



Alabama Music Educators Association

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AMEA Presidents Report January 20, 2010

The Alabama Music Educators Association continues to work on plans to move to Montgomery for the Annual In-Service Conference on January 20-22, 2011 at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Dr. Tim Lautzenhauser will be our keynote speaker and will work with our FAME and CMENC students.

We continue with our traditional awards in Tuscaloosa during 2010 including the Outstanding Music Educator Award (Michael Nix), the Outstanding Administrator Award (Dr. Reed) and the Barbara Odom Outstanding Service Award (Tony Pike), and Young Composers Award (TBA). Also we induct our third class to the AMEA Hall of Fame (Joe Riemer).

I offer my thanks to Mary Jo Lakin who has served as the interim treasurer for the last eight months.

I encourage as many as possible to attend the MENC Music Education Week in Washington DC in June. It is critical that we make our voice known to our congressmen and senators regarding Music Education and several issues regarding the ESEA Act (Elementary Secondary Education Act) that is being written to replace NCLB. We want to make sure that Music Education remains a part of that important bill. Registration will be available soon on the MENC Website.

Several members of our board are planning to attend the MENC National Convention in Anaheim, California.

Notable items:

1. **The 2011 AMEA Conference** is planned for January 20-22 at the Montgomery "Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center"
2. **Leadership Training**-We are currently looking for ways to better prepare the incoming leadership of each division so that a smooth transition and continuity of plan will be developed. A training program is in the developmental stages and should add greatly to smoother transitions of office in each division and each district. Better communication is the key and we are looking for opportunities to implement this training at our state conference (leadership breakfast) and our division meetings. We are looking at a joint planning session for all divisions in the summer of 2010 in conjunction with the AMEA Governing Board meeting.

3. **New Conference Honor Ensembles-** Intercollegiate Honor Band and an Intercollegiate Honor Choir are being planned as part of the AMEA In-Service Conference in 2011.
4. **MENC National Officer Elections-** There are two candidates on the ballot for MENC (National) President-Elect 2010-2012. Nancy Ditmer of Wooster, Ohio (North Central Division Past President) and David Weathered of Spokane, Washington (Northwest Division Past President). Voting takes place online or postal mail and runs from January 1 until sometime in March. Make sure you cast your ballot at www.menc.org .
5. **SDMENC (Southern Division) Officer Elections-** There are two candidates on the ballot for SDMENC President-Elect 2010-2012. Christine Fisher of South Carolina and James Perry of Florida. Make sure you cast your ballot when you receive in the mail.
6. **AMEA Officer Elections-** The Nominating Committee lead by Chuck Eady is presenting a slate of candidates for the new terms in 2010-2012. Make sure you encourage everyone in your division to vote for the candidates of their choice.

Respectfully Submitted
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