

Missouri Music Educators Association



Board of Directors
Meeting
August 16, 2014

Comprehensive
Report

Submitted by Gary Brandes



BOARD OF DIRECTORS / ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, MAY 10, 2014

9:00 A.M.

Continental breakfast available: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

MMEA Mission: Clearly focuses on effectively serving the membership in their goals of teaching and learning, by promoting a comprehensive music education program that furthers music making by all and supports the advancement of music education as a profession.

Members in Attendance

Executive Board

Staff

Gary Brandes
Hook
Jeff Melsha
Hook
Rob Nichols

Vice Presidents

Scott Kuhlman
Joseph Keeney
Amy Gregory
Carol McDowell
Danny Watring

Advisory Council

Andrew Homburg
Julia Janda
Wendy Sims
Daniel Hellman

Affiliates

Linda Huck
Jonathan Owen
Dave Dicky
Ann Geiler

Cathy Coonis

Steve Litwiller

Buddy Hanaford
Marvin Manring

District Presidents

Chris Heil
Tom Sweeney
Karen Dollins
Jason Harris

Administrative

Paul Swofford Sally
Elaine Swofford Marty
John Patterson
David Goodwin

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Call to Order –President Brandes called the meeting to order at 9:00 am Secretary/Treasurer Elaine Swofford read the roll call and attendance was taken.
- II. Approval of Minutes (August 2013) Steve Harm (Heil)
- III. Executive Director’s Report – Paul Swofford- Briefly discussed new insurance policies, and electronic registration. Elaine Swofford covered rooming requests and urged the board to get their request in before leaving today.
- IV. President’s Report-Gary Brandes Report Stands as Written. President Brandes gave a summary of the State Board of Education mtg., Certification rules changes and the advocacy rally in Jefferson City. It is our hope that the advocacy effort will continue to grow.
- V. President-Elect Report-Jeff Melsha Report Stands as Written. President- Elect Melsha talked briefly about the changing role of his position, and the additional conference duties of the conference manager. President – Elect Melsha informed the board that he is looking forward to serving the organization and is always open for comments and suggestions.

- VI. Past President/Web Director Report-Rob Nichols – Information on the new web site designed was shared and should be completed in late August. A request for Hall of Fame nominations and Chambers awards was also encouraged.
- VII. Vice-President Reports
 - a. Band – Scott Kuhlman – Report Stands as Written
 - b. Choral – Christy Shinn Report Stands as Written (Absent- Report submitted)
 - c. Orchestra – Joseph Keeney – Report Stands as Written
 - d. Jazz – Danny Watring Report -Stands as Written
 - e. University – Skip Vandelicht – Report Stands as Written (Absent- Report submitted)
 - f. Early Childhood/Elementary – Amy Gregory – Report Stands as Written
 - g. General Music – Carl McDowell-Report Stands as Written
- VIII. District President Reports- All reports stand as written, A brief summary of district activities was shared with the board.
 - a. Northwest District #1 – Chris Heil
 - b. Northeast District #2 – Tom Sweeney
 - c. Kansas City Metro District #3 – Tim Allshouse (Absent – Report submitted)
 - d. West Central District #4 – Karen Dollins
 - e. St. Louis Suburban District #5 – Jason Harris
 - f. Central District #6 – Jim Stockmann
 - g. East Central District #7 – Steve Harm
 - h. St. Louis Metro District #8 – Shannon Crepps
 - i. South Central District #9 – Raphael Thompson
 - j. Southeast District #10 – Tom Brousard (Absent- Report submitted)
 - k. Southwest District #11 – Wes Morton
- IX. Affiliate/All-State Reports
 - a. MBA/Band – Linda Huck – Report Stands as Written. First time the ASB auditions were cancelled twice in one year. President Huck thanked everyone for their understanding and cooperation.
 - b. MCDA/Choir – Jonathan Owen- Report Stands as Written
 - c. MOAJE/Jazz Band – Dave Dickey-Report Stands as Written
 - d. MOASTA/Orchestra - Ann Geiler-Report Stands as Written. MoASTA is in process of restructuring our board to best meet the needs of our membership.
- X. Advisory Council Reports
 - a. Government Relations – Paul Copenhaver- Report Stands as Written. (Absent – Report submitted)
 - b. Mentoring Chair - Steve Litwiller – Reports Stands as Written.
 - c. MSM Editors – Marty and Sally Hook- Report Stands as Written. Reminder of MSM deadlines.
 - d. Exhibitors Chair - John Patterson – Mr. Patterson informed the board that he expected a full representation of exhibitors and that letters would be going out shortly.
 - e. Historian - Marvin Manring- Report Stands as Written. Welcomes any idea for adding or improving the current displays at the conference.
 - f. Technology Chair – Michael Sekelsky- Report Stands as Written. (Absent – Report submitted)
 - g. Research Chair - Wendy Sims – Report Stands as Written
 - h. SMTE Chair – Daniel Hellman – Report Stands as Written.

- i. NAFME -C – Andrew Homburg, Collegiate Advisor & Julia Janda, Collegiate President Report Stands As Written
 - j. Tri-M Chair - Cathy Coonis – Report Stands As Written
 - k. MSHSAA - Davine Davis- Report Stands As Written (Absent – Report submitted)
 - l. Retired Members Chair - Buddy Hannaford – Report Stands As Written
 - m. *Advancing Music Education Chair-(Currently Vacant)*
 - n. *MIOSM – (Currently Vacant)*
 - o. *DESE Fine Arts Consultant-(Currently Vacant)*
- XI. Old Business
- a. Dues Increase, March 2014 – The current MMEA dues structure was explained and set at \$91.00 for NAFME and \$15.00 for MMEA for a total of \$106.00
 - b. Teacher Evaluation – Gary *Brandes*
 - i. Implementation Fall 2014
 - ii. SLO (Student Learning Objectives), Templates MMEA and DESE
 - iii. Measure of Student Growth for teacher evaluation, 2015.
 - c. Certification Rule Change – *Daniel Hellman and Wendy Sims*
 - i. Committee meeting this summer to formulate plan
 - d. District Boundaries Review – *Jeff Melsha*
- XII. New Business
- a. **ACTION:** Approve Advisory Council appointments Rob Nichols (Sweeney) **CARRIED**
 - b. **ACTION:** Approve Administrative Personnel appointments Steve Harms (Heil) **CARRIED**
 - c. **ACTION:** Approval of Registration fee structure – Motion to raise conference registration to \$60.00 \$70.00 \$80.00 Rob Nichols (Watring) **CARRIED**
 - d. **ACTION:** Approval of MMEA Executive Board Travel expenses for 2014 and 2015 Tom Sweeney (Harris) **CARRIED**
 - e. **ACTION:** Adopt 2014 MMEA Strategic Plan Jeff Melsha (Kuhlman) **CARRIED**
 - f. **ACTION:** Approve the following policies, Conflict of Interest, Whistle Blower Policy, Ethics Policy, and Anti-Trust Statement. Chris Heil (Gregory) all MMEA policies may be reviewed on the MMEA web site.
 - g. Conference Manager Conference Services – David Goodwin asked the board to submit names for possible vendor bids.
 - h. **ACTION:** Request to initiate Survey of Music Education in Missouri. Daneil Hellman will start work on a statewide survey concerning teacher positions. Danny Watring (Harris) **CARRIED**
 - i. Distribution Fall 2014
- XIII. Good of the Order/Announcements – President Brandes briefly addressed the need to meet with the Vice- Presidents to discuss the upcoming In-Service
- XIII. With no further announcements, motion from Rob Nichols (Melsha) to Adjourn
- XV. Break-Out Sessions
- a. Conference Planning, Vice Presidents – Working lunch.

