



KMEA

Board Meeting

June 10, 2017
Friends University

Gretchen Bixler, KMEA President
John W. Taylor, Executive Director

All events will take place in the Riney Fine Arts Building at Friends University in Wichita.

Thursday, June 8, 2017

KMEA Leadership Camp
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

All-State Chairs Meeting
4:30 – 7:00 PM

C-NAfME Board Meeting
4:30 – 7:00 PM

Friday, June 9, 2017

KMEA Board - Open Discussion
12:00 – 5:00 PM

Committee Meetings
7:00 PM

Saturday, June 10, 2017

KMEA Board Meeting
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Performance Groups Listening Committees
1:00 PM

KMEA Open Discussion

June 9, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

Welcome and Introductions

Old Business Items:

1. Festival Committee and Exhibits – Dana Hamant
 - a. Rotation for Festival Committee members
 - b. Review of new Exhibit Hall!
2. KMEA NE District Split Committee – Update
 - a. By-laws – to approve in July
 - b. NE District Split of MONEY
 - c. President-Elect Candidates for NC and New NE Districts
 - d. The two new districts will be ready to launch on March 1, 2018.
3. All State Choir – Timeline
 - a. Elise Peterson—sharing data
 - b. Survey results
 - c. Recommendation of the committee
4. *KMR* updates
5. Legislative updates – Mike Quilling
 - a. ESSA
 - b. KS Supreme Court Ruling

New Business Items:

1. Tri-M Chapter of the Year Winner – Alex McMahon
 - a. Piper High School, Shelly Cole, advisor
2. 2018 KMEA In-Service Workshop
 - a. Denese Odegaard, National President, NAFME
 - b. Kansas State Music Standards training
 - c. Parent Reception-description
 - i. KMEA All-State groups – need to discuss location
 - d. Rehearsal Venues – plan for All-State ensemble rehearsals
 - e. All-State Concert Order – revised schedule possible, June 2018
 - i. 2018: Choir, Jazz Band, 56A Band, Orchestra, 1234A Band
 - ii. 2019: Choir, Jazz Band, 1234A Band, 56A Band, Orchestra

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3. All-State
 - a. Army Band purchase of music-possibility
 - b. District Audition Procedures - Preview
 - i. What should be directive from state?
 - ii. What should be decided by districts?
 - iii. Committee appointed in July
 - c. Should freshmen performers be allowed in All-State Ensembles?
 - i. Affiliates take question to membership
 - ii. District Presidents take to membership

 4. NafME All-National Ensemble Selections – auditions from Kansas – selection committee June 15, 2017

 5. NafME and KMEA dues
 - a. NafME/KMEA Dues
 - i. Active – \$116
 - ii. Retired – \$47
 - iii. Collegiate – \$28

 6. KMEA Instrumental Live Auditions (Randy Fillmore)
 - a. Dates
 - i. January 6, 2018 – Salina-Lakewood Middle School
 - ii. January 13, 2018 – Contingency Date (Inclement Weather)
 - iii. Audition Music – changes/publications/availability

 7. Strategic Plan – Gretchen Bixler

 8. Mentoring
 - a. Preview
 - i. Reaching out to administration and universities
 - ii. State Mentor Chairs
 - a. District Mentor Chairs
 - iii. Mentor Training/New Teacher Training

 9. Advocacy
 - a. Parent Reception – John Taylor
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10. Affiliate Members – No Board Reports Today – Any major issues to discuss?

- a. KASTA
 - i. Henry Littich, President (Laura Hutchins)
- b. KCDA
 - i. Dustin Cates, President
- c. KBA
 - i. Brett Martinez, President
- d. Kansas Orff Chapter
 - i. Chris Day, President
- e. Kodály Music Educators of Kansas
 - i. Lindsay Jervis, President

11. Other

- a. ISW Performance Listening Rooms - Gae Phillips
- b. Conflict of Interest Form
- c. Whistleblower Policy
- d. Other

Upcoming Events:

- Jun. 23-24 – KASTA Workshop - WSU, Wichita, KS
- Jun. 28-Jul. 1 – NAFME National Assembly - Washington, D.C.
- Jul. 6-8 – KCDA Convention - Topeka, KS
- Jul. 19-22 – KBA Convention - The Marriott Hotel, Wichita, KS
- Jul. 28-29 – KMEA Board Meeting - Friends University, Wichita, KS
- Aug. 25-27 – SW Divisional Meeting - Oklahoma City, OK
- Sep. 13-14 – KSHSAA Board Meeting - Topeka, KS
- Sep. 24-25 – KCOMTEPS - Senseney Music and Wichita State University
- Oct. 14 – ISW Planning Meeting - Friends University
- Nov. 12-15 – NAFME National Convention - Gaylord Hotel, Grapevine, TX
- Nov. 26-29 – NAFME All-National Honor Ensembles - Disneyworld, Orlando, FL

Evening Meetings

District and NAFME Collegiate Presidents' Meeting: Brandon Wade, Facilitator
Executive Council Meeting



June Board Meeting
June 10, 2017
Riney Fine Arts Building
Friends University
9:00 – 11:30 AM

Agenda

- I. Call to Order**

- II. Approval of Minutes** 9-15

- III. Introductions/Announcements** 16-19
 - A. The KMEA 2017-18 Board – New Members**
 - 1. Kayla Tiemeyer, NW District President
 - 2. Willey Abati, SE District President
 - 3. Bryan Kirk, SC District President
 - 4. Panye Amphone, NAFME Collegiate President-Elect (Friends University)

 - B. Upcoming Events & Deadlines**
 - 1. Jun. 23-24 KASTA Workshop - Wichita State
 - 2. Jun. 28 - Jul. 1 NAFME National Assembly - Washington, D.C.
 - 3. Jul. 6-8 KCDA Convention, Topeka Capitol Plaza Hotel
 - 4. Jul. 19-22 KBA Convention, The Marriott Hotel - Wichita
 - 5. Jul. 27-29 KMEA Board Meeting, Friends University - Wichita
 - 6. Aug. 25-27 NAFME SW Division Meeting - Oklahoma City, OK
 - 7. Sep. 1 *KMR* submissions
 - 8. Sep. 13-14 KSHSAA Board Meeting - Topeka, KS
 - 9. Sep. 24-25 KCOMTEPS - Senseney Music & Wichita State
 - 10. Oct. 1 Hall of Fame Nominations to Martha Gabel
 - 11. Oct. 1 Teacher of the Year Nominations to Martha Gabel
 - 12. Oct. 1 Administrator of the Year Nominations to Martha Gabel
 - 13. Oct. 1 2018 ISW Clinic Proposals due
 - 14. Oct. 14 ISW Planning Meeting - Friends University
 - 15. Nov. 12-15 NAFME National Conv. - Gaylord Hotel - Grapevine, TX
 - 16. Nov. 25-29 NAFME All-National Honor Ensembles - Orlando, FL

C. ISW 2018

1. Denese Odegaard, NAFME President
2. Kansas State Music Standards Training

D. NAFME Music in Washington Week

1. Visits with Kansas Legislators on Capitol Hill
2. National Assembly
3. Collegiate Advocacy Summit
4. Executive Director’s Meeting
5. Editor’s Meeting

IV. Reports

A. Executive Council

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| 1. President – <i>Gretchen Bixler</i> | | 19 |
| 2. President-Elect – <i>Gae Phillips</i> | | 22 |
| 3. Vice President – <i>Martha Gabel</i> | | 23 |
| 4. Executive Director – <i>John Taylor</i> | | 24 |

B. District Presidents

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| 1. Northeast District – <i>Elise Peterson</i> (Justin Love) | | 29 |
| 2. Southeast District – <i>Willey Abati</i> | | 30 |
| 3. North Central District – <i>Darren Brooks</i> (Bob Haselhuhn) | | 31 |
| 4. South Central District – <i>Bryan Kirk</i> (Mark Walker) | | 32 |
| 5. Northwest District – <i>Kayla Tiemeyer</i> | | 33 |
| 6. Southwest District – <i>Brandon Wade</i> | | 35 |

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| C. NAFME Collegiate President – <i>Fern Stevermer</i> | | 37 |
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D. Administrative Personnel

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| 1. All-State Ensembles Manager – <i>Randy Fillmore</i> | | 38 |
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| 3. <i>Kansas Music Review</i> Advertising Manager – <i>Robert Lee</i> | | 40 |
| 4. Web & Technology Manager – <i>Troy Johnson</i> | | 41 |
| 5. ISW Exhibits Manager – <i>Dana Hamant</i> | | 42 |

