TO: Collegiate NYSSMA Advisors and Chapters

FROM: Keith Koster, State Collegiate NYSSMA Advisor

MEMO: Greetings & Information for 2019

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

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

  **New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA)**
  **Website:** www.nyssma.org
  For membership (join/renew) click [here](#)
### Upcoming Events for 2019

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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; 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 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)

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

June 17 - 19, 2019: NAfME Collegiate Summit, Washington DC
For more information, E-mail Mr. Alan Orloff (NYSSMA Government Relations Chair) 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

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL EVENTS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE POSTED TO THIS CALENDAR, SEND THE INFORMATION TO Keith Koster (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)  
[derek.schmelter25@qmail.cuny.edu.]

Secretary-Treasurer: Morgan Beaton (Nazareth College)  
[mbeaton8@mail.naz.edu]

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#456 SUNY Buffalo (Elizabeth Etopio, Advisor)  
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Province 2 Chapters:
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#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)  
[ckrueger@syr.edu]

Province 3 Chapters:
#219 Ithaca College (Matthew Clauhs, 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. 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 there 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 OR e-mail Dr. Koster (kkoster8@naz.edu)

**IMPROVING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CHAPTERS??**

**HERE’S HOW!**

Follow us!

**State Collegiate NYSSMA/NAfME Links**

- Facebook group: NYSSMA Collegiate (NAfME Collegiate NY)
- Facebook page: Nyssma Collegiate - Nafme Collegiate NY
- Instagram: Click [here](https://www.instagram.com/nafmecollegiateny) @nafmecollegiateny
- Twitter: @nafmecollegeny
- Gmail: nafmecollegiateny@gmail.com
- Website: [www.nyssma.org/nafme-collegiate-nyssma/](http://www.nyssma.org/nafme-collegiate-nyssma/)
Buffalo State University Chapter Links
Email: buffalostatenafme@gmail.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Buffalo-State-NAfME-Collegiate-360107307404819/
Department page: http://music.buffalostate.edu
Advisor: Victoria Furby

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Website: www.strose.edu
Advisor: Jennifer Campbell

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/EastmanNAFME/
Instagram: eastmannafme
Website: https://www.esm.orchester.edu/mth/cmenc/
Advisor: Mara Culp

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Facebook: NAfME-Hofstra Chapter
Twitter: Hofstra NAfME
Department Page: https://www.hofstra.edu/academics/colleges/hclas/music/
Advisor: Cindy Bell

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/icnafme219/
Instagram: @ic_nafme219
Advisor: Matt Clauhs

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Facebook: McNAfME, https://www.facebook.com/mvillenafme/?ref=br_rs
Instagram: McNAfME
Website: www.mville.edu
Advisor: Jerry Kerling
Nazareth College Chapter Links
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Facebook: www.facebook.com/Nazareth-College-NAfME
Twitter: twitter.com/NazNafme
Instagram: www.instagram.com/naznafme
Department page: www.naz.edu/music
Advisor: Keith Koster

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Facebook: Student Music Educators of NYU
Instagram: @smenyu
Website: steinhardt.nyu.edu/music/education
Advisor: Elise Sobol

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Facebook: Facebook.com/nafmeqc
Twitter: @nafmeqc
Instagram: @nafmeqc
Department page: http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/music/
Advisor: Susan Davis

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/145618501559
Instagram: www.instagram.com/FredoniaNAfME
Department page: home.fredonia.edu/music/
Advisor: Christian Bernhard

Syracuse University Chapter Links
Email: dhknapp@syr.edu
Facebook: NAfME Cuse Chapter 215:
www.facebook.com/Nafme-Cuse-Chapter-215 524505964237817/

Don’t see your school?
Send your information to
Dr. Koster (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

1. Go to 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 with a very similar procedure