Next Meeting Saturday, August 16, 2014

77th Annual In-Service Workshop/Conference---January 28 – 31, 2015

Written reports can be found on the MMEA website under the “MMEA Administration” tab. For further information, please contact the Executive Director at execsec@mmea.net

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Swofford
Executive Director
Missouri Music Educators Association



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President's Report

Gary Brandes

1. National Assembly Report
 - a. MO Delegation to Hill Day – Thank You! Jeff, Marty, Sally, Kristin, Angelete.
 - b. National Standards for Music Education
 - i. June 2014, <http://musiced.nafme.org/musicstandards/>
 - ii. Fred Burrack, In-Service
 - c. Environmental/Economic Summary
 - i. An Investigation of a variety of factors that repeatedly come into play during a dialogue about the issues that music education and music education organizations must consider when determining their mission.
 - ii. [Summary](#)
 - iii. Missouri Survey/Scan Fall 2014
2. Conference update: ***Mentoring, Investing in the Future***
 - a. NAFME President Dr. Glenn Nierman
 - b. Steven Jarvi, Resident conductor St. Louis Symphony, Keynote & All-State Session.
 - c. [Dirty Dozen Brass Band](#)
 - d. Mentoring, “Student/New Teacher Sessions”
3. Missouri Music Advocacy Day
 - a. March 2015, Date will set after Sept. 10.
4. Performing Ensemble revision - VPs
5. Please welcome Sandy Collins, MIOSM Chair

President's Log

June 1: Prepare Performing Ensembles Application material for Vice-Presidents

June 16: MMEA Budget Meeting

June 23: MBA Summer Conference

June 25 – 30: NAFME National Assembly

July 1: Consolidate Performing ensemble information from VPs.

July 1: MMEA Schedule

July 15: Notify all performing ensembles.

July 24: MCDA Summer Conference

August 4: MMEA Budget Meeting

August 4: MMEA Exec. Mtg.



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President-elect
Jeff Melsha

NAfME National Assembly

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Core Music Standards

Southwest Division

NAfME Programs

NAfME In-Service Workshop; Nashville, TN



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Past-President
Rob Nichols

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Band Vice-President

Scott Kuhlman

Out of state auditions for MMEA performances were held on June 12.

Of the 62 entries, the following groups were selected to perform at the 2015 MMEA Inservice Workshop/Conference:

Jackson Junior High Honor Band; Paul Fliege, Director
Ozark Junior High 8th Grade Band; D.J. Faught, Steve Palen, Directors
Jefferson High School Concert Band; Ron Sikes, Director
Kearney Wind Ensemble; Chris Heil, Director
Lindbergh High School Symphonic Band; Tim Linsenhardt, Director
Orrick Concert Band; Jayson Moll, Director
Rock Bridge High School Wind Ensemble; Steve Mathews, Director
Timberland High School Symphonic Band; Courtney Straine, Director
Drury Wind Symphony; Christopher Koch, Director
University of Central Missouri Wind Ensemble; Dr. Scott Lubaroff, Director
Blue Springs High School Percussion Ensemble; Clif Walker, Director
UMKC Saxophone Ensemble; Zachary Shemon, Director

We have also chosen the clinic topics for the 2015 MMEA Inservice Workshop/Conference. I had young teachers/mentoring in mind for the selected sessions. They are:

Effective Warm Up and Tuning Processes for Teaching Musicianship
Dr. Craig Fuchs; Professor of Music and Director of Honors College, Pittsburg State University

Expanding The Color Palette in the Percussion Section
Christopher McLaurin, Nick Petrella, James Snell; UMKC Percussion Faculty

Recruiting/Retention
Jason Rekitke; Music Educator, St. Louis

The Right Stuff-Coming Away from Music Festival a Winner!
Jennifer Shenberger and Teresa Dixon; Band Directors/Adjudicators; Clayton, MO/Lebanon, MO

The Chambers of Your Program - An Investigation of Quality Literature and Rehearsal Techniques for Brass
Ensembles
Missouri Brass Quintet



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Choral Vice-President August Report

Christy Shinn

I. Auditions

- a. The choir auditions went very smoothly, 75 auditions were listened to
- b. The judges suggested added "Diction" to the given critique sheet as they would've liked to have a specific place to comment on this very important aspect of the auditions.

II. Conference Sessions

- a. I have selected my 5 sessions for the conference as well as my student/new teacher session. They are:

- Presenter: Dr. Mariana Farah, Associate Director of Choral Activities- University of Kansas

Session: Mentoring Students Beyond Salmo 150: A Capella Choral Music of Ernani Aguiar and its place in the International Choral Scene.

- Presenter: Raynard Brown, Choral Director- Parkway Northeast Middle School

Session: Mike and Melody in the Middle: Motivating, Teaching and Engaging the vocal musician during their middle school years

This session is designed to be a "grab bag" of strategies in dealing with Pitch Matching, assessing, programming, warm-ups, auditioning and the stomaching turning recruiting. The middles school singer and choirs are far more capable and exciting than one can imagine we only need to ignite the imagination and engage them through the mind, body, spirit and their voice.

- Presenter: Dr. James Henry, Director of Choral Studies, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Session: not given to me yet

- Presenter: Susan LaBarr, Editor, Walton Music

Session: Walton Music Reading Session: New and Tried and True Music for All Levels.

This session will have music form Elementary to the college levels for Children's, boys, girls, men's, Women's and mixed ensembles and more.

- Presenter: Dr. Julie Yu- Oppenheim, *Associate Director of Music & Co-Director of Choral Studies – School of Music, Theater and Dance*

Kansas State University

Session: title not given to me yet

Student/New Teacher Session:

- Presenter: Paula Martin, Retired Oakville HS Choral Director and Adjunct Faculty at Webster and Lindenwood University

Session: District Contest 101; *The nuts and bolts of organizing ensembles, selecting literature, preparing students and making through the sight-reading room alive!*



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Orchestra Vice-President
Joseph Keeney

We have three clinicians presenting at the MMEA Jan. 2015 Conference.
All three clinicians have received clinician agreements (contracts)

Waiting for bio's from clinicians in order to complete on line clinician information
MoASTA has agreed to take care of the Orchestra music reading session for
MMEA Jan. Conference.

Still working on securing a teacher/clinician for the Student/New teacher Orchestra
topic



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Jazz Vice-President

Danny Watring

The ensembles and their directors selected for the MMEA 77th Annual In-service Workshop/Conference are:

1. The Parkway West High Jazz Choir, Brian Parrish
2. The Missouri State University Jazz Studies Ensemble I, Randy Hamm
3. The Fort Zumwalt North High School Jazz Band, Rob Babel

All of the jazz submission recordings were outstanding!

Clinics for the upcoming conference are:

1. Reading Session
2. Kathleen Holman - "Singing, Scatting and Living in the Pocket: The Jazz Singer KEEPS TIME with the REST of the Band".
3. Arthur White - Undecided topic at the report deadline (You know how these Jazzers are....!)



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College/University Vice-President
Skip Vandelicht

Clinics:

- National Standards Music Standards and Cornerstone Assessments
- Assessment and Smart Music

All-Collegiate Choir:

An email was sent to all college/university choir directors last May with information on the conductor, registration and rehearsal dates, and participation “rules”. Dr. Claude Westfall, who is the coordinator for the All-Collegiate Choir, has been answering questions and getting a preliminary count on which colleges and universities that will be participating.

I have also been in contact with this year’s conductor, Dale Kruse from St. Olaf College. We have discussed past repertoire, amount of rehearsal time, and other details that I have at this time.

I think we are on track and will have the program set very soon and all details will be in place.

