

MCDA Report to MMEA - Spring 2023

Organizational Leadership:

President, Amy Krinke

Past President, Stephen Rew

President-Elect, Kevin McBeth

Membership Secretary, Kathy Bhat

Treasurer, Sherry Printz



Planning is in progress for our next conference in Springfield from July 18-24

- This year's conference MCDA: Woven will have 7 honor ensembles: 4-5-6, 7-8, 9-10, Church and Community, Show Choir, Jazz Choir., and the Missouri All-State Festival Choir
- MCDA has added a layer of recognition to the All-State Choir Audition process in the name of honorable mention, and these students are invited as part of ASFC as well as all-staters and alternates.
- The registration deadline for the honor ensembles is approaching on April 15th. We are using Opusevents for the submission of most auditions. This audition process includes recent changes to our audition process recommended by the Equity Task Force.
- Registration for our conference is open and gaining traction.
- This conference will have 70 interest sessions, including 6 MCDA reading sessions, 3 special reading sessions, and 3 Midwest Music reading sessions.
- Friday of our conference, we will host our Sixth Open Access day. Anyone may attend this day, no membership is required, registration cost is zero.
- We are in year five of a special membership program of assistance for new members - especially directed toward new teachers. In the entirety of the program we have assisted 50 people with membership and have retained 37. Over the life of the program, the success rate for retention is 89%. Further, this program includes regular check-in with each person. Following their third year, they also receive a discounted conference rate as an additional incentive.
- Longevity Project: At the 2023 summer conference we will recognize members for their years of commitment to the organization. Legacy Bronze (53 members), Legacy Silver (66 members), Legacy Gold (26 members), Legacy Rose Gold (8 members - 4 living)
- Current membership: Active/Retired - 415; Life members - 46; Student member - 82

The President-Elect election process managed by ACDA is currently in progress and runs from April 4-April 18th. The candidates are: Chrisy Elsea and Erin Plisco.

At the end of April, MCDA membership will receive the annual printed Opus Magazine. Currently, MCDA offers a digital publication in the fall and a printed publication in the spring.

This summer, the MCDA board plans to evaluate changes to the All-District and All-State Choir handbook, as well as changes to forms and fees related to the All-State Choir

2024 is the 50-year anniversary of the Missouri All-State Choir. We do not yet have our clinician under contract at the time of this report.