E. Advisory Board

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| 1. Festivals Committee – <i>Dana Hamant</i> | | 43 |
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F. Affiliate Organizations

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| 1. | KASTA President – <i>Henry Littich</i> | . | . | . | . | 44 |
| 2. | KBA President – <i>Brett Martinez</i> | . | . | . | . | 45 |
| 3. | KCDA President – <i>Dustin Cates</i> | . | . | . | . | 46 |
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| 5. | KOC President – <i>Chris Day</i> | . | . | . | . | 48 |

G. Other

V. Old Business

- A. New All-State Choir recommendation

VI. New Business (*May require a Motion)

- A. *Adopt Strategic Plan
- B. All-State music purchasing by Army Band
- C. District audition procedure alignment
- D. Other

VII. Recap and Adjournment

ISW Performance Group Listening Rooms
(After Lunch)

**KMEA Board Meeting
February 23, 2017
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Wichita, KS**

| AGENDA | DISCUSSION | FOLLOWUP |
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| I. Call to Order | President Martha Gabel called the Kansas Music Educators Association Board Meeting to order. | |
| II. Approval of Minutes | <p>Minutes from the July 2016 board meeting were reviewed by all present.</p> <p>The following motion was made by Elise Peterson:</p> <p><i>I move to approve the minutes from the July Board Meeting.</i></p> <p>No discussion</p> | <p>The minutes are available to view on the KMEA website.</p> <p>The motion was seconded by Stacey Williams.</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously.</p> |
| III. Introductions and Remarks | <p>President Martha made the following introductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW Division President – Trisha Kidd is visiting the ISW. • KMEA Teacher of the Year – Avian Bear • KMEA Administrator of the Year – Jodie Lin, Kansas City Public Schools • Mike Quilling – SW Division President-Elect • 2017 KMEA Composition Competition Winners – Brandon Smith, Garden City HS, and Scott Hershberger, Maize HS. This is Scott’s 3rd year to win. | |
| IV. Announcements | <p>President Martha made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2016 President’s Concert was the first ever KMEA All-State Elementary Choir. • Discussed new location of events in Century II; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening session is in Hyatt D & E due to technology hookups. Awards session is also moved to Hyatt D & E. Exhibits moved to Expo Hall with new sitting areas. Thanks to Dana Hamant and John Taylor. 56A Band –rehearsing in old Exhibition Hall. • Martha Gabel, Julie Linville, and Dee Hansen will give workshops on the new Kansas State Music Standards. • Ronnie Lau will give workshops on ESSA law to Administrators and | |

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| | <p>teachers and a workshop on Advocacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VIP guest – Jim Porter, state board of education, will be attending the ISW. • The 2017 Hall of Fame class includes Terry J. Barham, Elaine Denise Bernstorf, Patricia Lee Harry, Marion King Roberts, and John Jay Selzer • All new teachers have green ribbons on badges and mentoring chairs have gold ribbons. |
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V. KMEA BOARD REPORTS

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| <p>V. a – Executive Council</p> | <p><i>Please go to the Board Book for the February Board Meeting to read all reports in full. Only new and or updated notes will be included in the minutes.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President, <i>Martha Gabel</i> – Report stands as written. President Gabel announced the Presidents Concert is <i>Street Corner Symphony</i>, a contemporary a cappella group. They will do one session, visit the All-State Choir and Tri-M. At the end of the ISW 2017, we will say goodbye to Avian Bear. We are fortunate to have had her leadership through the years. (Avian received a standing ovation.) President Gabel reported that it had been a great 2 years, meeting many great people who go above and beyond. • President-Elect, <i>Gretchen Bixler</i> – Report stands as written. President- Elect Gretchen called attention to the printed program. It is not all correct, so presidere have received an email of the changes. • Vice President, <i>Avian Bear</i>– Report stands as written. Vice President Avian expressed her thanks to all for her years on the KMEA Board. • Executive Director, <i>John Taylor</i> – Dr. Taylor stated the Expo Hall of Century II has been a huge undertaking. Cost: \$12,000. We will be investing in signs for next year. Dr. Taylor encouraged members and affiliates to attend the Leadership Camp to learn about NAFME. (projects, services they provide, services provided on Capitol Hill) The registration for Administrators clinics are down this year. Finances are in the black. Historical project of scanning KMEA’s history is in the process. All minutes are on the website. Programs from 1960 and ISW schedules are in the process of being scanned. All District by-laws are being revised. In 2018, the auditions for Districts will be revised. The will be 7 Districts by March 1, 2018. |
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| | March 9, 2017 – Music at the Capitol in Topeka. |
| V.b – District Presidents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northeast District President, <i>Elise Peterson</i> – Report stands as written. Thanks to Will Cooper and Justin Love for getting the Districts split. • Southeast District, <i>Rosie Sweaney</i> – Report stands as written. Rosie noted they had to cancel Middle School honor events because of forecasted weather. • North Central District, <i>Darren Brooks</i>– Report stands as written. • South Central District, <i>Amy Brown</i> – Report stands as written. Amy expressed her gratitude to have served with outstanding people. • Northwest District, <i>Stacey Williams</i>– Report stands as written. Stacey also expressed her gratitude to have served with outstanding people. • Southwest District, <i>Brandon Wade</i>– Report stands as written. Reported the first Middle School Orchestra event was a huge success. |
| V.b – District Presidents (continued) | |
| V. c – NAFME Collegiate President | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAFME Collegiate, <i>Fern Stevermer</i>– Report stands as written. Fern was excited to announce there were 300 collegiate members registered. She has been reaching out to schools that haven’t been as active. |
| V. d – KMEA Staff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KMR Editor, <i>Steve Oare</i> – Report stands as written. Steve noted that the last year has been a huge change. He would like to see more Kansans writing for the KMR. • All-State Ensembles Manager, <i>Randy Fillmore</i> – Report stands as written. Randy commented that he has a great group of chairs this year and introduced everyone. • Advertising Manager, <i>Robert Lee</i> – Robert made one correction to his report, noting that he collected \$850 from the convention issue advertising. He announced they are doing away with the language of “advertisers” and switching to “sponsors.” He also drew attention to the fact that the KMR has lost advertisers ever since moving away from the print version. • Web & Technology Manager, <i>Troy Johnson</i>, - Report stands as written. The new KMR format has been a success. ISW schedule builder saved hours of time. Online audition management system “Festival Scores”, built by Troy, used by all recorded audition groups throughout KMEA. |

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| | <p>All School Districts need to make sure the teachers are sending their payments with invoice to the correct person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit Manager, <i>Dana Hamant</i> – Report stands as written. There were 100 Exhibitors this year. • Registration Manager, <i>Michelle Postier</i> – Report stands as written. Registration is now in Exhibition Hall. Pre-registration was over 1,000. <p>Local Arrangements, <i>Kevin Findley</i> – Report stands as written. Kevin announced his resignation for 2020.</p> |
| <p>V.e KMEA Advisory Board</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy – <i>looking for a new person for this role.</i> • NAFME Collegiate Advisor, <i>Robin Liston</i> – Report stands as written. • Composition Competition, <i>Jeff Jordan</i> – Report stands as written. • Festivals, <i>Dana Hamant</i> – Report stands as written • Fund Manager, <i>Gayle McMillen</i> – Report stands as written. Gayle announced that the fund is up to over \$100,000, and they are participating in the Match Madness with the Greater Salina Community Fund during March. Currently we have 5 scholarships. • Government Relations, <i>Mike Quilling</i> – Report stands as written. Mike noted that music, as a part of “well rounded education,” is important language. He noted that Music Day at the Capitol is March 10. • Historian, <i>Bryan Kirk</i> – Report stands as written. This is the 80th ISW for KMEA. • KSDE Consultant, <i>Joyce Huser</i> – Report stands as written • KSHSAA Consultant, <i>Craig Manteuffel</i> – Report stands as written. Craig highlighted he asked administrators to give 1st year teachers names to Mentors and asked for retired teacher names. The Classifications committee has been meeting. They want to keep the number of schools down so state contests won’t be too overflowing. All schools vote on this. The State Board meeting minutes are on the web site to explain more about classifications. More adjudicators are needed in strings, vocal and percussion. 2 new courses are on line for adjudicator training. See Craig for more info. |

