



KMEA

Board Meeting

July 31 & August 1, 2009
Friends University

Mike Quilling, KMEA President
John W. Taylor, Executive Director

**KMEA Open Discussion
Friday, July 31st, 2009**

12:00-5:00 p.m.

Lunch

Welcome and Introductions

Old Business Items:

1. Eligibility of freshman as State Festival Group members (Mike Quilling)
2. Use of Intelligent Accompaniments (Smart Music) at KSHSAA Solo & Ensemble Contest (discussions at KBA, KCDA, KASTA)
3. Survey Results from KCDA - Adult Accompanist for KSHSAA Large Group Festival (Mike Quilling & Greg Bontrager)
4. Review drafts of KSHSAA Adjudicators Forms (Dana)
5. KMEA Redistricting (Mike)
6. Auditions for chairs at the KMEA ISW (Mike)
7. Other?

New Business Items:

1. Announcement of Performing Groups for ISW 2010 (Craig Manteuffel)
2. Update on State Editors meeting in Washington D.C. (Harold)
3. Deadlines and Information for KMR (Harold)
4. Financial Report (John Taylor)
5. Statewide Festival Groups at ISW 2010 (Mike & Randy)
 - a. Schedule for Performance/Warm up
 - b. Rehearsal Venues
 - c. Rehearsal Schedule
6. Awarded plaques to groups that receiving II ratings at KSHSAA large group festivals (Ray Essington)
7. Amount of performance time at KSHSAA large group festivals (Ray Essington)
8. State/district budget cuts – ISW 2010 attendance
9. KMEA Advocacy Committee (Mike Quilling)

5:00-6:00 Working Dinner

10. Other?

6:00-8:00 Evening Meetings (if needed)

Presidents Meeting: Rachel Dirks, facilitator

Executive Council: KMEA Issues

**Kansas Music Educators Association
Board Meeting
August 1, 2009
Friends University, Fine Arts Building
9:00-11:30 A.M.
AGENDA**

- I. Call To Order**

- II. Approval of Minutes (p. 5)**

- III. Introductions/Announcements**
 - A. The KMEA 2009 Board**
 - 1. New Affiliate Member – Kodaly, Rachel Reynolds Eastman
 - B. Upcoming Events & Deadlines**
 - 1. August 1st – Deadline for KMR
 - 2. October 1st – Deadline Clinic Proposal Forms
 - 3. October 1st – Deadline for KMR (District Focus Issue)
 - 4. KMEA Scheduling Meeting – Saturday, October 3rd Wichita
 - C. Kansas Arts Commission Grants**
 - 1. Update on Operations and Infrastructure Grants
 - D. ISW 2010**
 - 1. Barbara Geer, MENC President
 - 2. President's Concert – US Air Force Falconaires
 - 3. Others

- IV. Reports**
 - A. Executive Committee**
 - 1. President, Mike Quilling (p. 15)
 - 2. President-Elect, Craig Manteuffel (p. 16)
 - 3. Vice President, Jean Ney (p. 17)
 - 4. Executive Director, John Taylor (p. 18)
 - B. Presidents**
 - 1. NE District, Rachel Dirks (p. 21)
 - 2. SE District, Ray Essington (p. 22)
 - 3. NC District, Matt Bradford (p. 23)
 - 4. SC District, Scott Hay (p. 24)
 - 5. NW District, Randy Berls (p. 25)
 - 6. SW District, Kelly Knedler (p. 26)

- 7. CMENC, Melissa Woodworth (p. 20)
- C. Staff:**
 - 1. Webmaster, Troy Johnson (p. 28)
 - 2. Festival Manager, Randy Fillmore (if needed –no report)
- D. Affiliate Members**
 - 1. KCDA, Greg Bontrager (p. 31)
 - 2. KASTA, Bruce Boyd (p. 32)
 - 3. KBA, Marion Roberts (p. 29)
 - 4. Kansas Orff, Laura Krejci
 - 5. KMEK, Rachel Reynolds Eastman (p. 34)
- E. Other**

V. Old Business

- A.** Eligibility of freshman as State Festival Group members (discussed June '09)
- B.** Use of Intelligent Accompaniments (Smart Music) at KSHSAA Solo & Ensemble Contest. (discussed June '09)
- C.** Survey results from KCDA - adult accompanist for KSHSAA Large Group Festival.
- D.** Update of KMEA Bylaws (Craig Manteuffel)
- E.** Update of KMEA Strategic Plan (Mike Quilling)
- F.** Other

VI. New Business

- A.** Announcement of performing groups for ISW 2010 (Craig Manteuffel)
- B.** *Financial Report (John Taylor)
- C.** Statewide Festival Groups at ISW 2010
 - 1. Schedule
 - 2. Rehearsal Venue
- D.** Awarding plaques for II ratings at KSHSAA Large Group Festival
- E.** Amount of performance time allowed at KSHSAA Large Group Festival
- F.** State/district budget cuts – ISW 2010
- G.** KMEA Advocacy Committee (Mike Quilling & Fred Burrack)

* indicates motion and vote

VII. Recap and Adjournment

**Kansas Music Educators Association
Board Meeting
June 6, 2009
Friends University, Fine Arts Building
8:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.**

Call to Order

President Mike Quilling called the 2009 Kansas Music Educators Association Board Meeting to order. Rachel Dirks moved to approve the Agenda as written. Scott Hay seconded. Mike welcomed everyone present to today's board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the board meeting were reviewed by all present. The following changes were recommended:

- Page 9: 2009 Festival Choir Director will be changed to 2010 Festival Choir Director
- Page 9: Dr. Craig Miller will be changed to Dr. Craig Gray.
- Page 11: Official Complaint follow-up will be changed from No motion needed to Tabled until the June 2009 Board Meeting.

