

## **MSBOA-District 8**

President's Report – Monday, May 5, 2008

What a year! So many changes for us in education, so many changes for our kids. Tri-esters, increased number of credit requirements, mandated testing...it's a challenge to stay focused on music education and helping students. My thanks to everyone who has helped me stay on task, up to date, and in line. It's been a good year.

That aside, here are some points you can be thinking about next year:

- Membership registration next fall, watch the state web site and follow deadlines
- All State Honors Bands and Orchestras...this is a fantastic event and it comes up very quick next fall. Watch for audition material on line, and if you can help volunteer a recorder or a site for the auditions- let us know.
- Watch our district website, read the minutes...stay informed and up to date
- Make plans to attend the January Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids, meet people-listen and learn.
- Help our officers and chairpersons by sharing ideas and concerns before they get out of control. If you have a good idea-Don't keep it a secret! Get involved, volunteer for activities and events!
- Volunteer to help host, be a chairperson, or work festivals for others. We are all busy, and just that little bit of encouragement means a lot. On that same thought, keep track of our neighbors, it's really helpful to feel connected to the "real" world.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone that makes this organization work.

Respectfully submitted

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