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| <p>V.e – Advisory Board (continued)</p> | <p>Dana Hamant updated the rubrics language.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentoring, Recruitment, & Retention, <i>Holly Taylor & Kelly Knedler</i> – Report stands as written. There are 30 new teachers registered for luncheon. Thank you to Martha Gabel, Gretchen Bixler, Craig Manteuffel, Lori Supinie, and Tricia Kidd for attending this year’s luncheon. • MIOSM, <i>Patricia Ahern</i>. Proclamation from Governor. Things on website for things to do. • Middle Level Chair, <i>Lance Quilling</i> – Report stands as written. There are a couple of workshops offered this ISW on composition. • Research, <i>Christopher Johnson</i> – Report stands as written. • Retirement, <i>David Will</i> – Report stands as written. David is concerned that we lose people who are retiring. There is no way to communicate with people who have retired. • Society for General Music, <i>Lisa Simmelink</i> – Report stands as written. • SMTE Representative, <i>Frank Perez (Jacob Dakon)</i> – Report stands as written. There has been an increase in attendance at activities. The Facebook page is getting more traffic. • Special Needs – <i>Elaine Bernstorff</i>– Report stands as written. Elaine announced that Amanda Vanausdall will be the new chairman. • Tri-M Honor Society, <i>Alex McMahon</i> – Report stands as written. Alex announced that 140 students are attending the ISW. |
| <p>V.f – All-State Chairs</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1234A Band, <i>Courtney Nichols</i> – Report stands as written. Courtney introduced Dennis and Ellen Kerr as the incoming co-chairs. • 56A Band, <i>Bryan Kirk</i> – Report stands as written. • Jazz, <i>Cary Stahly</i> - Report stands as written except the conductor is Kirk Garrison. • Orchestra, <i>Wes DeSpain</i> – Report stands as written. • Choir, <i>Pam Williamson</i> – Report stands as written |

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| <p>V.f - Festival Chairs (continued)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle Level Choir, <i>Kelli Baker</i> – Report stands as written. • Elementary Choir, <i>Holly Taylor</i> – Report stands as written. Holly noted that nearly 800 students applied for this year. • Elementary, <i>Julie Shuyter</i> – Report stands as written. |
| <p>V.g – Affiliate Organizations</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KASTA, <i>Henry Littich</i> – Report stands as written. Shared appreciation for solo and ensemble contest. • KBA, <i>Damian Johnson</i> – Report stands as written. October 28th will be the marching band competition at Washburn University. • KCDA, <i>Dustin Cates</i> – Report stands as written. • KMEK, <i>Lindsay Jervis</i> – Report stands as written. Include in this report: Marilyn Killian will be the guest clinician at the KMEK Spring workshop. “Kodály for Singing Voices” will be held at Senseney Music. They are working on sponsoring a 2-day workshop in western Kansas. • KMTA, – Report given as handout. Have an updated website. • KMMA, <i>Lori Supinie</i> – Report stands as written. Lori noted, a scholarship is offered this year. • Kansas Orff, <i>Christine Day</i> – Report stands as written. They will be sponsoring a Master Class at Baker University this summer. |
| <p>VI. OLD BUSINESS</p> | |
| <p>VI. a – KMEA NE District Split Committee</p> | <p>The President-Elects are in place to take office as Presidents on March 1, 2018 for the NE and EC Districts.</p> |
| <p>VI. b –All State Choir</p> | <p>How can we meet the needs of our choral students better? Elise Peterson reported that there was discussion at KCDA conference, a survey sent out (her report on p. 93 shows the results), and another survey will be sent out by Troy Johnson with a deadline of April 1. This survey will have choices for the new choirs for state. District Presidents please look at the concerns and be ready for the summer meeting.</p> |

| VII. NEW BUSINESS | | |
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| VII. a – All-State Choir Allocation | | No action taken at this time. |
| VIII. DATES, RECAP, AND ADJOURNMENT | | |
| VIII. Recap and Adjournment | <p>Upcoming Board Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 9-10, 2017, (Listening Rooms: 2018 ISW Performance Groups) Friends University, Wichita All-State Chairs attend. • July 28-29, 2017, KMEA Board Meeting, Friends University, Wichita • February 22, 2018, Hyatt Regency <p>Other Important Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 18, 10 am–4 pm, Strategic Planning Meeting, Friends University, Wichita • June 8 – KMEA Leadership camp – 10 am – 4 pm, Friends University, “Learn the Nuts and Bolts of KMEA”. • October 14 – ISW scheduling meeting, Friends University <p>As there were no other issues brought before the Board at this time, it was moved by Elise Peterson to adjourn the February 2017 KMEA Board Meeting. Amy Brown seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.</p> | |

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Since the 2017 February KMEA Board Meeting, I have:

- Met with KMEA Executive Director, John Taylor on March 7, 2017 to discuss details related to my time as KMEA President.
- Attended the Music Advocacy Day at the Capitol on March 9, 2017 along with John Taylor, KMEA Executive Director, Mike Quilling, KMEA Government Relations Chair, Fern Stevermer, Kansas NAfME Collegiate President, Martha Gabel, KMEA Vice-President, Gae Phillips, KMEA President-Elect, and Paige Kauffman, Ms. Kansas Outstanding Teen! KMEA representatives met with Senator Joh Doll, Representative Brenda Dietrich, Representative Ed Trimmer, Representative Fred Patton, Representative Don Schroeder, Peter Burns, Policy Analyst and Colleen Riley, from the KSDE. We also stopped by Senator Hensley's office. We discussed the benefits and importance of consistent music instruction in our schools as well as the implementation of our newly adapted Kansas Music Standards. We brought awareness to ESSA and monies needed for Kansas to carry out the new directive from Washington. KMEA Collegiate members, from KU, Washburn University and Friends University, hosted a meet and greet breakfast in the Capitol for legislators and their office staff. Thank you to all the participants of Music Day at the Capitol. We are making connections and slowly growing our community of legislative supporters each year! A special thank you to Mike Quilling, KMEA Government Relations Chair for all of his work to organize such a beneficial day!
- Planned and facilitated the Strategic Plan Meeting on March 18, 2017, to identify potential goals and initiatives for our 2017-2019 KMEA Strategic Plan. Many thanks to Martha Gabel, Gae Phillips, John Taylor, Fern Stevermer, Troy Johnson, Kris Brenzikofer, Amanda Vanausdall, Alex McMahan, Summer Miller, Willey Abati, Holly Taylor, Mike Quilling, Lance Quilling, Darren Brooks, Kayla Tiemeyer, Bryan Kirk, Elise Peterson, and Judy Mareda for all of their hard work and wonderful ideas.
- Met with Gae Phillips in Topeka on April 27, 2017, to discuss her upcoming responsibilities as KMEA President-Elect. Gae will be a wonderful addition to our board, once again!
- Attended the April 27, 2017, KSHSAA Board Meeting with Martha Gabel, Gae Phillips, John Taylor, and Dana Hamant. This meeting completed Martha Gabel's productive time on the KSHSAA Board. Thank you, Martha, for representing music educators across Kansas! KMEA is also grateful for Craig Manteuffel as he completes his second year in the KSHSAA Assistant Executive Director position!
- Prepared and recorded the President's Message for the online KMR

- Listened to **62 Kansas performance auditions for the NAFME All-National Honor Ensembles – this is almost twice as many auditions than last year!**
- March – May 2017 - Developed the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan to present at the June Board Meeting.
- Organized the agenda items and board meeting attendees for the June 9-10, 2017, KMEA Board Meeting at Friends University. Special Thanks to Martha Gabel and John Taylor for their guidance!

Upcoming Events:

- June 23-24 KASTA Workshop, WSU, Wichita, KS
- June 28 - July 1 NAFME National Assembly, Washington, D.C.
- July 6-8 KCDA Convention - Topeka Capitol Plaza Hotel
- July 19 – 22 KBA Convention - The Marriott Hotel, Wichita
- July 27 – 29 KMEA Board Meeting, Friends University, Wichita
- August 25 – 27 NAFME SW Division Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK
- September 13 – 14 KSHSAA Board Meeting, Topeka
- September 24 – 25 KCOMTEPS, Senseney Music & Wichita State
- October 14 ISW Planning Meeting, Friends University
- November 12 – 15 NAFME National Convention, Gaylord Hotel, Grapevine, TX
- November 25 – 29 NAFME All-National Honor Ensembles, Orlando, FL

I thank you all for your communication and collaboration thus far, and I look forward to working with you over the next four years! GBIX

President-Elect

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Since the KMEA In-Service Workshop in February 2017:

- March 9, Attended the Music Day at the Capitol with Gretchen Bixler, Martha Gabel, Mike Quilling, Fern Stevermer and other Kansas Collegiate Representatives. Thanks to Mike Quilling for organizing the meetings.
- March 17, Met with Executive Director John Taylor to receive information concerning the job description of my six-year term.
- March 18, Attended the Strategic Planning meeting led by President Gretchen Bixler.
- April 27, Met with Gretchen Bixler and was briefed on duties of the President-Elect.
- April 27, Attended the KSHSAA State Board meeting in Topeka with Gretchen Bixler, Martha Gabel, John Taylor, and Dana Hamant. Martha Gabel gave a presentation informing the KSHSAA Board of the various KMEA accomplishments throughout the past year. Dana Hamant gave a report concerning contest rubrics. Both presentations were well received by the KSHSAA board.
- May 2017
 - Secured assistant chairs to the current All-State chair positions.
 - Received and organized audition applications and recordings for the 2018 ISW and contacted affiliate chairs to coordinate the listening committees for the auditions.

