

MCDA Report to MMEA - Fall 2022

Organizational Leadership:
Membership Secretary, Kathy Bhat
Past President, Stephen Rew
President, Amy Krinke
President-Elect, Kevin McBeth



MCDA recently held our annual conference in Springfield from July 26-29, 2022

- Tuesday, our 4 graded honor choirs performed in the stunning Hammon's Hall on the MSU Campus: This was the first time since 2019 that these honor Choirs have met in person.
- Over the course of our conference, over 525+ students participated in one of our 6 honor choirs.
- This conference boasted 73 interest sessions (including 11 reading sessions).
- Thursday, we brought back our Banquet/Awards night and hosted a special President's Lunch for the members of the Church and Community Honor Choir - The Weekend Choir directed by Kenny Kabak was our guest ensemble.
- Friday also included our third annual Open Access day.
- Our numbers of attendees are as follows:
 - 210 Active, 27 Retired, 20 single day passes, 30 student, 53 first-time attendees
 - 525 Youth Honor Choir Singers (6 Honor Choirs)
 - 70 Church and Community Honor Choir Singers
 - 8 Exhibitors
 - 8 Registered Open Access attendees
- Our dates for 2023 will be July 18-21 again in Springfield at the University Plaza.

The "Equity Task Force" is convening to review the audition practices for our summer honors. The task force is being led by President-Elect Kevin McBeth for the next year. Kevin is replacing former leader Micah Horton who moved to Kansas this past year. As work continues, a new leader of this team will be appointed.

The MCDA board approved a revised recording and PDF of Exsultate Justi - Viadana. This will be the audition piece for the Missouri All-State Choir and alternate every other year with O Sing Joyfully - Batten. The new PDF and audition recordings will be accessible on the mcda website in the coming days.

The board approved Founder's Grant funding for the following.

- North County High School - \$1500
- California Community Choir - \$1500
- Liberty Community Chorus - \$1500
- Springfield Weekend Choir - \$1000
- Republic/Bolivar High Schools - \$500

Additionally, our 2023 All-State clinician will be Dr. Kristina Caswell MacMullen from the University of North Texas. She has graciously accepted our invitation for 2023 and selected a program based on the ancient concept of “belonging”.
