



Creetings colleagues in Region I and around the state! On behalf of the entire NJSMA Executive Board, I hope the beginning of the 2024 school year is going well and look forward to the amazing work you and your students will create this year. It is with great optimism and enthusiasm that I begin my 2nd year as President. Together, we will continue to uphold the high standards of excellence that define our association and your school music programs of Northern New Jersey.

I would like to thank Lew Kelly (Band Division) Paulina Edel (Orchestra Division) and Justin Louie (Orchestra Division) for their service to our organization. Good luck as you pursue new adventures and thank you for your leadership and guidance these past years. I would like to welcome our new executive board members for 2024-2025: Amy Wilcox (Band Division) from Northern Valley Regional HS at Old Tappan, and Jason DePope (Orchestra Division) from Copeland Middle School in Rockaway Township. On behalf of the executive board, we welcome you and look forward to working together to create a strong partnership.

I am looking forward to another successful year and collaborating with all the exceptional music educators in Northern New Jersey. Your dedication and passion are truly inspiring, and I am excited about the possibilities ahead. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

All the best,

Anthony Lanzerotti, Jr. President, North Jersey School Music Association



**WELCOME OUR NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Amy Wilcox - Band Division**  
Northern Valley HS AT Old Tappan

**Jason DePope - Orchestra Division**  
Copeland Middle School

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**  
**ORCHESTRA DIVISON CO-CHAIR ([ORCHESTRA@NJSMA.ORG](mailto:ORCHESTRA@NJSMA.ORG))**

The NJSMA Elementary Music Division offers exceptional workshops and events for NJMEA elementary general/choral music educators. We are proud to offer fantastic 2024-2025 events, which include:

- Annual Fall workshop on Monday, October 14, 2024 - Guest Clinician, Missy Strong
- "It's Elementary, My Dear" Saturday morning workshop, featuring multiple topics and clinicians, on March 29, 2025.
- NJSMA Choral Celebration for elementary choirs on May 28, 2025 Guest Clinicians: Dr. John Wilson and Prof. Tom Shelton

For additional information, including registration links and details, please visit the NJSMA Elementary Music Division webpage: <https://njsma.org/elementaryhome/>.

We are excited to introduce a Modern Band festival event to align with the NJMEA emerging ensemble. More information will be available on our website. Any questions, please reach out to Jordan Peters, Diversity/Inclusion Chair - [diversity@NJSMA.org](mailto:diversity@NJSMA.org)



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**IMPORTANT**

### NJMEA INSURANCE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Due to changes in insurance requirements at some of the venues that NJMEA utilizes throughout the year, we had to acquire a new General Liability Policy that includes Sexual Abuse and Molestation coverage. The Policy includes requirements for all our members that have student contact on behalf of NJMEA, our Regions, and our Affiliated organizations when sponsoring an NJMEA activity. These requirements include Criminal Background Checks, Sexual Abuse Registry Checks, and Abuse Training. These will need to be completed before any volunteer can participate in Region or All-State activities.

NJMEA has set up three Zoom meeting opportunities for our members to hear the procedure and ask questions. Sessions are scheduled for:

Sunday, September 15, 2024 – 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Monday, September 16, 2024 – 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 – 7:00pm – 8:00pm

NJMEA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: NJMEA Insurance Compliance

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://njmea.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cd5388d232b69bcd523c8ee10&id=94d09cd7b5&e=21cf3bafce>

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You can sign on to any of the three meetings and just listen or ask any questions or express any concerns that you may have. This will be the only public forum that we will offer before we start to submit names for the background checks.