Upcoming Events:

- June 8 KMEA Leadership Bootcamp
- June 9-10 KMEA June Board Meeting
- Jun. 29 – Jul. 1 NAfME National Assembly, Washington D.C.
- July 28-30 KMEA July Board Meeting
- October 14 ISW Scheduling Meeting

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Since the 2017 February KMEA Board Meeting, I have:

- Attended the third annual Music Advocacy Day at the Capital on March 9 along with Gretchen Bixler, KMEA President, Gae Phillips, KMEA President-Elect, Fern Stevermer, NAFME Collegiate President, and Mike Quilling, KMEA Government Relations Chair. President Bixler did a great job in our meetings with a variety of leaders from the KS House, KS Senate, Governor’s Office, and KSDE! As always, Mike Quilling had the day planned to perfection!
- Attended Gretchen Bixler’s Strategic Plan meeting on March 18. Gretchen has a great vision and many exciting things in store for KMEA over the next 2 years!
- Met with John Taylor to plan the second annual KMEA Leadership Camp. Prepared presentation materials, and sent invitations to KMEA and affiliate leaders.
- Attended the KSHSAA Executive Board meeting on April 27 along with Gretchen Bixler, KMEA President, Gae Phillips, KMEA President-Elect, John Taylor KMEA Executive Director, and Dana Hamant, KMEA Festivals Chair to give my final report.
- Represented KMEA at my final KSHSAA Board Meeting on April 28. Gretchen Bixler will now take over as the KMEA Representative to the KSHSAA Board.
- Started to enjoy life as the KMEA Vice President!!!

Future Events

- June 8 KMEA Vice President’s Leadership Camp
- June 9-10 KMEA June Board Meeting & ISW Performance Group Listening Rooms
- June 29- July 1 NAFME National Assembly, Washington D.C.
- July 28-29 KMEA Late Summer Board Meeting
- October 14 KMEA ISW Scheduling Meeting

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Here are some of the activities in which I have been involved.

1. All bills have been paid and paperwork completed from the 2017 ISW. I have also met with those business leaders who help us prepare for the convention, and thank-you gifts have been sent to several businesses that are key to our success. Also, all employees who are paid annually at the ISW have been paid. Registration at the ISW is holding steady.
2. The addition of Expo Hall for Exhibits was very successful. Every person I spoke to liked the move. Several offered ideas for improvement. We will need to move Registration to a new location within Expo Hall. Concessions in Expo Hall were successful, and the seating provided an opportunity for members to relax and have conversation. Helgerson's donated the carpet in the aisles, and we will continue to rent the carpet. It adds significantly to the look of the Exhibits area. Dana Hamant has some ideas on how to improve the Exhibits set-up, including adding more seating areas. We also must find a way to limit access to the Exhibits area, including people entering through the curtains. Dana also has a proposal to change the pricing process for exhibitors.
3. Contracts have been completed with Century II, the Hyatt Hotel, the Broadview Plaza Drury Hotel, the Garvey Center and the Metropolitan Baptist Church for the 2018 ISW. The Hyatt and Century II have signed contracts for both 2019 and 2020.
4. All-State Conductors and clinicians have been booked for 2018, and we are making good progress on finishing the bookings through 2019. With the appointment of new Assistant Chairs by President-Elect Phillips, we are just now beginning the booking process for 2020 and 2021. The 2018 conductors are Sophia Papoulis, Elementary Choir; Rollo Dilworth, Middle Level Choir; Dale Warren, 1-4A Band; Emily Threinen, 56A Band; Christopher Aspaas, High School Choir; David Becker, Orchestra; and Steven Owen, Jazz.
5. We have a crisis concerning All-State rehearsal facilities, which I am working to solve. It has been our philosophy to keep all honor ensembles within walking distance of Century II. I believe we have reached a point where that will no longer be possible. The addition of a second choir in 2019 makes this an appropriate time to look at facilities.
 - a. The Metropolitan Baptist Church is not available. The ACDA Unchanged Voice Choir rehearses there, and until 2017, the 56A Band rehearsed there.

- b. The 56A Band rehearsed in Exhibition Hall, and we had sound bleed-through problems with both the 1234A Band in Convention Hall and in the MJT Theater. Thus, we will need to move the 56A Band to a new location. Exhibition Hall may work for one of our choirs. Otherwise, this large venue will go unused at our convention.
- c. The Intercollegiate Band and Orchestra have been using the Founders Room in the basement of the Garvey Building. This is an inadequate facility for instrumental groups of this size. It could possibly be used by a choir.
- d. The bleachers used as choir risers for the All-State High School Choir are scheduled to be destroyed by Century II, and there is no company that still makes them.

I am researching several unused facilities downtown, and I am looking at the possible use of facilities at nearby universities and schools. Distance between Century II and All-State rehearsal facilities can make it more difficult or our members to manage their All-State students. This also means transporting conductors back to Century II for clinics, limits student access to the exhibits and other convention activity, and the possibility of running busses for students. I am also hoping to meet with staff at Century II before our Board meeting to discuss several concerns mentioned above. I should have a final list of rehearsal locations at our meeting in July.

6. As we look at the addition of a new All-State Choir, it is time to take a look at our All-State concert schedule. We may need to consider spreading out the rehearsal and concert schedules over the entire convention. This will be a major change for our members in many ways, including the availability of performance stages for performing groups and when All-State students will need to be in Wichita for rehearsals. Services provided (lunches, pictures, plaque/shirt sales, recording sales, etc.) will all be affected. I will be asking President Bixler to put together a committee to study this problem for possible implementation in 2019.
7. For two years, KMEA provided clinic sessions for school administrators at the ISW. Attendance has decreased, and we will no longer offer these clinics. Administrators will still be able to pre-register for the ISW online at no cost.
8. I am researching a way to provide Advocacy Receptions for the families of All-State students before their concerts. The plan this year is to hold one reception for 1-2 ensembles. The conductors would share briefly with the families, and an advocate for music education would share ways to support music education in their communities. I will have more information on this process in July.

9. We have terminated our use of PepWear to provide plaques and tee shirts to our All-State students. They have had poor service in recent years, and they created a major problem this year with shipping their items to the ISW. Many of our Districts and Affiliates have also used PepWear. I have been having conversations with a Kansas company to provide this service, and I should have a proposal at either the June or July Board meetings. I am encouraging our Districts and Affiliates to use the new company once we have an agreement. You are welcome to continue to use PepWear, but I cannot guarantee that I can solve problems for you with PepWear in the future.
10. I continue to monitor and assist with the process to form a new All-State Choir. Elise Peterson has served KMEA by providing quality information and expert leadership through this process. With the new Choir will come a new formula that will determine the membership in both Choirs.
11. I continue to monitor the progress of the City of Wichita as they discuss updates to Century II Convention Center. Nothing is decided yet, but the plan that seems to be most favored includes renovations and additions to the current facility.
12. KMEA will end the year with money in the bank. I was concerned about the additional costs of using Expo Hall, and last summer the Board approved raising fees for the ISW for Exhibitors, All-State fees, and Registration. We will end the fiscal year with a profit, and I may consider adding some funds to investments before the end of the fiscal year. I am not asking for any fee raises for 2018. I will have the 2016-17 Financial Report ready for the Late Summer Board meeting.
13. I will have a final fiscal report on the KMR by the Board meeting. This report comes at the end of the first year of using sponsors rather than advertisers. Steve Oare, Bob Lee, and Troy Johnson have worked diligently this past year to work within the web based format and manage sponsorships.
14. As reported to you, I spent a year researching other Community Foundations in Kansas. The Greater Salina Community Foundation, where the KMEA Fund is housed, had provided poor service and late financial reports for nearly two years. During that time, there was a change in most of the personnel who work for the GSCF, including the Executive Director and the Financial Manager. Gayle McMillen and I met with Bill Grevas, the new Executive Director. I informed the GSCF that we would continue with them for this past fiscal year to assess their level of service. At this point, I have decided to maintain the KMEA Fund with GSCF. Fund growth has done well, and reports have been more timely.