Respectfully Submitted,
Skip Vandelicht



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Elementary and General Vice-President's Report

Amy Gregory and Carol McDowell

August 1, 2014

- Judges met on June 17, 2014, and selected these three ensembles from the eight audition tapes to perform for the 2015 MMEA convention:
 - a.) Elementary: Republic Middle School Sixth-Grade Singers
 - b.) Elementary: Springfield Community Drury Girls' Choir
 - c.) General Music: Jackson Middle School Fifth- and Sixth-Grade Treble Choir
- Amy and Carol would like to discuss / revise the selection criteria for the general music performance groups.
- Clinicians for the 2015 MMEA conference have been confirmed. They are:
 - a.) Brent Gault (Indiana University) will conduct a general-music reading session and two additional sessions - ***Active Roads to Musicianship for General Music*** and ***Active Roads to Musicianship for Early Elementary***.
 - b.) Renee Boyer (Professor Emeritus, University of Cincinnati) will present three sessions on using jazz in the elementary classroom - ***Jazz Alive in the General Music Classroom*** (pre-conference workshop), ***Jazzy Rhythms in Early Childhood***, and ***Catfish Blues-Soulful Expressions of Jazz Along the Mississippi Session 3 (Grades 3-5)***.
 - c.) Al Spurgeon (University of Mississippi) will lead a general-music session entitled ***Folk Songs and Play Parties from the Ozarks***.
 - d.) Pam Stover (University of Toledo) will present two sessions entitled ***Quick Assessment Games and Record Keeping for General Music*** and ***Let's Start at the Beginning--Pitch and Rhythm Games for Early Childhood***.
 - e.) Barbara Berner, director, St. Louis Children's Choirs, will conduct an elementary reading and demonstration session entitled ***Building a Foundation for Success with Young Singers***.
 - f.) Bridget Zimmermann (Parkway) & Angela Kelton (Mehlville) will present a technology session for elementary music entitled: ***Connecting the DOTS in 21st Century Education: Using Digital Organizational Tools to simplify Data Oriented Teaching***.
 - g.) Shane Mizicko will lead a session for elementary and general music entitled ***Percussion Repair: From the General Music Classroom to the High School Band Room***.
- Clinic session title forms have been submitted for the above clinicians.
- Lodging requests and workshop conference forms will be submitted when conference session times are definite.
- Must now find corporate sponsors for the clinicians. J.W. Pepper has offered to help with the reading sessions.
- Must work to secure some conference exhibitors for elementary teachers.
- Must locate area schools willing to supply instruments for these sessions.
- Clinicians for the 2016 MMEA conference have also been confirmed. They will be:
 - a.) David Frego (University of Texas – San Antonio) will present on Dalcroze Eurhythmics,
 - b.) Lynn Kleiner (Simply Music Rhapsody) will conduct sessions on early childhood music, and
 - c.) Paul Corbiere will lead sessions on group drumming.
- All of these 2016 presenters have agreed to hold sessions for both general and elementary music.



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NORTHWEST DISTRICT #1

Chris Heil, MMEA District President

2014-2015 Officers for MMEA District #1 (Northwest)

President - Chris Heil, Kearney (heilc@mail.kearney.k12.mo.us)

President-Elect - Tom Brockman, Smithville (brockmat@smithville.k12.mo.us)

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HS Band Vice President Elect - Paul Weissenborn, Mid-Buchanan
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JH Band Vice President - Chad Lippincott, St. Joseph (chad.lippincott@sjsd.k12.mo.us)

JH Band Vice President Elect - Blake Duren, Cameron (bduren@cameronschools.org)

Jazz Band Vice President - Ted Keck, South Harrison (tntkeck@hotmail.com)

Band Treasurer - Jamie Heil, Kearney (heilj@mail.kearney.k12.mo.us)

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Choir Treasurer – David Groth, St. Joseph (David.Groth@Lhsirish.net)

JH Choir Vice President - Brice Willson, Platte Co. (bricew@hotmail.com)

HS Choir Vice President - Christie Ottinger, Bishop LeBlond (cottinger@bishopleblondhs.com)

University Representative - Jeff Hinton, MWSU (hinton@missouriwestern.edu)

2014-2015 DATES & CONTACTS

- ✓ NWMCDA All-District Choir Auditions = Saturday, September 20, 2014 at Missouri Western State University (Contact cottinger@bishopleblondhs.com)
- ✓ All-State Choir Auditions/All-District Choir Clinic/Concert = Saturday, October 25, 2014 at Platte County High School (Contact cottinger@bishopleblondhs.com)
- ✓ Northwest All-District Band Auditions = Saturday, November 1, 2014 at Central High School (Contact bonsigm@platteco.k12.mo.us)
- ✓ Northwest District M.S. Choir Concert = November 8, 2014, Platte County Middle School (Contact bricew@hotmail.com)
- ✓ District Jazz Band Rehearsal = Tuesday, November 18, 2014, location to be determined (Contact tntkeck@hotmail.com)
- ✓ District Jazz Band Clinic/Concert = Saturday, November 22, 2014 at Northwest Missouri State University (Contact tntkeck@hotmail.com)
- ✓ All-State Band Auditions = Saturday, December 6, 2014 at Columbia Hickman High School (Contact heilc@mail.kearney.k12.mo.us)
- ✓ All-District Band Clinic /Concert = Saturday, December 13, 2014 at Platte County High School (H.S. Contact bonsigm@platteco.k12.mo.us, M.S. Contact chad.lippincott@sjsd.k12.mo.us)

2014 MMEA Conference = January 28-31, 2015



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District #2 (Northeast)

Tom Sweeney, District President

It has been a quiet summer for District #2. The Northeast District Leadership Team will be meeting later this month in preparation for the upcoming school year. All areas of District #2 are in good financial standing! This summer District #2 held its 2nd annual mentoring picnic, partnering new teachers with veteran teachers. Plans are in the works to continue to expand the existing mentoring program throughout the 2014-15 school-year. All 2014-15 District #2 events have been scheduled, sites and clinicians are secured (or nearly secured!).

Congratulations to our NEMMEA ensembles that will be performing during the 2015 MMEA Conference in January: Rock Bridge HS Wind Ensemble, Steve Mathews and Patrick Sullivan, Directors; Central Methodist University Church Street Boys, Dr. Ron Atteberry, Director; and the Truman State University Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Sam McClure, Director.

Marc Lewis, President Elect

Brad Heckman, Past President

Debbie Higbee-Roberts, Secretary/Treasurer

Ending balance on Feb. 28, 2014 for the General Account: \$826.82.

(An update was not available in time for this report.)

Jordan Perry, Band VP

NEMO District and Honorable Mention Band (Moberly HS):

Auditions/Rehearsal: November 8th, 2014

Rehearsal/Concert: January 10th, 2015

We will be premiering a commissioned piece for our District band this year by Missouri composer David Holsinger.

Emily Edgington, Choral VP

September 20, 2014 - All-District Choir auditions, Battle High School, Columbia, MO

November 1, 2014 - All-District Choir Festival, Moberly High School, Moberly, MO

We will have a new hosting service here for our district.

New website for the following year: www.nemodistrictchoir.org.

Steve Mathews, Jazz VP

All-District Jazz Band Rehearsal and Performance (Macon) Feb.21, 2015

Margaret Lawless, Orchestra VP

Jamie Baker, JH Band VP

JH Honor Band Auditions and Clinic (Macon) Jan 17, 2015

JH Honor Band Rehearsal and Performance (Macon) Feb.21, 2015

Kimberly Guilford, JH Choral VP

JH Honors Choir will be held on April 20, 2015. It will still be held at MACC Activities Center.

The clinician will be James Melton from Columbia Public Schools.

Eva Eikel, 6th Grade Honor Choir

6th Grade Honors Choir will be Monday, April 13th, 2015 at MACC Activities Center.
The clinician will be Josh Chism.

Brad Hudson	Mentoring Chair
Josh Yancey	MIOSM Chair
“Skip” Vandelight	College/University Rep.
Brad Heckman	Webmaster

NEMO District Website is <http://nemmea.org>

We also have a Facebook presence which
is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nemmea/>



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Kansas City Metro #3 Tim Allshouse, President

The summer has been filled with a variety of camps for many of our schools. Teachers have continued to develop their craft by attending a variety of summer symposiums around the country and here in Missouri.

