

THE CHICAGOLAND MEDIA EDUCATORS NETWORK

An affiliate group of the Illinois Association for Educational Communications and Technology (IAECT)

The Chicagoland Media Educator's Network (C-MENT) is a group of high school television instructors and advisors who meet to share ideas, techniques, information, and technical knowledge about television curricula and activities in the Chicago-area high schools. C-MENT sponsors an annual student video festival to recognize student achievement in television.

Purpose:

- to offer opportunities for networking among television faculty at the high school level in the Chicagoland area
- to act as a clearinghouse for information and personnel that will help media programs grow in high schools; including grant, scholarship, and contest information
- to offer opportunities to visit and tour Chicago area high school television facilities
- to offer workshops about current television technology and techniques
- to recognize and showcase student work at an annual video festival
- to increase college/university articulation with area high schools about television opportunities

THE CHICAGOLAND MEDIA EDUCATORS NETWORK BY-LAWS

Article I – Name

The name of the organization shall be the Chicagoland Media Educators Network, a nonprofit membership organization and an affiliate group of the Illinois Association for Educational Communications and Technology (IAECT). It shall be referred to as CMENT in the remainder of these by-laws.

Article II – Purposes

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- C. To offer opportunities to visit and tour Chicago area high school television facilities
- D. To offer workshops about current television technology and techniques
- E. To recognize and showcase students work at an annual video festival
- F. To increase college/university articulation with area high schools about television opportunities.

Article III – Membership and Dues

- A. Any high school or college television instructor, advisor, or person who is interested in meeting to share ideas, techniques, information, and technical knowledge about television curricula and activities in the Chicago-area high schools.
- B. A membership directory shall be printed annually by the Secretary.
- C. Dues will be paid to the Illinois Association for Educational Communications and Technology.

Article IV – Officers

The officers of CMENT shall be the President, Secretary, and Treasurer; the officers shall be called the Executive Board of CMENT.

A. Duties:

1. President –
 - a. Shall be administrative head of the Association
 - b. Shall preside over meetings
 - c. Shall appoint standing committees and designate their chair
 - d. Shall appoint other committees as deemed necessary
2. Secretary –
 - a. Shall record the minutes of all meetings and distribute them to the membership
 - b. Shall handle the correspondence for CMENT as requested by the president
 - c. Shall update and print the annual membership directory
3. Treasurer –
 - a. Shall receive all monies due CMENT and deposit them in approved accounts
 - b. Shall present financial reports at meetings
 - c. Shall make all disbursements

B. Elections:

1. Election of officers shall take place at the last meeting of the school year.
2. Nominations will be received by the President one week before the final meeting of the school year.
3. All officers will be elected by majority vote.

C. Term:

1. The term of office shall be two years.

D. Vacancies:

1. If there is a vacancy in any office before the term expires, the President shall appoint a member to fill that vacancy.
2. If the office of President shall become vacated before the end of the term, the Secretary will assume the role of Acting President and appoint a Temporary Secretary until a Special Election can be held at the next meeting.

Article V – Meetings

Meetings shall be held quarterly and as deemed necessary by the President at different schools of the membership; an attempt will be made to rotate the meetings to sites that include Chicago and the South, West, and North suburbs.

Article VI – Finances

1. All funds of CMENT shall be deposited in accounts in recognized banks or savings institutions.
2. A budget shall be presented at the first meeting of the school year and approved by the membership by a majority vote.
3. Financial statements will be presented at the final meeting of the school year.

Article VII – Amendments

1. Any proposed amendments of these By-Laws must be presented in writing to the members of CMENT at least ten days before it can be entertained at a meeting of CMENT.
2. The vote on an amendment shall be by ballot of the members attending the meeting that has the vote on the agenda.
3. A majority of those voting is needed to pass an amendment.