15. KMEA Board members, District leadership, and Affiliate Presidents may remember that KMEA decided to purchase liability insurance through NAFME. This insurance covers any lawsuits brought against leaders for decisions made as part of Board service. This is a gift KMEA is giving to the District and Affiliate Boards. Any person who is elected to the Boards and is a voting member is covered. The billing procedure has changed recently – KMEA will have to pay NAFME for our portion of the coverage. Originally, we were to pay directly to the Insurer. NAFME told me last fall that the bill would be coming from them – and it has not arrived yet. As soon as this insurance is in effect, I will notify all KMEA Board members and President of our District and Affiliates. I also hope to get a copy of the policy to review and share with leaders.
16. KMEA has decided again this year to not raise our portion of the membership dues. NAFME will raise their portion of the dues based on the national GNP.
17. I will be attending NAFME National Assembly in Washington, D.C. in late June. I will also attend the Southwestern Division meeting this fall.
18. We are drawing to the close of a 5-year process to split the Northeast District into two Districts. (The actual work began several years before a plan was adopted by the KMEA Board to split the District.) This plan has been named by NAFME as a model for other states who alter their District structure. On March 1, 2018, the current Northeast District process will cease to exist, replaced by the new Northeast and East Central Districts. The KMEA Board will increase from 10 to 11 voting members. The final Northeast President, Elise Peterson, will preside over the last Northeast District convention in December. In December 2018, the two new Districts will host their first conventions. Many people have invested countless hours in the process of splitting the NE District. Chad Coughlin has led the entire process, joined by Damian Johnson in the last several years. Two District Split Committees have met to guide the process. Elise Peterson, the NE District President, and Cliff Manning, the NE District Executive Director, have provided leadership throughout the transition. Boards are now in place for the new Districts. On March 1, Justin Love will be first President and Matt Bradford will be the first Executive Director of the Northeast District; Will Cooper will be the first President and Mike Jones will be the first Executive Director of the new East Central District. I will bring a plan to the KMEA Board at the July Board meeting to vote on the final step in this process – how the money held by the current NE District will be split into the accounts of the new Districts. The KMEA Board will also be asked to approve candidates for President-Elect at the meeting in July. These candidates will go before their District memberships for vote in November and December. With the approval of the Executive Committee, the KMEA state level purchased new computers for each of the new Executive Directors.

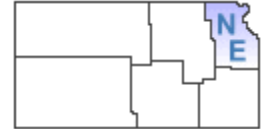
19. The District Executives will meet during the Late Summer Board meeting. We will have books reviewed for the State and the Districts after the fiscal year ends on June 30. We are in the middle of a project taking 1.5 years to update, revise, and or write the District and State bylaws. I am in the process of reviewing bylaws for three of our Districts. By the July Board meeting, all Districts (including our two new Districts) will have updated bylaws ready for approval in the fall by their District memberships. At the July Board meeting, the KMEA Board will be asked to approve the new Northeast and East Central District bylaws since they don't have functioning Boards until March 1, 2018.
20. Voting members of the KMEA Board will be asked to sign both the Conflict of Interest and Whistleblowers Policy forms at the June Board meeting. These forms keep us in compliance with IRS regulations.
21. The project continues to scan historical documents onto our website, including Board meeting minutes back to 1946, all of our ISW Schedule booklets, and all of our All-State Concert programs. I have hired a student to continue scanning ISW documents this summer. Once we finish these documents, the plan is to scan all *Kansas Music Review* magazines dating back to 1946 onto the website.
22. I continue to implement the Document Retention Policy approved by KMEA.
23. I have completed the usual organizational activities, such as managing the financial accounts, paying bills, negotiating contracts, preparing for meetings (including this Board meeting), working with the IRS and our account manager, completing IRS forms for vendors, working with NAFME staff and leaders, and managing the KMEA staff, among other activities. Some new and replacement technology has been purchased during the current fiscal year.
24. We have wonderful KMEA employees who work for minimal salaries and dedicate countless hours to KMEA. Please thank the following KMEA employees when you have the chance.

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The Northeast District of KMEA announces the following dates for events during the 2017-2018 school year:

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| TBA | NEKMEA Board Meeting at Baldwin Jr/Sr HS |
| September 5, 2017 | Business Dinner & Meeting, 6:00 pm @ Lawrence HS |
| October 8, 2017 | HS Choir Registration Deadline |
| September 22, 2017 | KU Heart of America Marching Festival Registration Deadline |
| October 11, 2017 | HS Band/Jazz/Orchestra Registration Deadline (\$7/entry) |
| October 11, 2017 | 9 th Grade Band Registration Deadline |
| October 11, 2017 | 9 th Grade Orchestra Registration Deadline |
| October 12, 2017 | 7 th /8 th Grade Band Registration |
| October 12, 2017 | 7 th /8 th Grade Orchestra Registration Deadline |
| October 12, 2017 | Middle Level Choir Registration Deadline |
| October 12, 2017 | 5 th /6 th Grade Orchestra Registration Deadline |
| October 12, 2017 | Elementary Choir Registration Deadline |
| October 21, 2017 | KU Heart of America Marching Festival @ KU Memorial Stadium |
| October 24, 2017 | HS Band/Jazz/Orchestra Late Entry Deadline (\$14/entry) |
| November 4, 2017 | HS Band/Jazz/Orchestra On-Site Entry Deadline (\$25/entry) |
| November 4, 2017 | District High School Auditions @ Olathe East HS |
| December 2, 2017 | NEKMEA Mini-Conventions |
| Choir @ Shawnee Mission NW – Band @ Blue Valley HS – Orchestra @ Olathe South | |

The Northeast District had a very successful 2016-2017 school year. The NEKMEA Board will meet in late June/early July to review the past year and look ahead to the upcoming calendar to discuss any changes that need to be made for another great mini convention this coming December. All entry deadlines have been set for all groups and age levels and these have been posted on the website.

New Board Members in 2017

Maurica Bruning: Elementary Mentoring

Bob Davis: Band Mentoring

Bob Schofer: Middle Level Choir

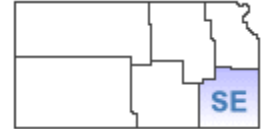
Kimberly Moldeski: Choir Mentoring

It was exciting to see our district strongly represented with John Selzer inducted in the KMEA Hall of Fame as well as Avian Bear awarded the Kansas Music Teacher of the year in February. We look forward to another successful school year, 2017-2018.

Will Cooper (NEKMEA President-Elect) and Justin Love (ECKMEA President-Elect) continue to work on behalf of the new KMEA districts to secure dates and sites for future auditions/conventions, as well as leadership for the soon-to-be-formed KMEA Districts. Their leadership is greatly appreciated!

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We have had another wonderful year in the Southeast District. All of our events have had a large numbers of students auditioning for them and the groups selected along with their fine clinicians created beautiful music that was performed at our Honor Concerts.

We will be having our District Board Meeting in Chanute on June 16. We are in the process of updating our handbook and have started working out an alternating schedule for our chair people so that half of them change each year. Thus we will always have experienced members on our board.

We will be selecting our Teacher of the Year for each school division along with the Administrator of the Year.

This is our list of officers for the upcoming year:

President – Willey Abati, Girard
President-Elect – Andrea Dinkel, Galena
Past-President – Rosie Sweaney, Sedan
Executive Director – Alan Paxson, Chetopa
Advocacy – Christa Weber, George Nettels, Pittsburg
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HS Choral Chair – Sydney Shannon, Galena
HS Band Chair – Christine Lovelle, Columbus
HS Jazz Band Chair – Lewis Hundley, Labette County
MS Band Chair – Richard Harper, Independence
MS Choral Chair – Meredith Reid, Fort Scott
Elementary Choral Chair – Megan Gabehart, Meadow View, Altamont
Mentoring Chair – Mary Jo Harper, Fort Scott

We look forward to once again using the Bicknell Center in December for our High School District Convention and Concert with Dr. Susan Marchant's excellent leadership.

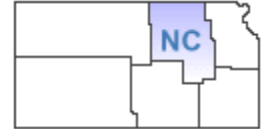
A big Thank You needs to be handed out, also, to Parsons High School for hosting our audition event in November, and to Chanute High School for planning to host the Middle/Elementary School Honor Concerts in January, even though weather caused this event to be canceled. Both schools have done this for many years, and we are very grateful for them being willing to keep everything running smoothly.

We are excited about the coming year and what it holds for our music programs across the district.

