

SWKMEA Business Meeting – December 3, 2016 – 1 PM

SWKMEA President Brandon Wade, Pratt opened the meeting with introductions of all attending.

- There were: 48 in attendance representing all three disciplines: Band – Orchestra – Choir
- Gretchen Bixler (KMEA President-Elect) and Holly Taylor (KMEA Mentor Co-Chair) were in attendance!

SEAN BOLLER (HS Choir)

- Gave a recap of the morning Choral Meeting. Please read those notes for more detail of discussed items.
- 183 singers up from last year.
- Tracy Resseguie from Staley HS in Missouri is the choir clinician.

MAKENZIE JOHNSON (HS Band)

- Gave a recap of the morning Inst Meeting. Please read those notes for more detail of discussed items.
- 110 Auditions and 82 accepted
- Dr. Steve Oare from Wichita State University is the clinician for Band.

SUMMER MILLER (HS Orchestra)

- Gave a recap of the morning Inst Meeting. Please read those notes for more detail of discussed items.
- 60 audition
- 44 on stage today
- Dr. Jesse Henkensiefken from Kansas Wesleyan University is the orchestra Clinician.

BRANDON WADE (SWKMEA President)

- Festival Scores has been a success!
 - Troy Johnson, Webmaster
- Push our Mentoring Program!
 - JODI REESE (SWKMEA Mentor Chair)
 - We really need to get a hold of new teachers and we need to know who they are!
 - We want to connect them to a Mentor in the district.
 - Please let Jodi know who is new in your district!
 - Give us ideas! What have you tried that works to connect to people???
- Revising By-Laws currently.
 - Look for them on the SWKMEA Website www.swkmea.org
- Added a MS Orchestra this year!
 - WHITNEY MAXWELL (MS Orchestra Chair) gave the idea and it was adopted this year.
 - We are the second district in Kansas (NE first) to implement this!

OPEN FORUM

- Middle School Band Teachers - Please go back and check if you need to send the “AUDITION FEES” for Festival Scores entries. You only need to submit a fee for complete auditions! \$1.00 per student.

GRETCHEN BIXLER (KMEA President-Elect from Goddard-Eisenhower HS)

- Gretchen brought some ideas from KMEA President Martha Gabel.

President's Talking Points – 2016-2017

Greetings from Executive Council

- Executive Council always splits up to attend District Mini-Conventions in December: Martha – NC; Avian – NE; John – NW and SE; Gretchen – SW; Mike Quilling – SC
- We also attend KMEA District Elementary Choir Festivals if they are held on a separate day: Martha – SC, SE, and NC; Gretchen – SW

PLEASE: Make sure to read the KMR (Kansas Music Review) magazine online at <http://KansasMusicReview.com>. It is one of the top digital resources from Kansas and through the United States!

At the National/Regional Level

1. Tricia Kidd at ISW:

- NafME SW Division President from Thornton, Colorado where she teaches elementary general music
- Tricia will speak at the opening session and present a clinic on dance and movement in the elementary room
- Tricia will also speak at the NafME Collegiate, New Teacher, and Retired Teacher banquets later in the conference.
- Tricia has great ties to Kansas, so please be sure to welcome her back!!

2. ESSA – Every Student Succeeds Act (Elementary and Secondary Education Act - replaced No Child Left Behind)

- Approved by Congress and signed by President Obama in December of 2015.
- New terminology – “Well Rounded Education” – vs “Core Academic Area” (as listed in NCLB)
- Music is listed as a stand along subject as a part of a *Well Rounded Education*
- Terminology that supports the need for consistent instruction in music – strongly discouraging pulling students out of music class for additional work in other content areas
- Additional funding opportunities – Title I (support for disadvantaged students), Title II (professional development), Title IV Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants – provide all students with access to a well-rounded education
- Ronny Lau, from NafME will be presenting a session on ESSA along with several other Advocacy clinic sessions at the ISW in February.

2. 2016 NafME National In-Service Conference

- Grapevine, TX from November 10-13.
- Very proud of our 25 students from Kansas who performed in the All-National Honor Ensembles during this conference.
- Make sure to encourage your 10th and 11th grade students who make one of our All-State Ensembles this year to submit an audition application and recording in the spring.
- Next year will be at Disney World!
- Please encourage your students, because you will not understand the incredible impact this has, because the caliber is so high!

3. NafME SW Division President-Elect Candidates (SW Division = Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas)

- Mackie Spradley – Texas
- Mike Quilling – Kansas
- Bios on the NAFME website along with information on voting

4. U.S Army All-American Marching Band

- Congratulations to our 2 Kansas students who were selected to perform with this group on January 7 at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio, TX
- Ben Heueisen, Olathe North High School
- Andrew Wray, Olathe East High School
- Students chosen are treated like royalty! They perform in the towns that they are in and instruments are even donated in some cases!!!

