



North Jersey School Music Association

Region I of the New Jersey Music Educators Association

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Greetings to you, music teachers and NAFME/NJMEA/NJSMA members. This mailing has been sent to music teachers in all schools from the seven counties of North Jersey that make up the NJSMA territory. We invite you to participate in our activities with only one prerequisite – that you join our organization. Membership includes the national group, the National Association for Music Education (formerly MENC), the state group, the New Jersey Music Educators Association, and the region group, the North Jersey School Music Association. By virtue of our organization title, we support participation in your school music ensembles. Student involvement is determined by their participation in your ensembles and of course, your sponsorship, but all this is contingent upon your membership.

Included in this mailing, the only U.S. Mail item you will receive, is a newsletter page from each division, color-coded to match our website, **Band Division-Blue, Orchestra Division-Green, Choral Division-Pink, with the Elementary Choral Division on the reverse side.** Please find your color division sheet and read what your division representatives are working on for you! All other communications will be made on the region website and/or by e-mail. Also, if you do not receive *TEMPO EXPRESS* e-mail notices from the NJMEA State Board, then you are not on their e-mail list. The e-mail you supplied when you first became a NAFME/MENC member is the e-mail that is used. To add or change your e-mail, or sign-up, contact NAFME headquarters at 1-800-828-0229. Their website is www.NAFME.org. Now on to the workings of the Region I Board.

The NJSMA Executive Board has been working steadily since it reorganized this past June. Many great opportunities are being planned for teachers and students. Here are some personnel additions to the board:

Michael Saias, from the Windsor School, West Milford, was elected corresponding secretary at our annual General Membership meeting last May, replacing long-time board member and band division co-historian, Paul Oster. Thank you for your service, Paul, to the students and teachers of the Region as well as the entire state. Maybe you have seen Michael assisting at such state functions such as the All-State Chorus, Orchestra and Jazz concerts in Atlantic City and Newark; at the Annual NJMEA Convention in February; or playing tuba in a band. Michael is eager to work with the Region Board and we welcome him.

A search for new division chairs in the Choral Division brought us to Stephanie Quirk from the Bergenfield School District and just now, as of this writing, Austin Vallies from Westwood Regional MS will be coming on board as the other Choral Division Co-Chair. Pat Merlucci is our new Elementary Choral Division Chair. Pat teaches in the Wayne School District. Another member joining the board towards the end last year was Michael Holak from Leonia MS, as Orchestra Davison Co-Chair. Welcome to all of you.

We kick off our honors ensembles with HS auditions Saturday, January 5, 2013, which will return to Paramus HS, hosted by directors Mark Donellan (Band), Judy Wilkes (Orchestra) and Stevie Rawlings (Chorus).

The Junior HS auditions will run Saturday, February 2, 2013 at a site to be announced. If you are able to host this event, please contact me immediately!

Please be sure to visit our website often for updates, further information on all of our activities and contact information for the organization officers.

Have a GREAT year! --MK