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Our annual Downbeat Session for the North Central District is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 30th, 2017. It will be held at Manhattan High School. This meeting continues to be a great kick-off to the school year. We cater this event with our local BBQ Restaurant – Cox Bros. BBQ!

Confirmed Dates:

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| June 30, 2017 | NC District Summer Board Meeting - Manhattan |
| Nov. 3, 2017 | HS Honor Groups Auditions - Junction City |
| December 2, 2017 | HS Mini-Convention - Manhattan |
| January 13, 2018 | Middle Level Honor Clinic/Concert - Junction City |
| February 3, 2018 | Elementary Honor Choir Clinic/Concert - Junction City |

Old Business:

- The District’s By-Laws and procedures have been submitted for final approval.

New Business:

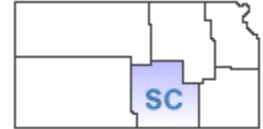
New Board Members have been added:

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| Executive Director: Joel Gittle President: Darren Brooks Past President: Bob Haselhuhn President-Elect: Jamie Minneman | HS Band Chair: Devin Burr HS Choir Chair: Ryan Holmquist HS Orchestra Chair: David Bernard-Stevens HS Jazz Chair: Sean Keasling Middle Level Band Chair: Joan Grover Middle Level Choir Chair: Miriam Gogadi Elementary Choir: Amelia Hancock Mentoring Chair: Nancy Monical Advocacy Chair: Gayle McMillen Webmaster: Troy Johnson |
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The North Central District Board will meet in late June to discuss changes made at the June State Board meeting and to prepare summer correspondence.

South Central District President**Bryan Kirk**

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**South Central KMEA Board**

President – Bryan Kirk, Maize High School

President-Elect – Dane Danielson, Goddard High School

Vice-President – Amy Brown, Wichita Northwest High School

Executive Director – Larry Brownlee, Sterling High School

High School Band Chairs – Shawn Knopp, Tabor College

High School Band Assistant Chair – Scott Taylor, Goessel High School

High School Choir Chair – Jarl Moreland, Hutchinson High School

High School Choir Assistant Chair – Nicholas Griggs, McPherson High School

High School Orchestra – Henry Littich, Smoky Valley High School

High School Orchestra Assistant Chair - Roberta Banks, Winfield High School

High School Jazz Chair - Kim Pfeiffer, Goddard High School

Middle School Choir Chair – TBD

Middle School Band Co-Chairs – Allen Hisken, Wichita Mead Middle School and Jayme Hayes, Central of Burden MS

Elementary Choir Chair – Marcia Bricker, Wichita Cessna Elementary School

Facilities – Joe Emery, Andover Central High School

Advocacy – Jordan Northerns, Circle High School

Mentoring – Deborah Harris, retired, Wichita Public Schools, & Teri Harpool, Wichita Public School

Webmaster – Troy Johnson

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 4 High School Jazz Auditions @ Goddard High School

Oct. 7 Elementary Choir performance @ Wichita Southeast High School

Nov. 4 Middle School Honor Band and Choir performances @ Andover Central High School

Nov. 4 High School Jazz Ensembles performances @ Andover Central High School

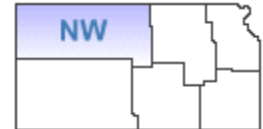
Nov. 4 High School Band, Choir, and Orchestra auditions @ Andover Central HS

Dec. 2 High School Band, Orchestra and Choir performances @ Wichita East HS

We would like to thank all of the SCKMEA board and chairs for their work during the 2016-2017 school year. A special thanks goes to Amy Brown for her two years of service as SCKMEA President. We would also like to thank Shawn Knopp for building a policies and procedures manual for reference and guidance as we move forward into next school year. Have a great and healthy summer!

Northwest District President**Kayla Tiemeyer**

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Greetings from the **Northwest District!** School is close to being out for most of us and we are awaiting the days of the much needed rest and relaxation and time with family! Also a time of preparation for the next school year! Since the In-Service Workshop in February, it has been quiet in the Northwest district as most of us were running from contest to contest with our students. It has been a great 2016-2017 and we are looking forward to another great year in 2017-2018

Since the ISW no business has been conducted. We are however up to date on the Bylaws that were passed in 2015. We will be using Festival Scores for all auditions except for the Elementary Choir, Junior High Choir and High School Choir. Our June 14 meeting will be held in Atwood at the Parkhill Restaurant beginning at 3:00 PM. We will introduce the current board and the assistant chairs. Clinicians have been selected for our November and December Mini Conventions. We will also discuss and select our “Teachers of the Year” for 2017 and scholarship winners.

Northwest KMEA Board

NW District President: Kayla Tiemeyer, Rawlins County, Atwood

Past President: Stacey Williams (Leaving the District)

President Elect: Don Mordecai, Norton Junior/Senior High School

NW District HS Choir Chair: Janet Seehafer, Sylvan Grove

NW District HS Band Chair: Kristi Renneberg, Kensington

NW District HS Jazz Chair: Matt Rome, Hays High

NW District JH Choir Chair: Barb Elbracht-Rock Hills

NW District JH Band Chair: Kevin Pham-Plainville

NW District Elem Choir Chair: Krista Latta, Plainville

HS Orchestra: Joan Crull, Hays

Mentoring/Advocacy Chair: Bill Schick, Phillipsburg

We have an awesome roster of clinicians lined up for our Honor Groups here in the Northwest District! Thank you to the Chairs for getting this all lined up!

HS Orchestra: Raul Munguai, Pittsburg State University

HS Band : Tim Farrell, University of Nebraska, Kearney

HS Choir: Terry Crull., Fort Hays

HS Jazz Band: Jim Pisano, Fort Hays

JH Choir: Randy Berls, Colby Comm. College

JH Band: Kyle Hopkins, McPherson College

Elem. Choir: Holly Taylor, Wichita

2017-2018 IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER:

- Sept 23 Junior High Band Uploads due
Sept. 28 High School Jazz Band Uploads due
Oct. 5 Junior High Choir Registration due
- Oct. 8 HS Choir Registration due - No late registrations are accepted!
Oct 25 High School Band Uploads due
Oct 26 Elementary Choir Registration due
Nov. 2 HS Orchestra Uploads due
- Nov. 4 Mini Convention I - Hays High School
JH Choir, HS Jazz Band, & JH Band
HS Choir auditions
- Dec. 2 Mini Convention II - Fort Hays State University
HS Band, HS Choir, HS Orchestra, Elem. Choir

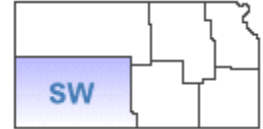
Special Thanks to Darren Jenkins for arranging “Over the Rainbow” for our Bands and Choirs. It has been a tradition to perform this at our Mini Conventions in December and with his help that will continue!

Best Wishes to Stacey Williams in her new job in Hutchinson! She will be missed by our district! Thank you again for your service to our organization and especially to the many lives you touched in Northwest Kansas through your music!

Southwest District President

Brandon Wade

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Greetings from Southwest Kansas! This last year was a big year for the Southwest District. We had our very first MS Honor Orchestra concert! It was a very powerful moment to sit and realize the impact this opportunity would have on those students! We also had our MS Honor Choir perform on the same day as our Elementary Honor Choir. It was a wonderful day and I enjoyed how our directors rallied to make the day a huge success!

The Southwest District unfortunately will be saying goodbye to a three of our Chairs as they have had to resign. Summer Miller our HS Orchestra Chair will be working with the All-State Orchestra, we are excited for her as she gets to take part of this honor. Alexandra Rome our MS Honor Chair will be leaving the Southwest District as she takes a job in the Northwest. The Northwest District will be getting a wonderful educator and leader! Finally, Peter Weinert the HS Jazz Chair has resigned due to taking a job in the South Central District. Our loss is their huge gain. We have had three wonderful directors resign but I am pleased by the willingness of our directors to fill the vacancies mid-term. Our new MS Honor Choir Chair is Kim Stewart of Greensburg/Haviland, our HS Orchestra Chair will be filled by Isaac Enoch from Great Bend, and our jazz chair will be Jacob Miller.

We are awaiting to announce our summer board meeting once we have our full board elected. We will be discussing the normal year-to-year business of the District as well as fine tuning our audition process of Festival Scores (<http://festivalscores.com>). This was the first year of implementing this amazing program, the directors absolutely loved it and I highly recommend it to all other districts! I would like to introduce our SW District officers for 2017-18.