Rachel Dirks moved to accept the minutes with changes. Matt Bradford seconded the motion.

FOLLOW UP: The minutes are available to view on the KSMEA website.

Introductions

President Mike Quilling introduced and welcomed the following District Presidents:

Rachel Dirks, NE District President
Gary McCarty, SE District President
Matt Bradford, NC District President
Mike Connell, SC District President
Craig Manteuffel, NW District President
Kelly Knedler, SW District President

Announcements

- The Board E-book is available at www.ksmea.org/boardbook. Please read all reports in full.
- Eligible voters for any official business/motions at this meeting will be the Executive Counsel and current District Presidents.

Upcoming Events

- MENC Southwest Division Symposium will be June 15-17 in Dallas, TX. President Mike Quilling noted that the MENC Symposium Planner is Ron Chronister, formally the Southwest Division President. There will be increased attendance from Kansas this year including President Mike Quilling, Vice President Jean Ney, Tri-M Chair Shawn Henderson, and Executive Director John Taylor. FOLLOW UP: More information is available on the Texas Music Educators Conference website: tmec.org
- MENC "Music Education Week in Washington" will be June 17-23 in Washington DC. President Mike Quilling, Craig Manteuffel and John Taylor will attend. They plan to meet with Kansas Senators/Congressmen and the new Secretary of Education while there to discuss No Child Left Behind and keeping music in Core Content. Mrs. Kansas won the signature drive for MENC, and will be attending the meetings as well to present petitions supporting music education.

Kansas Arts Commission Grants

John Taylor reported that KMEA has submitted a \$2000 Operations grant and an \$8000 Infrastructure grant to KAC. The notification will take place on July 1st. Part of the infrastructure grant will be used for a new advocacy website located at www.musictoucheslives.com. John requested that Board Members visit this site before the August Board meeting.

ISW 2010

- Barbara Geer, MENC President, will be a keynote speaker.
- US Air Force Falconaires are confirmed for the President's concert. President Mike Quilling has requested a small group to stay to provide clinics the next day.

Reports

Executive Committee

- President Mike Quilling, Board Book page 16. Report stands as written. Mike noted that there is continuing discussion with KMEA leadership about securing hotel accommodations for ISW 2010-11.
- President-Elect Craig Manteuffel, Board Book page 17. Report stands as written. Craig thanked Mike, Jean and John for welcoming and assisting him this year. He also publicly thanked Troy for his improvements to the KMEA website.
- Vice President Jean Ney, Board Book page 18. Report stands as written. Jean noted that she is enjoying reintroducing herself to her friends and family.
- Executive Director John Taylor, Board Book page 19. Report stands as written. John reported that KMEA finished in good financial standing this year although investments were down slightly. John noted that District managers will be asked to bring their books for the district to the August meeting to be reviewed. Mike thanked John for bringing his experience/knowledge to this project.

District Presidents

- **NE District**, Rachel Dirks, Board Book page 21. Report stands as written. Rachel noted that this was the second year for the district to have a two site festival.
- **SE District**, Ray Essington, Board Book page 22. Report stands as written. Ray noted several changes in staffing:
 - Gary McCarty will stay on as the Executive Secretary.
 - Troy Johnson will be the District Webmaster
 - Fay McMillian will be the Orchestra Chair.
- **NC District**, Matt Bradford, Board Book page 24. Report stands as written. Matt noted that registration forms and music cuts for 2009-2010 district auditions will be posted online to provide increased accessibility to students.
- **SC District**, Scott Hay presented his report orally. President Mike acknowledged that this was his error, not Scott's. Scott reported the following dates for 2009-2010:
 - October 24th: Elementary Honor choir Clinic and performance (Sterling)
 - November 7th: Middle School Band & Choir Performance (Andover Central)
 - November 7th: High School District Jazz Band performance (Andover Central)
 - November 7th: High School Band , Choir & Orchestra District auditions (Andover Central)
 - December 5th: District mini convention including High School Honor Group performances (Wichita State)

Scott noted the following information:

- Clinicians for all ensembles are set and literature is close to being finalized.
- Elementary performance info, Middle School performance info and High School audition information must be to SCKMEA Webmaster by July 1st. The information will be on the website by July 15th.
- Participation fee for Elementary Honor Choir was raised from \$5 to \$10. This has not been changed in 15 years.
- Postcards will be sent to all SCKMEA schools at the end of August with website information.
- Scholarship Application will be presented at the August Board Meeting for discussion and finalizing.
- President Elect voting and Outstanding teachers nominations were accomplished online and through e-mail this year.
- The next SCKMEA meeting will be August 15th at Senseney Music.
- **NW District**, Randy Berls, Board Book page 25. Randy updated his report verbally at the meeting. He announced the following changes:
 - July 23rd at 5 PM will be the next board meeting.
 - Dr. Jeff Jordan will be the Mentoring Chair.
 - Jennifer Hull will be the Elementary Choir Chair.
- **SW District**, Kelly Knedler, Board Book page 27. Kelly updated his report verbally. He announced that July 21st summer board meeting will change to the 16th or the 18th. Kelly noted that Southwest District Board will be adding an Orchestra Representative, Wendy Mickey.
- **CMENC**, Melissa Woodworth, Board Book page 20. Report stands as written. Melissa noted that KCOMTEP dates may be changed. She also noted that CMENC is working closely with Chris Richmond to collect accurate e-mails from College graduates.