Many area Kansas City Metro high schools hosted and housed drum and bugle corps which was excellent for the students.

The executive team will be meeting on August 25, 2015 to discuss a variety of topics for KC Metro. This will be followed by a newsletter packet that will be sent to all KC Metro #3 directors.

All dates for auditions for honor bands/clinics, etc. have tentatively been set and will be finalized at the August meeting.

KC Metro Groups performing at MMEA

Blue Springs High School Percussion Ensemble under the direction of Clif Walker
Guest Soloist: Julie Davila

Officers for 2014-2015

President	Tim Allshouse	Blue Springs High School	tallshouse@bssd.net
Pres. Elect	Clif Thurmond	Lee's Summit West HS	clifton.thurmond@leesummit.k12.mo.us
VP Band	Eddie Owen	Staley HS	ewen@nkschools.org
VP Choir	Jason Bean	Blue Springs South HS	jbean@bssd.net
VP Orchestra	Melissa Guillory	William Chrisman HS	melissa_guillory@isdschools.org
VP Jazz	Shawn Harrel	Lee's Summit West HS	shawn.harrel@leesummit.k12.mo.us
VP MS Band	Elizabeth Puyear	Brittany Hill MS [Blue Springs]	epuyear@bssd.net
VP MS Choir	Philip Holthus	Discover MS [Liberty]	pholthus@liberty.k12.mo.us
VP MS Orchestra	Suzannah Smith	Raytown	Suzannah.Smith@raytownschools.org
Secretary	Lisa Evans	Blue Springs High School	lisaevans@bssd.net
Treasurer	Brady Finch	Lee's Summit HS	brady.finch@leesummit.k12.mo.us



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West Central

Karen Dollins, President

Welcome back to what we love doing!!! Teaching, inspiring and molding young minds into something great! Listed below are some tidbits of information about what will be happening in the West Central District this fall. Please note the inclusion of some college events that you might want to enjoy by yourself or with some students. As of always, please check the West Central page of mmea.net for updates and things that you need to know. Hope you have a great fall! Karen Dollins- President

College Events:

- ✓ State Fair Community College *Jingle on the Green – Campus-wide Holiday Extravaganza – Thursday, Dec 4, 6:00-8:00 PM*
- ✓ State Fair Invitational Show Choir Festival – Saturday, January 10, 2015
- ✓ www.sfccmo.edu
- ✓ University of Central MO www.ucm.edu
- ✓ Chanticleer in Concert at the University of Central Missouri Sunday, October 26, 2014 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20 per person How to purchase tickets: [\(660\) 543-4263](http://(660) 543-4263)
ucmo.edu/pas/tickets
- ✓ UCM Musical Theatre: The Wedding Singer October 8-12 7:30 PM, October 8-11; 2:00 PM, October 12 Highlander Theater Tickets on sale via UCM Performing Arts Series Box Office (www.ucmo.edu/pas)

District Choirs:

- ✓ Auditions for District Choir- Sept. 6 at Oak Grove High School, Charity Johnson, Oak Grove High School, Choral VP
- ✓ District 11/12 Choir and MO All State Choir Auditions- Oct 11- Director Dr. Claude Westphal, Central Methodist College, at Smith Cotton High School
- ✓ 9/10 Honor Choir- Oct 11- Director Beth Dampf, Jefferson City High School Jon West, Oak Grove High School, coordinator
- ✓ Junior High District Choir- Director Gretchen Harrison with Allegro Children's Choir and teacher at Frontier Trail Middle School, Olathe, KS for the mixed group. Raynard Brown, Parkway Northeast Middle School for the girls group, Shea Twenter, choir ??
- ✓ November 1st Ck the webpage for location and for repertoire list.

District Band

- ✓ Nov 8. District band and District Jazz band auditions. UCM. Warrensburg
- ✓ Dec 6 State band and Jazz Band auditions Hickman High School. Columbia

Congratulations to 2 ensembles from the West Central District that have been selected to perform at the 77th MMEA In-Service Conference in January 2015

University of Central MO Wind Ensemble- Dr. Scott Lubaroff, Director
Pleasant Hill High School Hillside Singers- Mrs. Karen Dollins- Director



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St. Louis Suburban District 5
Jason Harris – President

SLSMEA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – 2014-16

President – Jason Harris, Mapelwood Richmond Heights

President-Elect – Aaron Lehde, Ladue

Past President – James Waechter (resigned)

SLSMEA AREA VICE-PRESIDENTS – 2014-16

HS Band VP – Vance Brakefield, Mehlville

HS Jazz VP – Denny McFarland, Pattonville

MS Band VP – Adam Hall, Pattonville

MS Jazz VP – Michael Steep, Parkway

HS Orchestra VP – Michael Blackwood, Rockwood

MS Orchestra VP – Tiffany Morris-Simon, Hazelwood

6th Orchestra VP – Twinda Murry, Ladue

HS Choir VP – Tim Arnold, Hazelwood

MS Choir VP – Lora Pemberton/Valerie Waterman, Rockwood

Elem. Vocal VP – Vacant

SLSMEA ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL – 2014-16

Executive Secretary-Treasurer – James Waechter, Ladue

SLSMEA ADVISORY COUNCIL – 2014-16

High School Large Group and Solo and Small Ensemble Director – Jack Scheurer, Columbia

Middle School Large Ensemble Festival Director – T.B.D.

Middle School Solo and Small Ensemble Festival Director – T.B.D.

ST. LOUIS SUBURBAN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2014-15: see calendar

Goals for this year:

1. By-Law revisions and updating in conjunction with MMEA revisions and format.
2. Refine Billing and Online Payments for fees for our honor groups.
3. Refine process for SLSMEA Awards.

ACCOUNT BALANCE:

Account Balance as of July 31, 2014:

Checking = \$4292.67



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Central District #6

Jim Stockman, President

2014-16 Central District #6 Officers

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College Rep-Robert Cesario Rolla	cesarior@mst.edu

August 25 - District dinner and meeting-6:30pm Linn High School

Elementary District Choir

February 28 - St. James Middle School

Middle School/Junior High District Choir

February 7 - Waynesville High School – Brian Reeves, clinician

Middle School/ Junior High District Band

January 10 - Waynesville High School

High School District Choir

Auditions - September 22 - Jefferson City

Rehearsal and All-State auditions - November 4 - TBA

Rehearsal/performance - November 8 - Waynesville High School

Honor Choir clinician - ? and Concert Choir clinician - ?

High School District Band

Auditions - October 14 - Camdenton High School

Rehearsal and performance-November 1 - Camdenton High School

Honor Band clinician – Dr. Brian Silvey and Concert Band clinician - Rob Nichols

High School District Jazz Band

Auditions -October 14 - Camdenton High School

Rehearsal and performance - January 10 - Waynesville High School

Respectfully submitted: Jim Stockmann District #6 President



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East Central District #7
Steve Harms, President

- I. Officer Listing
 - a. President: Steve Harms, Fox
 - harms@fox.k12.mo.us
 - b. President-elect: Chuck Moore, Sullivan
 - moorec@eagles.k12.mo.us
 - c. Past-president: Ron Sikes, Jefferson R-VII
 - ron_sikes@hotmail.com
 - d. High School Band Vice-president: Doug Rice, Union
 - ricedo@union.k12.mo.us
 - e. High School Choral Vice-president: Michelle Jokerst, Ste. Genevieve
 - mjokerst@stegen.k12.mo.us
 - f. High School Jazz Vice-president: Ben Middleton, Seckman
 - middleton@fox.k12.mo.us
 - g. Jr. High Band Vice-president: Elliot Naes, Farmington
 - enaes@farmington.k12.mo.us
 - h. Jr. High Choral Vice-president: Vacant
 - Vacant
 - i. Jr. High Jazz Vice-president: Deb Row, Seckman
 - rowd@fox.k12.mo.us
 - j. Elementary Vice-president: Amy Smith, Hillsboro
 - smith_amy@mail.hillsboro.k12.mo.us
 - k. College/University Vice-president: Cathy Boemler, Jefferson College
 - choirband@yahoo.com
 - l. Secretary/Treasurer: Allyn Rizzo, Farmington
 - arizo@ncsd.k12.mo.us
 - m. Mentoring Chair: Joe Pappas, Retired
 - joejpm@brick.net
 - n. Webmaster: Ron Sikes, Jefferson R-VII & Chris Auchly, Festus