At the State Level

1. ISW Highlights

- Our schedule is shaping up - featuring 43 performing groups, over 100 clinic sessions, and of course our All-State Ensembles.
- KMEA All-State Elementary Choir – first performance last year, now (thanks to a vote by the KMEA board this past summer) a permanent part of the KMEA All-State Ensembles!!!
 - i. Almost 800 Auditions
- Kansas State Music Standards – standards training and curriculum development training continues – clinic sessions by Martha Gabel, Dee Hansen, and Julie Linville.
- Street Corner Symphony – President’s Concert. Will also be giving a clinic for teachers as well as spending some time with the All-State Choir and our Tri-M members
- New home for Exhibits - Expo Hall!!!
- **NEW TEACHERS & NEW TEACHERS TO KANSAS:** Once again this year, our new music educators will receive a green ribbon to wear during this ISW. If you see any of our newest music educators, please take a few moments and welcome them to our organization. Also, be sure to let your first year teachers know about our First Year Teacher Luncheon on Saturday, February 25 at 11:30 AM. Registration is open now through Feb. 11, 2017.
- **ADMINISTRATOR MEETING** Back by popular demand...we will be offering 3 clinic sessions specifically for building and district administrators on Thursday afternoon of the ISW. Information on these session topics and registration will be available on the KMEA website. Help us pass the word along and remember – administrators register at NO COST!
- Please note that we are moving the Opening Session (1:00 – Thursday, Feb. 23) and the General Session & Awards (10:00 AM – Saturday, Feb 25) from Mary Jane Teale Theater to the Hyatt Ballrooms D-E. This new venue will give us easier access to technology and a little more flexibility for our speakers and presenters. Signs will be posted to help everyone remember this new location.

2. ISW Registration and Schedule

- a. Pre-registration is now open on the KMEA website for the 2017 ISW and will continue to be open through February 11.
- b. Online, on-site registration will be available at the ISW in February. Please note that Registration will be located in Expo Hall this year instead of the Connecting Lobby.
- c. The ISW schedule will be available online in mid to late January. This can be viewed from your desktop computer, notebook, tablet, or mobile device.
- d. College credit will be available for attending the ISW once again this year. Information on registering will be available on-line in February.

- e. Ticket for the All-State concerts are available during the registration process (1 ticket per concert at no additional cost for registered attendees) and can either be held for pick-up or mailed. Tickets are \$7 each.

3. KMEA President-Elect Candidates

- a. Gae Phillips – Band Director in the Columbus school district, former SE District President
- b. Lynn Unruh – 4-12 Vocal Music Director in the Cimarron school district, former SW District President
- c. Bios and additional information can be found on KMEA website
- d. Online voting is open now and ends at 9:00 AM on the Saturday of the ISW.

4. KMEA Bylaws Revision

- a. Membership is voting on a proposed Bylaws revision. The majority of the changes involve general updates as well as updated information related to adding an additional KMEA district (NE District Split)
- b. Difference between Practices (the general way we do business, but open for changes as needed), Policies (voted on by the KMEA Board and not open to change without an additional vote by the Board, Bylaws (voted on by membership, overall organizational structure)

5. Instrumental Live Auditions

- Scheduled for Saturday, January 7, weather contingency date – January 14
- Please note the new location: Salina-Lakewood Middle School. Call Katie Sperry, Larned for directions to Salina-Lakewood Middle School.

6. KMEA All-State Choir

- a. A committee was formed to identify options for adding additional opportunities for choral students to participate in All-State groups. A representative from each KMEA District along with a KCDA representative make up this committee.
- b. A survey has been developed to get additional information and feedback from choral teachers. A link to access the survey was recently emailed out to choral teachers. Please note that the survey will close at midnight on December 11.
- c. (please see All-State Choir Survey Information)

7. New KMR Launched

- a. Moved to web-based model in 2011
- b. New, dynamic model is on-going news and articles updated about every 2 weeks.
- c. Email notification when new articles available
- d. Very forward thinking – Kansas is the only MEA to offer their state journal in this manner!!
- e. Congratulations to our KMR team: Steve Oare, Editor; Bob Lee, Advertising Manager; Troy Johnson, Web & Technology Manager

8. 2017 Kansas Teacher of the Year

- a. Congratulation to Jason Sickel, for being named as the 2017 Kansas Teacher of the Year. Jason is the choral director at Blue Valley North High School.
- b. We very proud to have Jason not only represent the teachers of Kansas, but the MUSIC TEACHERS of Kansas as well!!

At the Local Level

Advocating at Home

- c. Be your own advocate in your town – let your groups be seen and heard in the community and MAKE your groups and your program an ESSENTIAL part of the community.

- d. Empower your students to be advocates for music education. Encourage them to tell their stories about how music impacts their lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the music educators of Kansas!! ~ Martha