President
Brandon Wade
Pratt

President-Elect
Jodi Reese
Scott City

Past-President
Lynn Unruh
Cimarron

Executive Secretary
Kelly Knedler
Dodge City

HS Orchestra Chair
Isaac Enochs
Great Bend

HS Jazz Chair
Jacob Miller

HS Band Chair
Makenzie Johnson
Garden City

HS Choir Chair
Sean Boller
Holcomb

MS Band Chair
Katie Sperry
Larned

MS Choir Chair
Kim Stewart
Greensburg

Elementary Choir
Rachel Trombley
Dodge City

MS Orchestra
Whitney Maxwell
Dodge City

Mentoring Chair
Jodi Reese
Scott City

Facilities Coordinator
Jason Richins
Dodge City

Advocacy Chair
Erika Clausing
Southwestern Heights

I would also like to thank Jason Richins and Kelly Knedler for their work in hosting all of our District events. It never ceases to amaze me how well run these events are. These two directors and their assistants should be praised for their wonderful work.

The Southwest District of KMEA announces the following dates for events during the 2017-2018 school year:

Saturday, November 4, 2017: Middle School Honor Orchestra & Honor Band, High School Honor Jazz Band, HS band and choir district auditions (held at Dodge City Middle School)

Saturday, December 2, 2017: High School Honor Band, Choir (held at Dodge City High School). HS Orchestra will be held at Hays.

Saturday, January 20, 2017: Middle School Honor Choir and Elementary Honor Choir (held at Dodge City Middle School)

NAfME Collegiate President
Fern Stevermer
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Since the February 2017 Board Meeting, I have:

1. Worked with Mike Quilling, KMEA Government Relations Advisor, to plan and invite collegiate chapters to participate in Music Day at the Capitol
2. Attended Music Day at the Capitol and visited with legislators and KSDE representatives
3. Attended Gretchen Bixler's KMEA Strategic Planning Meeting
4. Updated the Advisor and Presidential Database
5. Created a Google Drive Folder with information to be passed down to future Collegiate Presidents
6. Worked with Dr. Taylor and Panya Amphone to move the June Collegiate Board Meeting to Thursday afternoon
7. Contacted chapters to invite collegiate students to the Leadership Camp and the June Board Meeting

Upcoming events will be decided by the incoming Collegiate President, Panya Amphone.

All-State Ensembles Manager
Randy Fillmore
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2017-2018 Instrumental Audition Music excerpts were reviewed and posted by May 2, 2017.

The 2017-2018 All-State Live Instrumental Auditions will be held at Lakewood Middle School, 1135 E. Lakewood Circle, Salina, KS, 67401.

District Choir Auditions will be held in each District in October.

Strings, Winds and Percussion Audition Deadline Dates

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| Friday, December 15, 2017 | 11:59:59 pm CST | \$10 |
| Sunday, December 31, 2017 | 11:59:59 pm CST | \$30 |
| Friday, January 5, 2018 | 11:59:59 pm CST | \$50 |
| Saturday, January 6, 2018 | 10:00 am CST | \$100 |

Strings, Winds and Percussion Live Audition Dates:

- Saturday, January 6, 2018
- Saturday, January 13, 2018 weather date

All-State concert rotation for ISW

- 2017-2018: Choir, Jazz Band, Orchestra, 56A Band, 1234A Band
- 2018-2019: Choir, Jazz Band, 1234A Band, 56A Band, Orchestra
- 2019-2020: Choir, Jazz Band, Orchestra, 1234A Band, 56A Band

Kansas Music Review Editor

Steve Oare

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The *KMR* is settling in to its new format. In September, we introduced a complete revision of the *KMR*. We are now a fully online journal that can be updated at any time that can accommodate smartphones and tablets.

Since the initiation of the new format, we have published 65 posts. This is a rate of over four posts per month.

As I reflect on the past year, I have arrived at the following goals:

- So far, only three of the sponsors have taken advantage of the opportunity to post sponsored articles. We will contact them to remind them of the multiple opportunities to have to get their name out to our readers.
- Our entries from our board members and affiliates have been inconsistent. I had a plan for publishing but didn't follow through. We will re-establish this plan and work toward sending out reminders on a regular basis.
- The idea of focus issues worked well when we were in an issue-based format. I have yet to figure out how this would work in our current format. I would like input from the board in this regard. Do you see a need for focus areas and is there a way in which you want this communicated?
- I found a great resource in soliciting articles from presenters at the national NAFME conference. I will continue to do so this year. These presenters are often young professors in need of publication and are willing to include video.

Readership: Troy maintains monthly analytics of visitors to the *KMR* site. We see a spike in readership after each monthly email blast. We have settled on sending out the e-blast on the 1st of each month. My plan is to start including other state journal editors and directors in future email blasts.

We still desire to publish articles from KMEA members. I presented a lightly attended clinic on publishing material through the *KMR* with the hope of growing a new set of home-grown authors. I also requested that all board members contact me regarding especially good ISW presentations and got no input. However, I did get input from my own students and solicited two articles as a result.

I presented our journal plan at the editors meeting at the NEB meeting in Washington DC last June and will follow up with them next month. We received a great deal of interest from participants at the time.

Advertising Manager**Robert Lee**

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As of May 18, 2017:

Total advertising income (since the change to sponsorships last Fall) \$7,800

Paid to date \$7,000

With the restructuring of the advertising to sponsorships we have 23 sponsors. Those 23 sponsors will provide \$7,800 of financial support of the *Review* for the 2016-2017 academic year. To date we have 2 sponsors that are unpaid for \$800.00.

There have been 3 sponsors that have used the monthly rate.

Those 23 sponsors have had 35 ad images displayed in the *Review*. There have been only 7 of the 23 that have had more than one image posted. I would like to see that increased. As sponsors become more aware of the value of being current with their information in the ad images, this may increase.

With those sponsorships comes the opportunity to put Articles on the Sponsored Article page. Several have taken advantage of that opportunity. With ongoing contact we hope that those will increase.

I hope we will get more sponsors to participate in the opportunities that come with the sponsorship.

Web & Technology Manager

Troy Johnson

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The following work has been completed since ISW, or is in progress for this summer in preparation for 2017-18:

- Completed follow-up work on ISW registration data & transactions
- Launched the Clinic Proposal module
- Managed the Performance Group application process, providing the full data to the executive council
- Assisted with content and sponsor data in the *Kansas Music Review*
- Planned deadline dates with District Presidents. All six district calendars have been posted.
- Updated the state calendar
- Posted the All-State audition excerpts
- Roll-over the All-State Manager system
- Prepare for ML Choir and Elem. Choir auditions
- Prepare District registration forms

On-Site Registration

The movement of the registration kiosk table into Expo Hall was mostly successful. The location was directly below a C-II wireless access point, which we used for most of our network connections. I had brought a network router to provide wireless service for our area, but had not had a chance to test it with the full complement of laptops due to lack of space at home. C-II's network manager, John Hale, was very attentive to our setup and we were very well taken care of. We did not experience any connectivity issues. Network speed was excellent throughout ISW.

Membership Data

I recently participated in a conference call with NAFME and their new CRM vendor Altai Systems. There will be changes in how we access our membership data for migration to the KMEA web server. For now, Altai is working to learn how each state operates before coming up with new processes. There is not yet a definite timeline for changes.

ISW Exhibits Manager**Dana Hamant**

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The 2017 In-Service Workshop attracted 100 exhibitors. Of that total about 10 were new exhibitors. I do think the exhibitors were pleased with the experience in the Expo Hall from a standpoint of both attendee traffic and the location to the rest of the workshop in general.

I think we will see some more creativity in the individual booth set-up next year. Since their space is a “blank canvas” I am anxious to see what exhibitors will do to make their spaces stand out.

I am making the following recommendations for next year:

1. Re-design the Expo Hall set-up including the registration, exhibits and concession area.
2. Continue the process of assigning booths by paid date.
3. Drop the lowest price tier (Select) and continue with two tier (Premier & Prime) pricing. Only 7 of the Select spaces were purchased.

Festivals**Dana Hamant**

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The revised adjudication forms that were completed in May of 2016 were put into use this spring. I doubt teachers even noticed the changes that were made with the exception of the percussion sheets. As someone who did use those sheets, they were an improvement over the first version.

Unfortunately, our spring meeting has been delayed until July or the fall. The two topics at the top of our list involves string programs. The first issue is seeing if it is possible to raise the number of string entries for solo and ensemble festivals. The other is looking into the possibility of adjusting some dates in the future to allow more current string teachers the possibility of judging. The committee will have some survey information to look through at the next meeting to help in our discussion.

Kansas-American String Teachers Association
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KASTA is pleased to announce the launch of our refreshed website (<http://kasta.org>). In addition to providing current and correct information, the new website is providing a much improved “front porch” to our organization. Thank you to Troy Johnson for all of the expertise and help in developing and launching our new site!