- II. 2014-15 District Event Calendar
 - a. Choir auditions: Mon, Sept. 29, Hillsboro HS
 - b. Band & Jazz auditions: Tue, Nov. 4, at Festus
 - c. All-District Band: Sat, Nov. 8
 - d. AD Choir rehearsal/State Auditions: Tue, Nov. 11, Hillsboro HS
 - e. Jazz rehearsal: Fri, Nov. 21
 - f. All-District Choir: Sat, Nov. 15, Rickman Aud.-Fox Campus
 - g. Jazz rehearsal: Fri, Dec. 12, Jefferson College
 - h. All-District HS & JH Jazz: Sat, Dec. 13, Jefferson College
 - i. JH Choir Festival: Sat, Feb. 14, Rickman Aud.- Fox Campus

- III. District Website
 - a. www.eastcentral7.org
 - b. Ron Sikes & Chris Auchly are the webmasters

- IV. District News

Lucas Overton, JH Choir Vice-President has taken a position outside the district and had to resign his position. The position is currently vacant and a replacement will be installed at our executive meeting
- V. Fall Executive Meeting
 - a. Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 6:00 Ponderosa in Arnold

- VI. Treasury Report Attached

VII. East Central District #7 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: September 10, 2013	\$16993.87
Ending Balance: January 25, 2014	\$17836.94

Balances by Fund:

All-District HS Choir	\$3796.20
All-State Choir	\$99.94
All-District HS Band	\$5004.90
All-District HS Jazz Band	\$606.84
All-District JH Band	\$4379.69
All-District JH Jazz Band	\$1763.47
All-District JH Choir	\$2185.78
All-District Elementary	\$-96.56
Miscellaneous	\$96.68



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St. Louis Metro District #8
Shannon Crepps

2014-2016 St. Louis Metro 8 Officers

President: Shannon Crepps, Saeger Middle School
President-Elect: John Miller, Lutheran High School South
Past President: Rick Padgett, Ft. Zumwalt East High School
Orchestra VP: Chris Torretta, Ft. Zumwalt East High School
High School Concert Band VP: John Hahn, Chaminade College Preparatory School
High School Jazz Band VP: Keith Moyer, Ft. Zumwalt West High School
Middle School Concert Band VP: Doug McKay, Barnwell Middle School
Middle School Jazz VP: Eric Warren, Chaminade College Preparatory School
High School Choral VP: Holly Barber, The Principia School
Middle School Choir VP: Craig LaChance, Ft. Zumwalt North Middle School
Elementary VP: Janet Harding, Ostmann Elementary
Secretary: Sister Gail Buckman, St. Gabriel the Archangel School
Treasurer: Kenneth Lederle, Catholic Education Office
Multi-Cultural Chair: Charlie Rose, MICDS
Webmaster: Andrew Messerli, Francis Howell Central/Saeger Middle School

District website – www.stlmetrodistrict8.org

All district vice presidents have completed the preparation of audition and nomination material for our upcoming honor ensembles. The information can be found on our website. We are able to do online registration for all of our ensembles. The clinicians that have been selected for our groups this fall are as follows:

High School Concert Band – Gary Brandes, University of Missouri – St. Louis
High School Jazz Band – Randy Hamm, Missouri State University
High School Choir – Brian Reeves, Parkway North High School
Orchestra – James Nacy, Marquette High School
Middle School Concert Band – Joseph Pappas, Jefferson College
Middle School Jazz Band – Dr. Joel Vanderheyden, Jefferson College
Middle School Choir – Dr. Marci Major, University of Missouri
Elementary Choir – TBA

Upcoming Concert Dates

This fall's performance dates are:

Saturday, November 8th – Elementary Choir; Orchestra
Saturday, November 15th – Middle School and High School Choirs
Sunday, November 23rd – Middle School/High School Jazz and Concert Bands



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South Central District #9
Raphael Thompson, President

Welcome to the new 2014-2016 South Central Missouri Music Educator Board. The list of officers and their email contacts are:

President—Raphael Thompson (rthompson@hollister.k12.mo.us)

Past-President—Rocky Long (rockylong@mac.com)

President-Elect (New Teacher Mentor) Kathy Phillips (notedealer@sbsglobal.net)

High School Band VP—Lori Hutton (bnjazzy@centurytel.net; lori.hutton@mjays.us)

Jazz VP—Curtis Tipton (ctipton@spsmail.com)

Junior High Band VP—Aaron Stewart (astewart@spsmail.com)

High School Vocal VP—Kevin Williams (kevin.williams@republicschools.org)

Junior High Vocal VP—Alicia Campbell (AliciaCampbell@mail.Ozark.k12.mo.us)

Elementary VP—Ian Tapson (itapson@lebanon.k12.mo.us)

Secretary—Allyson Tipton (allysontipton@gmail.com)

Treasurer—Cathy Coonis (cdcoonis@hotmail.com)

Webmaster—Steve McClard (steve@pianodesk.com)

MCDA representative—Christy Elsea (celsea@lebanon.k12.mo.us)

All-State Choir Coordinator/ 11th/12th grade—Amy Jameson

(AmyJameson@mail.ozark.k12.mo.us)

As president of the SCMMEA Board, I want to encourage all directors to become involved and active in South Central District events. Feel free to contact any members of the board if you have questions.

One new addition to the SCMMEA Board is our President-Elect, Kathy Phillips, as New Teacher Mentor. A well-known choir director veteran, not only in the South Central district, but throughout the state of Missouri, Kathy plans to coordinate get-togethers for new directors in our district for mentoring, information, collaboration, and making new friends in music education. More information will come your way about this new endeavor. Thank you, Kathy Phillips for your dedication and desire to help new teachers in our district. Veteran teachers, be watchful for new teachers who need encouragement and information. South Central had strong directors with stellar music teaching backgrounds.

Congratulations to the following South Central performing groups selected to perform at the MMEA 2015 Annual In-Service Workshops/Conference

Ozark Junior High—Ozark Junior High 8th Grade Band—D.J. Faught/Steve Palen

Drury University—Drury Wind Symphony—Christopher Koch

Reed Academy—Reed Treble Choir—Daniel Gutierrez

Nixa High School—Cantori Aquila Men's Choir—Jason Huneycutt

Republic Middle School—Sixth Grade Singers—Tricia Zinecker

Community/Elementary—Springfield-Drury Girls' Choir—Mark Lawley

Missouri State University—Jazz Studies Ensemble I—Randy Hamm

Best wishes to our South Central Performing Ensembles and all the South Central directors as we begin a brand new year full of new musical experiences.



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Southeast District 10

Tom Broussard, President

The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time for both music educators and their students. The Southeast District and its teachers are preparing for a wonderful and exciting school year.

- ✓ Auditions for the High School, Junior High, and Jazz All-District Bands take place on Tuesday, November 4th at Jackson High School.
- ✓ The auditions for the High School All-District Choirs take place on Saturday, September 27th at Cape Central High School.
- ✓ The All-District Orchestra performs on Saturday, November 1st at Cape Central High School. The All-District Band performs on Saturday, November 15th at Cape Central High School.
- ✓ The All-District Choirs perform on November 8th at Cape Central High School.
- ✓ The All-District Jazz Band performs on Saturday, February 14th at Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff.

