

**Society for Ethnomusicology,
Southern Plains Chapter (SEMSP)
By-Laws**

1. The Southern Plains Chapter of the Society for Ethnomusicology represents members in the states of Texas and Oklahoma.
2. The SEMSP Executive Board shall include a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Student Member. The President, Vice-President and Student Member each serve a term of one year. The Treasurer and Secretary have the option of running for re-election a second year. The Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting with the understanding that the VP will become President the next year. All chapter officers must be members of SEM in good standing and must provide annual reports that are presented at the Annual Meeting and then sent to the SEM Chapter Coordinator.
3. The Secretary-Treasurer will provide minutes of the General Membership meeting and will maintain a bank account for the Chapter.
4. A Student Board Member shall be elected by student members at the annual meeting for a term of one year. A student is defined as a person pursuing an active course of studies in a degree program. This will include persons who are engaged in writing the doctoral dissertation, but not those who are teaching full time while doing so. The Student Board Member shall be a voting member of the Executive Board. If a student election is not feasible, the Chapter President shall appoint a Student Board Member. This person will serve as a member of the SEM Student Concerns Committee, and is encouraged to organize student activities such as proposed panels and performances at the annual chapter meeting. The Student Board Member is also encouraged to create a listserv of students throughout the chapter for the exchange of ideas and information.
5. The President will appoint a chapter member as Program Chair for the next annual meeting and the Program Chair will appoint at least two others to serve on that Committee. The Vice President will serve as the Student Prize Committee Chair and the President shall appoint two additional members (faculty) attending the SEMSP conference to the Prize Committee. The Student Prize Committee will decide upon a winner within four weeks of the Regional Meeting (see Student Prize Guidelines).
6. The Local Arrangements Chair for the following year's meeting shall be selected at the annual meeting. Alternate sites for the following year and tentative sites for future years shall also be suggested at that time.
7. Annual meeting registration fees will be determined by the Local Arrangements Chair, in consultation with the chapter officers. Non-student members should pay a *higher* registration fee than student members.
8. The President shall appoint a Webmaster with no fixed term, as the need arises.

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