



Missouri Music Educators Association

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College/University Vice-President Board Report April 23, 2022 Board Meeting

Thank you to past College/University Vice-President, John Zastoupil, for sharing his materials with me and providing much-appreciated advice.

The All-Collegiate ensemble for the 2023 will be the jazz band and I have secured a confirmation via email that Patricia (Patty) Darling, Director of the Lawrence University Jazz Ensemble, will be the guest clinician for the ensemble. She has received awards for her compositions and arrangements from Down Beat Magazine, the Presser Foundation, the Eastman School of Music, and the International Association for Jazz Education, among others. I'm confident she will make the experience for the collegiate jazz musicians who participate in the ensemble a fantastic one. Once a contract with Professor Darling has been signed I will notify the collegiate programs in the state.

Following the February MMEA board meeting, during which we discussed wanting to find out what Missouri's music teachers want from our organization, I reached out to DESE and requested the available contact information for all of the music teachers in the state. They provided me with [a list](#) and I am hopeful MMEA is able to use it to serve the music educators of Missouri.

I have also sent a letter to my department chair at Truman State and requested that he send it along to the heads of the music departments at Missouri colleges and universities to introduce myself and ask for their and their faculty's input. Specifically, I have asked how MMEA can serve their professional development needs at the annual In-Service/Conference, as well as if there is any other initiative they might find beneficial. I am hopeful this will yield some meaningful information that we can use moving forward.

Respectfully submitted,

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