Matt Means (Hays) did a fantastic job organizing the KASTA Solo Competition for 2017. Winners in each division were as follows:

Junior Division (Grades 7-12)

1st Place (\$300) – Ms. Leah Rosales - Symphonie Espagnole, Mvt. 1 – Lalo
2nd Place (\$75) – Ms. Carly Yi – Concertino, Op. 5 – O. Rieding

Senior Division (College+)

1st Place (\$500) – KWU Honors String Quartet – String Quartet in F Major, Op. 96, “American”, Mvt. 1 – Dvorak (Caroline Beckman, Alicia Mora, Taylor McClain, Thomas Forester)
2nd Place (\$75) – Ryan Masotto – Sonata for Viola and Piano – Clarke
3rd Place (\$50) – Christina Minton - Violin Concerto Mvt. 1 – Kabalevsky

In an effort to increase participation, KASTA would like to sponsor this event each year at the KMEA ISW, but we will need assistance from KMEA to make this happen.

Henry Littich (President) presented the following Awards at the KASTA Luncheon at the KMEA ISW in February:

KASTA Distinguished Service Award - Amos Hargrave
KASTA Certificate of Merit – Dr. Cora Cooper
KASTA Hall of Fame Award – Steve Phalp

Laura Hutchins (President-Elect) has done an outstanding job organizing what we hope to be the first of many annual Summer Workshops. The event will be held on the WSU Campus on June 23, and 24 and will feature Dr. Robert Gillespie from Ohio State University. In addition to clinics from Dr. Gillespie, the event will also feature two music-reading sessions. Graduate credit will be available through WSU. Many thanks to Wichita State University, Dr. Mark Laycock, and Senseney Music for their partnership with KASTA to make this event happen.

Ken Hakoda is once again organizing the Kansas Intercollegiate Orchestra for the 2018 KMEA ISW. Our clinician this year will be Dr. David Littrell from Kansas State University.

KASTA continues to update our Bylaws. Revisions have been approved by the Executive Board and now will go to membership for approval.

Kansas Bandmasters Association**Brett Martinez**

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The Kansas Bandmasters Association had a successful spring. We are currently accepting entries for our third annual KBA Marching Band Championship. This event is once again organized by Marching Band Championship Chair Dennis Kerr and hosted by Washburn University (Dr. Michael Mapp, Director of Bands). The 2017 KBA Marching Band Championship will be held on October 28, 2017.

The Kansas Intercollegiate Band occurred during the 2017 KMEA. The KIB Concert was on Friday, February 24 at 2:45 PM in the Century II Concert Hall. The Intercollegiate Band Chair is Dr. Luke Johnson, Director of Bands and Music Education at MidAmerica Nazarene University. He did a truly outstanding job of organizing logistics for this event. The clinician for this ensemble was Dr. Danh Pham from Washington State University. The Ensemble was comprised of 90 college band students from across Kansas. I believe the students had a positive and rewarding experience. While the rehearsal venue is not ideal, the students and the clinician made the best of the situation and prepared an excellent concert. We would be interested in discussing other rehearsal venues if a site becomes available. Thanks to KMEA for allowing this event to be part of the convention.

Our summer convention is nearly upon us. The Middle Level Honor Band will take place on Friday, July 21, 2017. The Middle Level Honor Band Chair is Travis Johnson. Our clinician for this year is composer Ralph Ford. Other highlights will include Duane Huff presenting leadership strategies as well as reading sessions, concerts and clinics covering topics including instrument technique, jazz technique, and many others. The 43rd Annual Kansas Bandmasters Association summer convention will take place Wednesday through Saturday, July 19 - 22 at the Wichita Marriott Hotel, in Wichita, Kansas.

Kansas Choral Directors Association
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Sing to Inspire, the 2017 KCDA Summer Convention, will be held July 6-8, 2016 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center. Current event details include presenters: Dr. Jo Michael Scheibe (USC) and Tesfa Wondemagegnehu (American Public Media/VocalEssence). The KCDA All-State Women's Choir will be conducted by Dr. Pam Elrod Huffman (Southern Methodist University). The KCDA All-State Men's Choir will be conducted by Dr. Jonathan Palant (Rogers College/Credo Choir/Dallas Street Choir).

The KCDA Board last met on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection. We discussed events related to the upcoming KMEA ISW, Honor Choirs as well as this summer's convention. In its last meeting, the KCDA Board decided to explore the feasibility of contracting someone to manage our website and the possibilities of hiring an executive director.

KCDA's Summer Convention will mark the end of the term of current President Dustin Cates and the beginning of the 2-year term of President-Elect, Dr. Mark Bartel. The KCDA membership will vote on a new President-Elect to be announced at the conclusion of the convention.

Kodály Music Educators of Kansas
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KMEK Recent Activities

- April 15, 2017 - Senseney Music hosted KMEK's Spring Workshop "*The Kodály Context for Young Singing Voices*" presented by Marilyn Killian, founding director of the Wichita Community Children's Choir

Wichita State University – Kodály Teacher Certification Levels

- This summer there will be a two-week Kodály training courses for teachers at WSU (June 4-16)
- Teachers from many backgrounds and teaching levels benefit from learning techniques that help students develop musicianship through moving, singing, reading, and creating.
- Adult Choir Concert/Levels Awards Ceremony: June 16 at 3:30 Wiedemann Hall, WSU
- Treble Choir conducted by Elaine Quillichini from Calgary (2016 KMEA All-State Elementary Choir director) –Singers ages 10-16 can attend the camp June 4-9 camp. In this one week camp, singers have the opportunity to improve vocal skills, learn quality choral music and perform in a final concert on the last day. For info, search for "WSU Kodály Treble Choir Camp"
 - Treble Choir Concert: June 9 at 5:00, Wiedemann Hall, WSU

Workshops and membership

- Full-time students can become FREE members of our national organization OAKE and also attend our workshops at no cost.
- First year teachers can receive 50% off KMEK workshops with a letter from an administrator
- KMEK has sponsored a portion of the expense to bring Patricia Bourne to KMEA this year and we are thrilled to help welcome Lillie Feierabend next year.

Upcoming Events:

- June certification program and treble choir camp at Wichita State University (June 4-16)
- Many of our KMEK members will be out in SW Kansas this June to present at and attend the Summer Music Workshop, organized by KMEK member, Katie Corwin and hosted by Dodge City Public Schools. Workshops will include the following topics: Bucket Drumming, Recorders, Choir and Rehearsal Techniques, Folk Dancing, Singing Games, Advocacy, and a Make It Take It session to create visuals and manipulatives for teaching music.
- For our Fall Workshop we are partnering with SCKMEA to bring Dr. Valerio
- October 2017- MKMEA conference will be in Kansas City
- 2018 National OAKE conference will be close by in Oklahoma City

All our Kansas Kodály happenings are at <http://knek.org>

We appreciate our affiliation with KMEA to strengthen music education in Kansas.

Kansas Orff Chapter
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The Kansas Orff Chapter is a professional organization of 70+ Kansas music educators. KOC is a local chapter of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association. Orff-Schulwerk is a creative approach to teaching and learning music through speaking, singing, playing instruments, and moving. Created by composers Carl Orff and Gunild Keetman, the Schulwerk is an exciting way to teach and learn music.

Members in the organization receive discounted workshop registrations to the events. KOC workshops are open to anyone interested in learning about the Orff-Schulwerk model. KOC is proud to offer three workshops each year to allow teachers to expand and practice their knowledge. Workshops for 2017 include a six-hour session which was held in January with Corbin Trimble at Manhattan. There will be an Orff 'n' Running two-day workshop in Kansas City in July with Andrea and Joe Coleman

The third workshop this year will be another six-hour in-service in September at Lawrence with Rob Amchin.

The workshops are only part of the complete Orff-Schulwerk.

Formal training in the method is offered each summer throughout the country with three levels of training plus a master class. In June, Baker University will offer Level I with Connie Van Engen on pedagogy, Greg Gooden on recorder, and Jennifer Donovan on movement. For the first time, an Orff Master Class will be offered at Baker University for one week in June with Chris Judah-Lauder.

Below are the dates for our 2017 workshops and course work.

Jan. 27 – Corbin Trimble

Jul. 28-29 – Joey and Andrea Coleman

Sep. 23 – Rob Amchin

Level I: Jun. 19-30 – Connie Van Engen, Greg Gooden, and Jennifer Donavon

Master Class: Jun. 26-30 – Chris Judah-Lauder

Check out our website: <http://kansasorff.org>