Affiliates

- **KCDA**, Johnny Matlock, Board Book page 30. Report stands as written.

- **KASTA**, Bruce Boyd. KASTA Summer Conference will be located at Baker University in July. More information is located on the KASTA website at Kasta.org. Bruce noted that they are considering discontinuing the printed newsletter in lieu of an electronic version. He thanked Jean and John for KMEA participation at the Conference this year.
- **KBA**, Marc Webster, Board Book page 29. No one was in attendance to present the report.
- **Kansas Orff**, Laura Krejci, Board Book page 31. Report stands as written. Laura noted that membership and attendance at workshops have increased over the past year. She encouraged KMEA members to visit the Kansas Orff website at ksorff.org for more information about upcoming workshops.

Staff

- **Website**, Troy Johnson, Board Book page 33. Report stands as written.
- **Festival Ensembles Chair**, Randy Fillmore announced the following festival chairs:
 - Craig Gray, Assistant HS 56A Band Chair
 - Larry Brownlee, Assistant HS1234A Band Chair
 - Dwayne Dunn, Assistant HS Choir Chair
 - Jef Bishop, Assistant HS Orchestra Chair
 - Deb Hill, Assistant MS Choir Chair
 - Holly Taylor, Assistant Elementary Chair
 - Mike Jones, Assistant Jazz Band Chair
- **Kansas Music Review**, Harold Popp, Robert E. Lee, Board Book page 32. Report stands as written.

Advisory

- **Recruiting & Retention Committee Co-Chair**, Chris Richmond, was commended by Mike and John for the committee's hard work this year. Chris highlighted the following points:
 - All mentor chairs on board will make contact with each school district in their assigned area in order to produce a full e-mail list of all music teachers in Kansas.
 - Each district will have a new music teacher workshop in the fall. These workshops will be funded through music stores and KMEA.
 - New teacher online handbook is finished. A monthly newsletter will be sent to all new teachers.
 - A Facebook account for KMEA Mentoring has been created to give new teachers easy access to information about mentoring. John recommended using this page to track student teachers.

Old Business

- **Eligibility of freshman as State Festival Group members**
This matter was tabled from the August 2008 Board meeting and the February 2009 Board Meeting. President Mike asked District Presidents to discuss with their members and report back along with the Festival Committee to the June 2010 Board meeting.
FOLLOW UP: Tabled until the June 2010 Board Meeting.
- **Official complaint**
An official complaint was made regarding non-listing of off-site receptions associated with the ISW in KMEA publications. This matter was tabled from the February 2009 Board Meeting. Kelly Knedler affirmed the present KMEA policy of not listing off-site events in the KMEA program.
FOLLOW-UP: No Motion Needed.
- **KMEA Redistricting**
This matter was tabled from the June 2008 meeting. President Mike will form a committee made up of him and past district presidents to make a recommendation. Voting will take place at that time.
FOLLOW-UP: Tabled until committee is formed.
- **Unified registration date/time for State Festival Choir**
This matter was tabled from the August 2008 Board meeting and the February 2009 Board meeting. Matt Bradford moved to create a unified registration date of October 15 (11:59:59 pm) for Statewide Festival Choir. Rachel Dirks seconded.
FOLLOW-UP: Motion was passed.

New Business

- **Changes to KMEA Bylaws and possible review**
Mike charged Craig to review KMEA bylaws, with assistance as necessary from any KMEA Board Member. Craig will recommend changes at the June 2010 meeting.
- **Use of SmartMusic Accompaniments at KSHSAA Solo & Ensemble Contest.**
Mike charged affiliate chairs/District Presidents to present the use of SmartMusic accompaniments at their individual meetings and report at the February meeting. There will be limited time for discussion, so issues will need to be brought to Mike's attention prior to the meeting.
FOLLOW-UP: Tabled until the February 2010 Board Meeting.
- **Addition of Kodaly to the KMEA Board as an affiliate member**
Scott Hay moved to accept the addition of Kodaly to the KMEA Board as an affiliate member. Ray Essington seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mike Quilling warmly welcomed Kodaly to KMEA.
FOLLOW-UP: Motion passed.
- **Review of Rotation Three of KMEA Wind/Strings audition music**
Mike Quilling charged Randy Fillmore to review the rotation three of KMEA Wind/Strings audition music with his festival chairs. Randy will recommend and implement necessary changes.
FOLLOW-UP: No Motion needed.

- **Auditions for chairs at the KMEA ISW for winds, percussion, and strings**
Beginning with KMEA ISW 2010, all chairs for winds, percussion, and strings will be re-auditioned the first day of rehearsal. This is an enforcement of current policy. Mike Quilling recommended that Randy Fillmore be directed to manage the change.
FOLLOW-UP: No motion needed.
- **Increase fee for KMEA Statewide Festival Choir rehearsal CD's.**
Mike Quilling charged KMEA High School Choir Chair Elise Peterson and KCDA President Johnny Mattlock to discuss this at the next KCDA convention and report back at the June 2010 Board Meeting.
FOLLOW-UP: Tabled until June 2010.
- **Approval of KMEA strategic plan 2009-2010**
Rachel Dirks moved to accept the 2009-2011 KMEA Strategic Plan with the revision of dates as necessary. The motion was amended to include that the President be allowed to amend the assignment of the committee members and the measure of the objectives. Randy Fillmore seconded both the motion and amendment.
FOLLOW-UP: Motion and amendment passed.
- **Advertising KMR**
Randy Berls moved to keep the advertising rates for KMR for the 2009-2010 year the same as the 2008-2009 year. Matt Bradford seconded.
FOLLOW-UP: Motion passed.
- **State Large Ensemble Adjudication Form**
Melissa moved to accept the recommendation of the Festival Group Committee, as presented by Dana Hamant, changes in the State Large Ensemble Adjudication Form. Kelly seconded.
FOLLOW-UP: Motion passed.
- **KMEA Fund Committee**
Fund Manager Gayle McMillian reported the possibility to join with the Greater Saline Community Foundation to fund scholarships and grants for KMEA. Ray Essington moved to create a five person committee entitled the "KMEA Fund Committee" which will consist of the KMEA executive council and the fund manager with the KMEA Vice President serving as chairperson. Melissa seconded.
FOLLOW-UP: Motion passed.