Please mark your calendars to attend our annual Southeast District Business meeting at this year's MMEA conference. The district meeting date for this year's conference is Saturday, January 31st at 7:30 AM. You can find our meeting location listed in the conference guide.

While at the conference please attend and show your support to the following ensembles and their directors at they perform at the 2015 conference:

Jackson Junior High Honor Band - Paul Fliege
Jackson 5th and 6th Grade Treble Choir - Stephanie Fridley

Please remember our district website; www.semmea.net. It is a wonderful source for Southeast District 10 information. If you have any questions about any events in the district, please feel free to contact the following officers in the Southeast District:

President	Tom Broussard, tbroussard@jackson.k12.mo.us
President-Elect	Paul Fliege, pfliege@jackson.k12.mo.us
Secretary/Treasurer	Kim Whitehead, kwhitehead@sikeston.k12.mo.us
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Vocal VP (9-10)	Lacie Eades, leades@jackson.k12.mo.us
Vocal VP (Jr. High)	Abe Leach, aleach@sikeston.k12.mo.us
Band VP (9-12)	Paul Fliege, pfliege@jackson.k12.mo.us
Band VP (Jazz)	Scott Rybolt, srybolt@dexter.k12.mo.us
Band (Jr. High)	April Reynolds, areynolds@jackson.k12.mo.us
Orchestra VP	Michael Hanf, hanfm@capetigers.com
Elementary VP	Adam Clark, aclark@dexter.k12.mo.us
College VP (TRCC)	Buddy White, wwhite@trcc.edu
College VP (SEMO)	Robert Conger, rconger@semo.edu



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District 11

Wes Morton, President



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MMEA Meeting Report
Saturday, August 16, 2014
Tan-Tar-A Resort



Missouri Bandmasters Association

The 46th MBA Summer Convention was held June 22-25, 2014 at the Resort at Port Arrowhead in Osage Beach, Missouri. We had excellent attendance by our membership at this year's convention, with many outstanding concerts and clinics. Thanks to the MBA Board of Directors, especially Past-President, Linda Huck, for their hard work in making the convention a reality.

We welcome our newest member to the MBA Hall of Fame, Steve Litwiller. Steve is an outstanding educator and continues to encourage and inspire us all to be better teachers.

The new MBA Board of Directors are:

President – Denis Swope
Past-President – Linda Huck
President Elect – Kim Hartley
Board Member – Keith Ruether
Sec. /Treas. – Kurt Bauche
Membership Chair – Doug Hoover

Audition material for this year's Missouri All-State Band auditions will be **Set III**. The conductor for the 2014-15 Missouri All-State Band is Thomas Leslie. He is the Director of Bands at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. We look forward to seeing Mr. Leslie work with our All State students at the MMEA convention in January! Any questions regarding All State Band should be directed to our All State Coordinator, Kim Hartley.

Please encourage band directors in your district to visit the MBA website for ongoing information.

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Swope, President
Missouri Bandmasters Association



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MCDA

Missouri Choral Directors Association

A state organization of the Missouri Choral Directors Association

Report for the MMEA Board of Directors/Advisory Council Meeting

August 16, 2014

MCDA piloted middle school sight-singing as part of choral festivals this year. We are hoping to expand to more parts of the state.

The Missouri State Sight-Singing Championship, as part of the Missouri All-State Choir was a success and students and teachers were very excited about this new venture. Our plan is to continue this in 2015.

The Missouri Choral Directors Association summer conference was held in Jefferson City on July 23-26, 2014. The following honor choirs performed as part of the conference.

Missouri All-State Jazz Choir – directed by Duane Sheilds Davis

Missouri All-State Show Choir – Justin Sands

4, 5, 6 Missouri Youth Honor Choir – Tom Shelton

7, 8 Missouri Youth Honor Choir – Laura Farnell

9, 10 Missouri Youth Honor Choir – Derrick Brookins

Church and Community Honor Choir – Charles Bruffy (Grammy winning conductor)

We again had the Student ACDA conference within a conference for mentoring college students and new teachers.

We are already in the planning stages for next summer's conference. MCDA has a current total membership of over 700 choral directors. We are the largest membership in our Southwest division, which includes Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas ACDA. We have the fifth largest membership in the nation and are excited about continuing to grow.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan D. Owen

MCDA President



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MMEA Meeting Report
Saturday, August 16 2014
Tan-Tar-A Resort
Missouri Association for Jazz Education
www.moaje.org

MOAJE Board Members, 2013-2014

Dave Dickey, President
Danny Watring, Vice President
Jeff Melsha, Past President
Lori Hutton, Secretary

Arthur White, President Elect
Cathy Coonis, Treasurer
Chris Miller, All-State Jazz Coordinator
Rob Babel, MMEA Jazz VP

2014-2015 All-State Jazz Etudes

All-State Jazz Etudes are available on MOAJE's website at www.moaje.org They are available as .pdf file downloads for all instruments. There are also recordings of all the etudes as an mp3 download. Both the pdfs and mp3 are free to download through the website.

The 2015 All-State Jazz Ensemble Director

The 2015 Missouri All-State Jazz Ensemble director will be multiple Grammy-nominated jazz composer, trombonist, and educator Steve Wiest. Steve recently became Associate Professor, Jazz Studies & Commercial Music at University of Denver – Lamont. Before that he was Professor of Jazz Composition and Director of the One O'Clock Lab Band at the University of North Texas. Besides rehearsing the Missouri All-State Jazz Ensemble, Steve will also be giving a "Meet the Directors" clinic and also performing at the Wednesday night jam session.

MOAJE Website

Check back often to Missouri Association for Jazz Education's website for updates including all-state auditions, MOAJE Jazz Jam Sessions dates and locations, college/high school/middle school jazz festivals dates and location, summer jazz camp dates and locations, and other links to help students and music directors.



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MoASTA Presidents Report

Ann Geiler, president

August 16, 2014

MoASTA was one of the sponsors of a string workshop at Webster University this summer. Thirty-five string teachers attended this event.

All-State Orchestra “live” auditions will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014 on the University of Missouri Columbia campus. If “live” auditions are cancelled because of weather auditions we will move to recorded auditions. Recorded auditions must be post-marked by Dec. 9th. Specific instructions will be posted on the MoASTA web site. ASO registration will be on line and open up in October. Repertoire for the ASO will be finalized this week.

MoASTA will be hosting a Saturday string workshop in late Oct. or early Nov. Stay tuned for more details.



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Paul Copenhaver

Government Relations Chair

August 6, 2014

The information below came directly from the Missouri Secretary of State's website, posted August 5. President Brandes recently attended a meeting in regard to this issue that included representatives from 'the education roundtable'---MNEA, MSTA, AFT, administrator groups and subject matter organizations. *[Please note---This is not a MNEA vs. MSTA issue, administrator vs. classroom teacher, or music vs. sports issue, it is an issue that would affect all aspects of education in Missouri.]*

Constitutional Amendment Relating to Teacher Performance Evaluation Systems Certified for November Ballot

Jefferson City, Mo. — Secretary of State Jason Kander today [August 5] announced that one initiative petition has been certified to appear on the November 2014 ballot. A Constitutional Amendment to Article IX, Relating to Teacher Performance Evaluation Systems, 2014-024, will appear on the November 4, 2014 general election ballot as Constitutional Amendment 3.

The official ballot title reads:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- require teachers to be evaluated by a standards based performance evaluation system for which each local school district must receive state approval to continue receiving state and local funding;
- require teachers to be dismissed, retained, demoted, promoted and paid primarily using quantifiable student performance data as part of the evaluation system;
- require teachers to enter into contracts of three years or fewer with public school districts; and
- prohibit teachers from organizing or collectively bargaining regarding the design and implementation of the teacher evaluation system?

Decisions by school districts regarding provisions allowed or required by this proposal and their implementation will influence the potential costs or savings impacting each district. Significant potential costs may be incurred by the state and/or the districts if new/additional evaluation instruments must be developed to satisfy the proposal's performance evaluation requirements.

