

Bylaws
Rocky Mountain Chapter
American Musicological Society
Approved at the 2014 Chapter Business Meeting

I. NAME

The name of The Chapter shall be The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Musicological Society (hereafter, "The Chapter" or "AMS-RMC").

II. OBJECT

The object of The Chapter shall be the same as that of the American Musicological Society (hereafter, "AMS" or "The Society"), as stated in the By-laws of the Society, namely, the advancement of scholarship in the various fields of music through research, learning, and teaching. The Chapter is organized exclusively for educational purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

III. Official Logo

The official logo of The Chapter shall be the last phrase of "Git along, little dogies" in E-flat, using two flats in the signature and the A-flats inserted as *musica ficta*.

IV. Dues

- A. There shall be no Chapter dues.
- B. Schools that host the Chapter meeting may charge a registration fee to cover costs of hosting the meeting.
 1. No registration fee may be charged for students.
 2. Any costs for an (optional) official lunch or dinner ~~can~~ may be charged above and beyond the registration fee.

V. Officers

- A. Officers consist of a President and a Secretary-Treasurer.
- B. The term of office is one year.
- C. Officers for the year shall be selected from members associated with the next host institution.

VI. Representatives to AMS Council

- A. The Chapter elects one representative and two student representatives to the AMS Council.
- B. The Chapter representative serves a 3-year term, in accordance with the guidelines of The Society.
- C. Student representatives:
 1. Student representatives are chosen at the Chapter meeting.
 2. Student representatives serve overlapping 2-year terms, in accordance with the guidelines of The Society.
 3. The Chapter will try to select students ~~that~~ who will, over the years, equally represent the various colleges and universities in The Chapter.

VII. Chapter Meetings

A. Scheduling

1. The Chapter meets once a year in the spring, traditionally at the end of March or the beginning of April.
2. Meetings are on Friday and Saturday.
3. As far as possible, meetings will alternate between north (Colorado, Utah, and the member states north of these) and south (Arizona, New Mexico).

B. Selection of Papers

1. A Program Committee will select the papers to be read at Chapter meetings.
2. The Committee will consist of at least four members from different schools or institutions and is open also to independent scholars. To insure diversity, no more than one person from any given institution shall serve at the same time. No one affiliated with the institution that hosts the meeting should serve on the Program Committee.
3. Each member will serve for a minimum of one year or a maximum of three consecutive years.
4. The Committee will identify the top-ranked papers based on anonymized proposals of no more than 450 words.
5. A member's evaluation of a faculty or student proposal from that member's institution will not be figured into the overall result.
6. The President and/or the Secretary-Treasurer of The Chapter will serve as a facilitator for the Committee by issuing the call for papers, forwarding anonymized proposals to the Committee, sending out notifications of decisions, and helping to organize the accepted papers into meeting sessions.
7. Any proposal submitted by an undergraduate or Master's student must be accompanied by a faculty letter of endorsement.
8. Papers by presenters from AMS-RMC will be favored over those from outside the region when evaluations are tied and time and space require that some proposals be declined.
9. Every presenter at the Chapter meeting must be a member in good standing of the AMS.

C. Program

1. Papers should not exceed 20 minutes in presentation, and each will be allotted 10 minutes for questions and discussion.
2. Abstracts of papers to be read should be distributed at Chapter meetings and posted in advance on the AMS-RMC website.
3. Abstracts should be no more than 450 words.

VIII. Business Meeting

- A. A business meeting will be held during each annual Chapter meeting.
- B. A quorum shall be more than half of The Chapter members attending the annual Chapter meeting.

IX. Dissolution of The Chapter

Upon the dissolution of The Chapter, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

X. COMPLIANCE WITH THE BY-LAWS OF THE AMERICAN MUSICOLOGICAL SOCIETY

In the event of a conflict between the By-Laws of The Chapter and the By-Laws of The Society, the By-Laws of The Society shall take precedence.