Adjournment

As there were no other issues brought before the Board at this time, President Mike Quilling adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

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Since the KMEA June Board meeting the following events have occurred:

MENC Southwest Division Symposium

- Performance by Sterling High School Band and Choir: Directors – Larry Brownlee and Clark Comley
- Clinic sessions presented by fellow KMEA members; Jean Ney, Cathy Hunt, Elaine Bernstorff, Shawn Henderson, and Mike Quilling
- Ron Chronister, Symposium Coordinator
- Increased Attendance
- Tentative Date Location – Dallas, TX Summer 2011

Kansas Arts Commission Grants

- Prepared and submitted grant request to KAC for \$8,000 Operations Grant
 - Received Operation Grant for \$7,800
- Prepared and submitted grant request to KAC for \$2,000 Infrastructure Grant
 - Due to budget cuts, the KAC did not award any Infrastructure Grants
- Total Grant for 2009-10 - \$7,800.00 (\$2,200 less than 2008-09)

Events Attended

- June 9th KSU Symposium (Manhattan, KS)
- June 11th KASTA Board Meeting (Topeka)
- June 15-17th MENC Southwest Symposium
- June 17-20th MENC National Assembly (Washington D.C.)
- July 9th Participated in meeting with KAC/KCA: "Value of Arts Education"
- July 10-11th KCDA Summer Conference (Topeka)
- July 22-23rd KASTA Summer Conference (Baldwin)

Upcoming Events

- October 3 KMEA Scheduling Meeting (Friends University)

KMEA ISW 2010

- Continue discussions with KMEA leadership about scheduling and logistics for KMEA ISW 2010
- Collect and develop clinic sessions for the KMEA ISW 2010

Respectfully submitted,

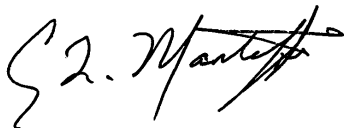
Mike Quilling
KMEA President

**President-Elect
Craig L. Manteuffel**

Since the 2009 June 6th Board Meeting:

- Attended the MENC SW Division Symposium in Dallas, TX on June 15-17. It was a great first step in meeting our SW leaders. Ron Chronister did a wonderful job of running the show! We continue to have awesome leadership from Kansas in the SW Division.
- Attended the MENC National Assembly in Washington, DC on June 17-19. This was an amazing experience. President Mike did an exceptional job discussing the MENC talking points to our State Senators and Representatives. John Taylor was an excellent guide and I am looking forward to serving as KMEA President at the same time John is our SW Division President! I have learned very fast that MENC and KMEA have WONDERFUL employees, but even better...they are terrific "people".
- July 23– I attended the NW District Board Meeting in which I am the Past-President.
- By the time this report is received, NW President Randy Berls and I will have read and reviewed the current KMEA By-Laws that were rewritten by Jean Ney in 2008. Changes to the By-Laws will be discussed on July 31-August 1.
- By the time this report is received, I will have sent notification letters to all directors who submitted auditions for the 2010 ISW.

Respectfully submitted,



Craig L. Manteuffel
President-Elect

**Vice President
Jean Ney**

Since the June 2009 KMEA Board Meeting the vice-president has:

- Participated in the 2009-2011 KMEA Strategic Plan Development Session
- Reviewed President Quilling's preliminary 2010 ISW performance schedule.
- Received several Hall of Fame nominations!
- Attended the Southwestern Division Symposium on Urban and Rural Music Education in Dallas June 14-16. I presented a clinic session, "BELIEVE: You CAN teach in the 'Hood!" Congratulations to conference organizer Ron Chronister on a wonderful professional development opportunity for our seven-state region.
- Worked with KMEA Fund manager Gayle McMillen on publicity ideas for the fund.
- Participated in on-line executive council discussions of organizational issues.
- Smelled the roses.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Ney
KMEA Vice-President

**Executive Director
John W. Taylor**

These are my activities since the June Board meeting.

