**Advancing Music Education Report—Aaron T. Wacker, chair**

1. 2023 Advocacy Day
   1. We will collaborate with Missouri Alliance for Arts Education (MAAE) for a combined Fine Arts Day
      1. Dates
         1. March 22nd – Fine Arts Education Day in Jefferson City
         2. March 7 & 9th – Virtual training days
         3. March 21st – In-person training day
      2. It’s important to remember that this is a collaboration with MAAE.
         1. Our collaboration includes finding/providing ensembles to perform, representing MMEA by bringing our members and their students to advocate in meetings with elected officials and supporting the music educators of Missouri. We will bring our own "leave behinds" and produce them ourselves. We will coordinate with NAfME-C members and the Tri-M chapters as well as music educators who may be interested in volunteering.
         2. We believe this collaboration will help produce a more successful advocacy event for MMEA and MAAE.
   2. Our committee is currently working on providing updated Advocacy material for the website. This should be completed by our September committee meeting.