Renew Your C-NAfME/NYSSMA Membership Online: Here's how!

*Provided by:*

Morgan Beaton, Collegiate NAFME/NYSSMA State Secretary & Treasurer

Any Questions? E-mail Morgan at: [mbeaton8@mail.naz.edu](mailto:mbeaton8@mail.naz.edu)

- 1. Go to [www.nafme.org](http://www.nafme.org)
- 2. Click on the Renew tab link (located on the top right hand side).
- 3. Enter your e-mail address \*NOTE enter the e-mail address that you gave to NAFME (The one you receive e-mails from them at).
- 4. Enter your Password.
- 5. A screen will open with options to check out your information.
- 6. Make sure to update or double check all information, especially your addresses so that documents and newsletters arrive at the proper place.
- 7. Once you have updated your information, click "Next".
- 8. Then, select "Collegiate" membership and choose your Collegiate State.
- 9. Input your college into the college selection box on the next page.
- 10. If you wish, you can choose between two subscriptions to music journals offered at a special price for NAFME members. You may also choose to make a donation.
- 11. Once you click "Checkout", your total cost will be displayed. If you just chose a basic renewal of membership and no additional items, your total should be \$40.00.
- 12. Enter your credit card or payment information below that.
- 13. Click the blue "Submit and process credit card payment" at the bottom right of the page.
- 14. Confirm and finish - You should receive an email acknowledging your renewal. Congrats! You are good to go.

\*Note: NAFME and NYSSMA are a joint membership. If you belong to one, you belong to both. You can also renew on [www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org) with a very similar procedure