- I attended the MENC Southwest Division Symposium in Dallas in late June. I hope this conference will continue in its current format. The sessions were very good. Both Mike Quilling and Jean Ney presented excellent workshops, and the Jazz Band and Jazz Choir from Sterling High School (Clark Comley and Larry Brownlee) performed a wonderful concert.
- I also attended the MENC National Assembly in June. Mike Quilling represented Kansas in a notable fashion. Many important issues facing MENC and the music education profession were addressed, and we met the candidates for MENC President-Elect. I also completed some duties as Southwestern Division President-Elect and attended the State Managers meeting.
- KMEA finished the year with money in the bank. I will present the 2008-09 financial report as a part of this Board meeting. Our investments have decreased in value, which will be a surprise to no one. However, thanks to the work of our investment holders, our decrease has not been as bad as some have experienced. By the Board meeting, I intend to put some funds into CDs as available cash in the event of a cancelled ISW.
- I am concerned about the option for teachers to be released by their schools to attend the ISW. Those who must bring students to the State Festival Ensembles will have that as leverage. I ask the District Presidents to monitor this situation in their Districts and let me know if there is anything I can do to help.
- It has been my desire to bring the District Managers together for meetings on a regular (probably annual) basis. The plan is to have the first meeting as part of this Board meeting. If schedules do not permit this, we will attempt to have an organizational meeting at the ISW in February. All District Presidents have seen my goals for this group. I believe meetings among this group will benefit the District leadership.
- As you know, the Broadview Hotel will be closed for renovation during the 2010 ISW and probably during the 2011 ISW. The original start date for renovations was August 1, 2009, and that has been pushed back to December 1, 2009. Mike Quilling and I have spent time in July working with hotels and facilities managers to prepare for this ISW change. More attendees will be staying outside the downtown core, but it looks like we will have enough rehearsal space to keep the State Festival groups on-site.
- The annual review of the KMEA employees was completed by the Executive Council in June. All employees received positive reviews in letters sent by Mike Quilling. I continue to encourage each of you to thank our employees when possible for the remarkable work they do. They include:

Donald Corbett, ISW Exhibits Manager
Troy Johnson, Web & Technology Manager
Randy Fillmore, Festival Ensembles Manager
Robert E. Lee, KMR Advertising Manager
Kevin Findley, ISW Arrangements Manager
Harold Popp, KMR Editor
Amber Ives, On-Site Registration Manager
Michelle Postier, ISW Registration Manager
Jan Ives, Recording Secretary

**CMENC President
Melissa Woodworth****KCOMTEP Conference (Sunday, October 4th and Monday, October 5th)**

- Contacted Robin Liston (professor in charge of conference from Baker University) and Lori Supinie at Senseney Music, confirmed dates of conference (October 4th and 5th)
- Established a basic schedule and timeline for the KCOMTEP conference
- Began planning of CMENC Officer Training Session that will occur at the KCOMTEP conference
- Contacted Dr. Taylor to get a block of hotel rooms reserved and plan a Sunday night “social activity” during KCOMTEP

Communication

- As requested at the CMENC June board meeting by chapter representatives, I put together a packet of information to send out to all CMENC chapters. It contains information about chapter operations, Tri-M, KCOMTEP, etc. My goal is to have this information to chapters on the first day of school so they can publicize CMENC at their annual music major meeting.
- Wrote KMR article and updated the CMENC web pages
- Collected update information on several CMENC chapters (will be collecting more information as school begins)

Other/Events

- Reviewed CMENC by-laws and began making suggested revisions (these will be presented at the KCOMTEP conference to all chapters)
- We are in the process of having a new Vice-President take the place of our current VP.
- Attended the MENC SW Symposium in Dallas June 15-17th. I met with advisors and state CMENC officers from Missouri and Texas. I had a blast with the other CMENC students and the KMEA board!
- At the Symposium, I volunteered to be the SW Division CMENC Co-President (still waiting to hear back on details!).
- Visited Pratt, KS to watch my roommate Becki Ronen (trumpet performance major at Kansas State) win Miss Kansas! She will compete in the Miss America pageant in January, and her platform is “Keeping Arts in Schools”. ☺

I want to give special thanks to the KMEA board (especially Mike and John) for all of their help and kindness on our trip to Dallas! I am so grateful for all of their help.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Woodworth

**Northeast District President
Rachel Dirks**

The Northeast District of KMEA announces the following dates for events during the 2008-2009 school year:

September 15, 2009	Fall Dinner Meeting	Lawrence H.S.
Oct. 15, 2009	Deadline for all Audition Applications	All Levels
October 17, 2009	District Marching Festival	KU Stadium
November 14, 2009	District Auditions	Baldwin H.S.
December 5, 2009	Band All Levels Mini Convention	Blue Valley H.S.
December 5, 2009	Choir All Levels Mini Convention	SM South H.S.
December 5, 2009	Orchestra All Levels Mini Convention	Olathe East H.S.

The Northeast District held a very successful mini convention in our second year of the new vertical format. The NEKSMEA Board continues to put the finishing touches on any changes that need to be made for our next mini convention this December. We have one unified entry deadline for all groups and age levels, set for October 15, 2009. Along with the groups currently offered, the Northeast Orchestra Directors added a district wide Freshman Honor Orchestra targeting those high school students who cannot currently audition for the high school district orchestra. Discussions are continuing on how to most successfully meet the needs of these students. The Northeast District has had a very good 2008-2009 school year. We look forward to an even better 2009-2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Dirks
Northeast District KMEA President

Southeast District President Ray Essington

The SE KMEA Board met on Friday, June 12 in Chanute. District Board members at the meeting were: Ray Essington, president, Gae Phillips, president-elect and mentoring chair, Russ Vallier, HS choral chair, Willey Abati, HS band chair, Larry Lillard, HS jazz chair, Faye Millen, orchestra chair, Pam McDaniel, MS choral chair, Jeff Russell, MS band chair, Allison Russell, elementary chair, John Womeldorff, advocacy chair

Clinicians have been tentatively secured, pending contracts, for:

Middle School Honor Band event in January, High School Honor Choir in December, High School Honor Jazz Band in December, High School Honor Orchestra in December

Dates for 2009-2010 events are:

Thursday, October 15 – deadline to submit online choral applications for KMEA district and state honor groups