For a petition seeking to amend the Missouri Constitution, valid signatures from registered voters equal to eight percent of the total votes cast in the 2012 governor's election in six of the state's eight congressional districts must be submitted.

Ballot language and full text for the issues is available on the secretary of state's website at www.sos.mo.gov/elections.

In short, this amendment would:

- ✓ *Take local control of our schools away from parents, teachers and school districts and hand it over to Jefferson City politicians*
- ✓ *Force taxpayers to pay for costly government mandated standardized tests even though school funding is already a problem*
- ✓ *Force teachers to teach to a test rather than focusing on actual instruction and learning*

More information can be found at: www.protectourlocalschools.com

It is difficult to keep MMEA members informed via MSM. Submission deadlines, printing and distribution make timely information and updates nearly impossible to achieve. Besides the above issue, you may expect future attacks on our PSRS system and several other issues important to all educators, and music educators specifically. Please watch for 'email blasts' from President Brandes, and read them carefully, and, if asked, make contacts as requested.

Considering the above, I would again state my recommendation that MMEA strongly consider adding a paid 'lobbyist' position to more effectively monitor such actions and communicate with MMEA leaders/members. It is impossible for the MMEA President to keep abreast of his/her duties while dealing with potential legislation, testifying before committees, serving on advisory panels, communicating with members, etc.



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Missouri Music Educators Mentoring Report, August 15, 2014

The key to the success of this program continues to be identification of the first year teacher and contact as early in the school year as possible. I am attaching to this report the letter that was sent to all Missouri superintendents to locate first year teachers. Feel free to revise this letter including your district mentor contact information and send it to your district member schools.

District presidents **PLEASE** make the effort to contact the first year teachers in your district as soon as possible. Make it a point to assign your vice-presidents to the novices. The North East and West Central Districts have had the most success when mentors are geographically close to the people they are mentoring. Personal contact and putting a face with a name as early as possible goes a long way with helping a first year teacher.

Hopefully you are aware that this January's MMEA Conference will be devoted to mentoring younger teachers. Talk to those folks in your districts now and get them active in your district events. Encourage them to join MMEA and participate in the MBA, ACDA, and Mo-ASTA.

At this point in time it is the K-12 vocal and instrumental teachers that have the lowest survival rate. I strongly suggest to district presidents that you make sure somebody in your district reaches out to these younger teachers. They are overwhelmed and in most cases, alone. Personal contact can sometimes make the difference between success and failure.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Litwiller
Mentoring Chair



Missouri Music Educators Association

An Association of the National Association of Music Educators

August 2014

Memo to: Missouri School Superintendents

The Missouri Music Educators Association sponsors a statewide mentoring program for all first year music educators in Missouri. The program will pair veteran music educators with a past history of successes to serve as mentors and assist the younger educator by being a resource for curriculum ideas, class management, contest preparation, and performance literature. This is available at no cost to your district.

MMEA views recruitment and retention of quality music educators as a vital goal for the future of Fine Arts programs in the state of Missouri. With the mentoring program, MMEA would like to begin the process of developing a support system for the novice music educator to supplement skills covered in the college curriculum as well as practical school knowledge.

The program will be coordinated by Steve Litwiller, MMEA Mentoring Chair. The mentors and the teachers will be networked by subject, (band, choir, vocal, or general music) grade, and geographic proximity.

If you are interested in a music education mentor assisting in your district fill out the form below.

Feel free to share this letter with building level principals or Human Resource personnel.

New Teacher Name _____

Subject (circle all that apply) Band, Orchestra, Choir, General Music Grades taught: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Work phone: _____ Home or Cell phone _____

E mail address: _____

Your name / phone number /e-mail

Please return this information to:

Steve Litwiller

MMEA Mentoring Chair

110 Lori

Boonville, MO 65233

660-888-0694 cell

Or send via email: stevelitwiller@sbcglobal.net



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Missouri School Music (MSM) magazine editors' report **August 16, 2014**

Announcements:

The *MSM* will continue its delivery in both print and online formats through the 2014-2015 academic year.

Deadlines:

Deadlines continue as August 1, November 1, February 1, and April 1 of each academic year.

The deadlines and themes for the 3 remaining issues of this year are:

November 1, winter vol. 69, no. 2.

CONFERENCE ISSUE! Additional focus is on “mentoring and new teacher education.”

February 1, spring vol. 69, no. 3.

Focus is “Music Advocacy.”

April 1, summer vol. 69, no. 4.

Focus is “Music is Elementary”

Writing Helps and Tips:

Ella Wilcox’s Effective Writing slideshow

<http://www.nafme.org/wp-content/files/2014/06/Effective-Writing-for-NAfME-Venues.pdf>

This is also helpful as you write for *Missouri School Music* magazine.

Frequent errors in grammar and syntax:

1. Run-on sentences. Strive for sentences that are no more than 12-13 words.
2. Capitalization. Many words frequently capitalized by music teachers should begin in lower case. In general, be stingy with capitalization.
Here is a website that may help: <http://www.grammarbook.com/punctuation/capital.asp>
3. Pronoun – antecedent agreement. “*A student* played at music festival, and then *they* cried about the “two” rating. **NO NO**

Formatting Helps and Tips:

Please avoid

1. Indenting.

2. Bulleting.

3. Placing information in a table.

4. Submitting figures or pictures within the document. (always submit as a separate file, and tell us where you would like it placed)



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Exhibitor Chair
John Patterson



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MMEA Fall Meeting 2014
Historian Report
Marvin Manning

The MMEA Archives received a quantity of Conference performance programs, recordings and photos from recent years, along with DVD/CD recordings of the 2014 performances.

The History Room at the 2015 Conference is ready for display. With the approval of the BOD, I will seek out at least two unique organizations (Marshall Philharmonic, North Central Missouri Bandmasters Association, etc.) that have influenced Missouri music education, and inquire about their desire to display historical items. I feel that it would be beneficial to rotate some displays to keep the history room fresh and interesting, and starting with a couple of these may prompt MMEA members to request some display space. This is not intended to substitute for space used in the exhibit hall for any affiliate organizations or groups promoting a specific event, such as Missouri Lions Band. Suggestions for other displays from the BOD/AC are welcome. Individual MMEA districts that have kept their own histories are also a good area on which to focus.

“Put Claude in the Hall” of Famous Missourians may or may not involve a different procedure during the coming year. A new Speaker may mean a new process which has not been determined. The historian column for the upcoming MSM encourages the membership to contact state representatives and keep Claude's name at the front of the line.



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MMEA Advisory Board

Technology Report – Mike Sekelsky

August 16, 2014

Electronic Music Composition Competition:

- Please promote within your districts.
- The competition will be advertised in the MSM magazine.
- Details available here:
 - <http://www.sekelsky.com/MMEA-electronic/>

2015 Clinics:

- *iPractice: Practice Room Technology Beyond the Metronome* – Jennifer Mishra (UMSL)
- *Improving the Sounds of Your Ensemble Recordings* – Frank Perez (Baker University)

*Possible session on new assessment developments using SmartMusic.



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Research Chair's Report – August 2014

Wendy Sims

Missouri Journal of Research in Music Education

Volume 50 of the *Missouri Journal of Research in Music Education (MOJRME)* will be published this month. *MOJRME* is the oldest state research journal in continuous publication in the US and one of the few currently published—a source of pride for Missouri! In addition to individual subscriptions, the journal is included in the collections of libraries throughout the U.S. and several foreign countries.

An overview of the articles included in this issue was published in the Summer 2014 *Missouri School Music Magazine*, along with submission instructions. According to that article by Editor Daniel Hellman, topics include gender issues related to instrument selection, association and acceptability, Missouri band directors' instrumental rehearsal practices and strategies, technology use in Missouri music classrooms, and using music assessment software in middle school band. Abstracts of dissertations completed in Missouri and a list of research posters presented at the 2014 MMEA Conference also are included. Thanks to Daniel for his hard work and leadership, to the editorial committee members for their hard work, and to the University of Missouri-Kansas City for maintaining the journal's business office.

