

Autographs and Archival Documents Interest Group Bylaws
The Society for Music Theory
(Ratified December 2, 2022)

ARTICLE I. NAME

The group will be known as the Autographs and Archival Documents Interest Group of the Society for Music Theory, abbreviated AADIG.

ARTICLE II. MISSION

The Autographs and Archival Documents Interest Group promotes scholarship that relies on sketches and other archival documents for analysis. We also support the creation of courses on this topic.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Autographs and Archival Documents Interest Group will be open to any person who requests it, through attendance at the business meeting or other means. There is no fee for membership and participation is determined by the degree to which members wish to be involved. Membership shall not be restricted according to employment or student status.

ARTICLE IV. LEADERSHIP

The Autographs and Archival Documents Interest Group shall have either one Chair or two Co-Chairs who must be current members of the Society for Music Theory and of the AADIG at the time of their election and must remain so throughout their terms as officers. The Chair or Co-Chairs shall act as the executive officers of the AADIG, presiding over all meetings of the members and having general management of the affairs of the AADIG, including the power to enforce all orders and resolutions passed by the voting members. The Chair or Co-Chairs may appoint advisors or convene committees to assist with the management of AADIG business.

Term Lengths and Elections:

1. The Chair or Co-Chairs shall be elected for terms of two (2) years. In the case of Co-Chairs, terms shall be staggered to ensure at least one Co-Chair continuing their term across the election of the other Co-Chair. Modifications will be made to terms in unusual circumstances through a majority vote.
2. Voting to determine a new Chair or Co-Chair occurs a month before the Society for Music Theory Annual Meeting in the year in which a term ends.
3. Nominations: The Chair (or in the case of Co-Chairs, the continuing Co-Chair) will accept nominations and self-nominations two months before the SMT Annual Meeting and ending one month before the beginning of the SMT Annual Meeting.
4. Election: The election shall take place one month prior to the SMT Annual Meeting. The Chair or Co-Chair shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast. The Chair (or continuing Co-Chair) shall tally the election returns and shall announce the results. Voting is open and advertised to all members of the listserv and is conducted via anonymous online poll.

ARTICLE V: ACTIVITIES

The Autographs and Archival Documents Interest Group plans activities in which members can share their recent research at the SMT Annual Meetings. The AADIG will schedule an annual meeting to take place during the Annual Meeting of the Society for Music Theory. In consultation with the members, the Chair or Co-Chairs of the AADIG will organize a program of interest at the SMT Annual Meeting. At or prior to the annual meeting the Chair or Co-Chairs shall present a report of the group's activities to the members.

ARTICLE VI. DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, and CIVIL COMMUNICATION

As a recognized Interest Group of the Society for Music Theory, we abide by all its policies, including its Policy on Ethics and Policy on Harassment. We further the diversification of music theory as a scholarly pursuit by engaging questions and practices of diversity and inclusion in our membership, teaching, scholarship, methods, and shared values.

ARTICLE VII. BUSINESS

The Autographs and Archival Documents Interest Group's business is generally conducted via email and listserv, and can also take place in person at the annual meeting. Whether the vote takes place electronically, in person, or by other means, a quorum of at least ten (10) members will be required to vote on any business brought before the group.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed to the Chair or Co-Chairs by any member, no later than 30 days before the beginning of the Annual Meeting of the Society. Proposed amendments shall be made known to the membership at least one week before the annual meeting of the Autographs and Archival Documents Interest Group; they shall be placed on the agenda of that meeting for discussion, possible revision, and a vote. Members will be notified via the listserv and website of the impending vote which will be conducted via an anonymous online poll, which will require a quorum as defined in Article VII. Amendments that receive a two-thirds majority of the vote will be considered ratified.