Saturday, November 7 – KMEA auditions at Chanute High School

Thursday, December 3 – District Honor Jazz Band Day and Concert at Pittsburg

Saturday, December 5 – District Honor Band, Choir, and Orchestra at Altamont

Saturday, January 16, 2010 – Elementary and Middle Level District Honor Groups at Burlington

Fees for events are:

November auditions - \$4 per student

December Honor Groups - \$5 per student

January Honor Groups - \$4 per student

Admission to December Concert - \$3 for adults, \$1 for students

Items discussed included:

- New teacher workshop in September at PSU – date TBA
- SE KMEA Board Meeting in September – date TBA
- New music teachers in SEK – we updated our list
- New website and webmaster (Troy Johnson) for SE KMEA – <http://www.ksmea.org/se>
- Proposal to increase pay for our clinicians by 125.00 each
- One nominee for honor administrator so far
- We will collect nominations for SE KMEA honor administrator and outstanding educators through e-mail and web site
- Commissioning of a grand finale piece for the December concert that would include all 3 honor groups
- Hold online vote regarding SmartMusic accompaniment for KSHSAA regional and state solos and regarding freshman eligibility for state honor groups

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Essington

**North Central District President
Matt Bradford**

District Events 2009 – 2010

August 26 – Downbeat Session (Manhattan)
October 15 – HS Honor Group Audition Entries & Fees Due/Middle Level Honor Group Entries Due
November 6 – Orchestra Tapes & Fees Due
November 7 – District HS Honor Group Auditions (Junction City)
November 20 – Elementary Honor Choir Entries & Fees Due
December 5 – HS Mini-Convention (Manhattan) / Middle Level & HS Participation Fees Due
January 16 – Middle Level Band & Choir (Junction City)
February 6 – Elementary Honor Choir (Junction City)

North Central District Board Meeting

The North Central District Board met on July 21, 2009 in Clay Center to discuss old business, new ideas, and make plans for the coming school year.

Financial Report: The North Central District continues to be financially solvent. The deadlines and penalties for late fees continue to help us maintain our positive financial situation.

The following issues were discussed:

- KMEA NC Elementary Honor Choir will be held at Junction City middle School this year.
- Duties of the board members
- Status of our district scholarship
- Chairs will have information concerning honor group auditions and other pertinent information to the district webmaster and the president by August 1st. The goal is to have the website updated before school starts.
- Information needed to be covered at our annual Downbeat Session on August 26
- District Handbook Revisions
- Updating of our District website

Respectfully Submitted,
Matt Bradford
KMEA NC President

**South Central District President
Scott Hay**

Dates for 2009/2010

- Oct 24 - Elementary Honor Choir Clinic and performance - Sterling (Deadline Oct 1)
- Nov 7 - MS Honor Band & Choir performance - Andover Central (deadlines - band/Sept 14, choir/Sept 28)
- Nov 7 - HS District Jazz Band performance - Andover Central (Audition Oct 7, deadline Sept 30)
- Nov 7 - HS Band, Choir & Orchestra District auditions – Andover Central (deadline Oct 8)
- Dec 5 - District Mini Convention - Wichita State - HS Honor Group Performances - Women's & Mixed Choirs, 1234A & 56A Bands, Orchestra (auditions Nov 3)

A - Fall info is on the Website. We met our “website” goal this summer of July 15!

B - Participation fee for Elementary Honor Choir was raised from \$5 to \$10. It had not been changed in over 15 years.

C - Postcard will be sent to ALL SCKMEA schools at the end of August with website information. This will be done each year so that new teachers are aware of the website and how to get info for SCKMEA.

D - Scholarship Application will be presented at the August Board Meeting for discussion and finalizing.

E - Outstanding teacher nominations are online/email this year. We had ____ nominations this year. In the past, the board alone nominated and voted at a meeting. This year, nominations are open to the members and the board will vote.

F - Next meeting - Aug 15 at Senseney Music.

Scott Hay
SCKMEA President

Northwest District President Randy Berls

Dates and facilities have been secured for the **Mini-Convention I**, November 7, 2009, at Hays High School and **Mini-Convention II**, which will be held on the Fort Hays State University Campus on December 5, 2009. All District Chairpersons have contacted clinicians for their groups. The NW District currently is in good financial shape. We have two new chairpersons in our district for next year. They are Jennifer Koel, from Colby, that will be serving as elementary choral chair, and Dr. Jeff Jordan from Fort Hays State that will serve as our Mentor chair.

Our NW District Summer Board meeting will be held on July 23, 2009 at Colby, Kansas. We will have several items for our agenda. Some of these items include:

- A. Organizing with the SW district in forming a joint Honor Orchestra between districts.
- B. Discussion/concerns on how our current President-Elect was selected and any change that might need to be made to the by-laws.
- C. Discussion/concerns on the position of secretary/treasure and the possible creation of a district executive director position and changes that might need to be made to the by-laws.
- D. Discussion/concerns on how, if any, the current financial problems might have on the numbers of students auditioning for honor groups.
- E. Report on discussions held at the state level on items B and C.

Southwest District President Kelly Knedler

The Southwest district is looking forward to a very successful year. Our summer board meeting for the Southwest district took place on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 in Dodge City, Kansas. The main topic of discussion was the inclusion of the new Northwest/Southwest Combined District Orchestra, which will be hosted in the Southwest district this year. The Northwest district will share this event hosting the Combined District Orchestra on opposing years. Other topics of discussion were the new look to the Southwest District Website, and a small inservice on how to locate information, past due fees, and choices for Honor Educators and Administrators in the Southwest District.