To order your own copy for \$5, please make checks payable to MMEA and send with your address information to Joseph Parisi, University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music, 5228 Charlotte, Kansas City, MO 64110.

International Society for Music Education World Conference, July 2014, Porto Alegre, Brazil

Missouri was well represented at the ISME World Conference this summer. Presenters from Missouri included Gail Fleming, Daniel Hellman, Gayla Kobiarka, Brian Silvey, Wendy Sims, Lindsey Williams.

The next conference will be in July 2016 in Glasgow, Scotland. Conferences are attended by music educators from all settings, preK-12, private studio and conservatory teachers, and music education faculty from higher education. Information about ISME is available at www.isme.org.



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MMEA Fall Report, Society of Music Teacher Education, Missouri Chapter

This year includes many changes at the state level that impact teacher certification. MO SMTE will continue to monitor these developments.

Admission to Teacher Education. Requirements now include passing the Missouri General Education Assessment (MOGEA) and taking the Missouri Educator Profile. The previously used CBASE is no longer required.

Content Certification Test. The Music Content Assessment delivered by Pearson is now the official subject content assessment, replacing the Praxis. Praxis scores can fulfill this requirement until June 30, 2015. Standard setting meetings for all content areas are being held in August and September. The State Board will be setting minimum scores in December.

Student Teaching—Missouri Observation Simulation Tool. This new protocol for student teacher evaluation begins in the fall. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Student Teaching--Standardized Teacher Performance Assessment. Implementation of the MoPTA has been delayed until Fall 2015. An alternative to the video task is being developed for implementation in districts that do not permit videotaping. A new version will be posted on September 15. Piloting on the revised version is anticipated in Spring 2015 with implementation in Fall 2015.

12-Week Student Teaching Requirement. We are continuing to correspond with DESE about this pending requirement (that student teaching be a minimum of 8 hours with 12 weeks in one placement, set to be required in Fall 2017). At this point, it does not look promising.

Missouri Advisory Board for Educator Preparation This group has been formed as a result of [Senate Bill 492](#) and [State Rule 5 CSR 20-400.450](#). A major function of the MABEP is to advise the state board of education and the coordinating board for higher education regarding matters of mutual interest in the area of quality educator preparation programs in Missouri. The membership consists of representatives appointed by the State Board of Education, the Coordinating Board of Higher Education and the State Commissioner. It consists of representation of K-12 and Higher education institutions. While there is not a specific role for music or any other content area, this is an important development for future policies. Agenda and minutes of the MABEP are and will be available at <http://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/educator-preparation/mabep>

As these emerge, continue your important work in guiding our future music teachers. Opportunities for collaboration on these issues will continue through email and at the state conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Hellman



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NAfME-C Report

Julia Janda

Dr. Homburg

- New MO NAfME-C website: missourinafmec.com
 - Blog posts from officers concerning music education topics and information about upcoming events
 - Provide resources
 - Promoting communication between NAfME-C chapters in the state
 - Photo/video sharing
 - Discussion boards
- 2015 MMEA Clinics
 - **How to Get the Most Out of Student Teaching – Mark Lawley**
 - **Teaching leadership in Music Ensembles – TBA**
- Collegiate “meet and greet” on Wednesday night – “Hello My Name Is...”
- Hope to have educators willing to look over our resumes for feedback during certain times throughout MMEA
- **Mini-Conferences**
 - Advocacy Days – UMKC, MSU, UMSL
 - To educate collegiate students and current teachers about why we should be advocating, how to advocate, and see perspectives of music advocacy at the school and professional level



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Tri-M Report
Aug. 16, 2014

Every Tri-M chapter's activation expired on June 30th and now is the time for all chapters to re-activate. Most chapters will re-activate after school starts. The NAFME website has added more great resources in addition to the Quick Start Guide.

The MMEA session this year will be another panel discussion to share ideas among experienced Tri-M advisors and to answer questions from new or aspiring advisors. Next year, Dr. Tim will be here and I've already asked him to present the Tri-M session.

The Advisory Council has had one phone conference meeting. We are planning a big push to get new chapters started and NAFME is looking for ways to support Tri-M chapters and advisors. Gary Brandes is helping me send out a short survey that will give us some useful information and ideas.

Everyone on the Council agreed that communication has been a huge problem. There has been a problem at the NAFME office with keeping the "Active Chapter" list accurate and up-to-date, and I don't have accurate contact information in many cases. I could really use some help from

District Presidents:

If you know of active Tri-M chapters in your district, would you please be sure the advisors contact me so I know their chapter is indeed active and so I have their contact information? Would you be willing to contact the NAFME office and ask for Tri-M brochures to have available at your District events?

Anything else you can do at the District level to get information out about Tri-M would be so helpful! I am also always open to ideas and suggestions as to how I can do a better job of promoting and supporting Tri-M chapters.

Cathy Coonis, MMEA Tri-M Chair



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MSHSAA Report August 16, 2014

1. Music Online Rules Reviews

- **Opened** on **August 4th** and will **close** on **September 2nd**
- \$50 late fee assessed to school for each director who fails to complete by September 2nd.
- School director will not be allowed to direct students in interscholastic competitive and /or evaluative events if fail to complete this by-law requirement (This includes junior high schools).

2. Sanctioning All-State and All-District Ensembles

- Person responsible for this area needs to contact MSHSAA office to begin process.
- List of schools registered for music activities has been provided to each MMEA Affiliate and District President.

3. PML Updates

- List will go up on website by end of August on new additions for 2015

4. 2014-15 and 2015-16 Classification Breaks for Music

Classification	Enrollment Breaks
5	1238 and above
4	604 - 1237
3	270 - 603
2	128 - 269
1	1 - 127

5. Music Advisory Recommendations:

- Located on MSHSAA website under Music Activities page
- Select link '[Music Advisory Committee](#)'



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RETIRED MEMBERS REPORT

Buddy Hannaford, Chair

At this time there is no report from Retired Members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Buddy Hannaford
Retired Members Chair



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New Business:

MMEA Administrative Personnel Salaries 2004-15:

- a. Paul Swofford – Executive Director: \$12,000
- b. John Patterson Exhibits Director: \$7,000
- c. Marty Hook Co- Editor: \$4,000
- d. Sally Hook Co-Editor: \$4,000
- e. Elaine Swofford – Secretary Treasurer: \$4,000
- f. David Goodwin – Convention Manager: \$3,000
- g. Rob Nichols – Web Site Director: \$0

Salary to include Payroll taxes provided by MMEA



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2014-2015 MMEA Budget Summary

Assets

\$197,595.25	Conference Reserve
\$142,820.05	Operations Reserve
<u>\$95,137.13</u>	<u>Cash on Hand</u>
\$435,552.43	Total Assets (Financial)

2014-2015 Fiscal Year

Income Projections

\$195,400	Total Income
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Expense Projections

\$0	Savings/Investments
\$101,000	Meetings/Events (State)
\$6,000	Meetings/Events (National)
\$21,800	Outreach
\$3,000	Technology
\$40,044	MMEA Administration (Salaried Positions)
\$0	MMEA Administration (Non-Salaried Positions)
\$6,000	Insurance
\$1,000	Consulting (Financial/Legal)
\$5,000	Supplies & Equipment
<u>\$11,556</u>	Operation Reserve
<i>(\$195,400)</i>	<i>Total Expense</i>

2014-2015 SUMMARY

\$195,400	Total Income
<u>(\$195,400)</u>	<u>Total Expense</u>
\$0	Balance



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77th Annual MMEA In-Service Workshop/Conference

Conference Service Bids

MMEA Policy and Procedure Revision