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

1. (2023). Fine Arts Advocacy Day
   1. Collaboration with Missouri Alliance for Arts Education
   2. [2023 MMEA Position Statement](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PA18tSc8XwfwmISGq6o_rdz6gjC5b4R5/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117836851574879412646&rtpof=true&sd=true).
   3. We joined theater, visual arts, and dance teachers and students.
      1. Several ensembles performed outside on the South Steps of the Capitol Building and inside at the Rotunda.
      2. Two Universities brought music education students. Students met individually or in small groups with legislators.
   4. All-in-all, a very successful day. We are excited to reflect on the positives and find areas to improve for the 2024 Fine Arts Education Day
2. The committee is developing short advocacy videos to help Inservice teachers learn how to best advocate for their programs.
3. We are working on a Country Music Awards (CMA) Foundation State Advocacy Grant. If accepted, we will use the award to help develop the advocacy videos mentioned above.