SW KMEA DISTRICT AWARDS for 2009-2010:

We have a record number of nominations for the 2009-2010 “Outstanding” awards and we look forward to announcing the list of recipients.

ADVOCACY...KNOWING THE TRUTH:

This year the Southwest District is currently working on new recordings for pre-concert announcements for Music Advocacy. We look forward to presenting these at each of our three honor group performances. We will present our recordings and videos to the KMEA Advocacy Committee this Fall.

Important dates in the Southwest District for 2009-2010 are:

- Sep. 17, '09 Middle School Choir Roster deadline
- Oct. 01, '09 HS Jazz Audition Tapes & Nomination Forms deadline
- Oct. 08, '09 MS Band Roster & Audition Tapes deadline
- Oct. 15, '09 HS Choir Roster deadline
- Oct. 15, '09 HS Band Roster deadline
- Oct. 22, '09 HS Band audition tapes due (*if mailed*)
- Nov. 07, '09 HS Band audition tapes due (*if hand-delivered*)
- Nov. 07, '09 **MS Band, MS Choir, HS Jazz Festival**, HS Band taped auditions
HS Choir live auditions
Host site: Dodge City Middle School
- Nov. 12, '09 Elementary Choir Roster deadline
- Dec. 05, '09 **HS Band & HS Choir Festival**
Host site: Dodge City High School
- Jan. 23, '10 **Elementary Choir Festival**
Host site: Dodge City Middle School
- Mar. 01, '10 **Fee Deadline without penalty**
Unpaid fees beyond date will incur a \$50 fine.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Knedler
Southwest District President

Web & Technology Manager Troy Johnson

The following items were recently completed, or are in progress now:

1. Home page layout modified into a “landing page” which has a unique design. Eventually internal pages will receive upgrades to their layout/appearance so that they will be controlled from a single template page in the same manner as the district framework outlined in item #2. By gradually transitioning these codes, we can literally launch an entirely new website design without having shut down any functionality.
2. Launched a new district website framework which allows for fast editing/posting of content. This framework is based on modules which are “composed” in real time to create each page anew each time one is visited. Page layout/appearance is based on a single template page making it possible to update the appearance of the entire website by only editing one file. Thus far, this new framework has been applied to the websites for the Southeast and North Central Districts, and in the near future will also be applied to the Southwest District. These district web addresses are as follows:
North Central - - www.ksmea.org/nc
Southeast - - www.ksmea.org/se
Southwest - - www.ksmea.org/sw (in progress)
3. Updated the Events & Deadlines page to include items for the 2009-10 school year.
4. Launched the 2010 ISW Clinic Proposal Form. As of this writing there are 10 proposals in the system.
5. Redesigned the Board Meetings page so that Boardbooks and Minutes are accessible from one screen. This will be a continuous work in progress.
6. Posted the 2009-2010 KMR Advertising Rate Card. The card has been linked from the upper left area of the home page for the past several years.
7. Continued working on the new e-newsletter software called “PHP List.” Implementation is in progress. A PowerPoint presentation will be distributed later for board members to view.
8. Launched KCOMTEP online registration.
9. Will soon be gearing up the 2009-10 State Festival Group and In-Service Workshop registration modules.

Respectfully submitted,



Troy Johnson
KMEA Web & Technology Manager

Kansas Bandmasters Association President Marion Roberts

The summer KBA Convention allowed membership the opportunity to address issues concerning all areas of the state. These concerns included; consolidation of staff causing one teacher to teach choral and instrumental music often in grades K-12. For some, this has been a historical tradition but for many others it is a reduction in staff. KBA has begun addressing this concern by bringing choral music educators to the convention as presenters.

Participation in music education specific clinics and workshops to advance the knowledge in teaching area specific topics rather than clinics to "just get hours for pay schedule." Efforts to resolve this concern include making available to all teachers specialists (meaning experienced instrumental music teachers) who are willing to share their expertise with others. (Being aware that KMEA is already active with the mentorship program.)

A need to increase attendance at the summer KBA convention. Efforts are being made to make the administrators at district and building levels aware of how the KBA summer convention and the organization in general can assist the school district in providing highly qualified, motivated and area specific teachers in a time of fiscal conservation. KBA is hoping that administrators might assist teachers in attending the summer convention.

KBA Convention expressed great appreciation to past president Marc Webster for his leadership. Marc initiated a reading session of music from the State Required List presenting to teachers music that while being on the list is not often performed. The session is conducted by presenters this year including Capt. Sharon Toulouse, U.S. Army Field Band. Dr. Joe Parisi, Music Ed. and Associate Band Director at U.M.K.C., David Clemmer, Assistant Director of Bands at K.U. and Staff of the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps. Dr. Jeff Jordan at Ft. Hays State University and Dr. Craig Fuchs, Director of Bands at Pittsburg State University. These clinicians also provided exceptional role models as conductors.

The convention continued a tradition of featuring community bands as featured concert performers by this year presenting the Pittsburg City Band conducted by Dr. Craig Fuchs and featuring soloists from the Pittsburg State faculty. Additional state university faculty representation came from an outstanding closing concert performed by chamber ensembles from Emporia State University.

The convention membership welcomed new leadership in the person of Bill Thomas as President Elect, Erica Lindberg as recording secretary, Justin Love as Northeast Rep. and the retention of Marcus Bishop and Jared Rawling for Northwest and North Central reps.

The board will meet at Salina South on Sunday 20 September at 2:30 P.M.

Submitted

Marion Roberts

Kansas Choral Directors Association President Greg Bontrager

The KCDA 2009 Summer Convention was held July 9-11 at the Topeka Holidome. One hundred fifty-three choral educators, eight exhibitors, four clinicians, Dr. Charles Robinson was the keynote speaker, composer arranger Mark Hayes, and guests brought the total to one hundred seventy-five participants! The theme of the convention was "Meaningful Relationships, Meaningful Work, Meaningful Life," the title of the keynote address delivered by Charles Robinson Thursday evening.

A highlight of the convention was the Friday night concert at the beautiful Grace Episcopal Cathedral featuring the 2009 KCDA All-State Women's Choir and Wichita Chamber Chorale under the guest-direction of John Buehler. Sixty-eight of Kansas' finest ten, eleven and twelfth grade young ladies sung their hearts out for clinician Dr. Rosephanye Powell. Dr. Powell is Coordinator of Voice Studies at Auburn University. Dr. John Buehler was honored as the Harry Robert Wilson recipient and Dustin Cates was recognized with the KCDA Young Director's Award.

The 2010 KCDA Statewide Treble Chorus (KCDA Children's Choir) clinician will be Christy Elsner. Mrs. Elsner is the founding director of the Allegro Children's Choir and brings a vast experience and expertise in working with young treble voices.

The clinicians for the 2010 KCDA Convention will be Anton Armstrong, St. Olaf College, and David Childs, Blair School of Music, Vanderbilt University. Carol Krueger will be the director of the 2010 Women's Honor Choir, Florida Southern College

Kansas American String Teachers Association President Bruce Boyd

Personnel:

General membership is holding strong. Selim Giray of Pittsburg State has been added to the executive board as David Littrell of Kansas State cycles off.

Spring Board Meeting:

The spring board meeting was held at Topeka West High School on July 11th with Carolyn Voth as host. KMEA President Mike Quilling was in attendance and provided helpful information and guidance on a host of issues such as the KSHSAA list and possible Inter-Collegiate Orchestra. We went to “The Classic Bean” for a great lunch and fellowship.

National ASTA issues:

- 1) Now incorporated as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit entity, Kansas ASTA has signed an affiliate agreement with National ASTA which includes insurance coverage.
- 2) Several Kansas students have submitted audition forms and recordings for the ASTA National High School Honor’s Orchestra. Results will be posted in Nov. at astaweb.com.

State Chapter Projects:

- 1) Jeff Bishop of Kansas City is chairing the selection committee for the KSHSAA required music list. Submissions may be made at website for review at summer conference and at KMEA
- 2) KASTA ROMP, our weekend string camp for middle level students, will be held in October at Rock Springs Ranch.
- 3) The KASTA State Wide Mid Level Clinic Orchestra Festival will be held in April of 2010 at Hutchinson M.S. 7 with Michael Harbaugh, Jay Hawkins and Ashley Holbrook as managers.
- 4) History: Our past president’s plaque will be completed for display at KMEA 2010 and Larry Williams continues work on “The History of School Orchestras in Kansas”.
- 5) Norman Gamboa is conducting an exhaustive survey, this fall, of college orchestra personnel in the continuing process of establishing a possible (KMEA approval) KASTA Inter-Collegiate Orchestra.
- 6) The KASTA Newsletter will be going digital in the Spring of 2010
- 7) Summer Conference:

Lori Lindshield-McKinney of Baker University is the organizer of this year’s conference to be held July 22nd to July 25th at Baker University and at K.U. Clinicians include Gillian Rogell from the New England Conservatory giving sessions on her DVD “The Heart of Chamber Music” and Stanley Chepaitis (Hart School of Music and Eastman Conservatory) violinist and composer who will be our jazz clinician. Other clinicians include three outstanding Kansas music educators – Dr. Mark Laycock of Wichita State University on conducting, Kathleen McCullough of Blue Valley N.W. on Smart Music and Rachel Dirks of Lawrence on motivation and curriculum. Extensive clinician biographies and clinic descriptions are available at kasta.org. The conference will also include intensive sessions addressing how to prepare students for the Festival Orchestra auditions.

- 8) KMEA I.S.W. sessions and clinicians are being considered in preparation for October's scheduling meeting. We are considering having Kirk Moss, the current President-Elect of National ASTA, as one of our speakers.

We will be electing a new vice president this fall to serve along with incoming President Kathleen McCullough who will take over the KASTA Presidency in May.

KASTA Mission Statement:

Enriching the lives of all Kansans through active devotion to excellence in the field of stringed instrument teaching and learning: nurturing continued growth in the people and processes required for outstanding musical performance

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Boyd
KASTA President

Kansas Music Educators of Kansas President-Elect Judy Mareda

Kodaly Music Educators of Kansas is honored to be part of KMEA. In the Fall of 2008, our small chapter hosted the Midwest Kodaly Music Educators of America conference with the theme "Kodaly on the Range. Tricks for the Classroom, Treats for the Soul". Clinicians The Amidons, Jo Kirk, Sister Lorna Zemke, Lillie Fierabend, John Fierabend, Ruth Dwyer, Dr. Steve Oare and many more shared their expertise, along with Sarah Hassler, director of the MKMEA children's choir. Our summer has consisted of supporting the Kodaly Certification program at Wichita State University by leading a special topics class and providing lunch for the program students one afternoon. Many of the attending students received monies through a grant received by USD 259 for a full scholarship. Through this grant, the Wichita teachers will also have opportunities to attend inservices for future Kodaly training. KMEK will be involved in helping plan activities, lesson plans, and manipulatives to accompany these in-services. Other activities we have planned is a night of contra dancing in August, a business meeting, and a Fall workshop.