

Middle School Solo & Ensemble Festival

Report to the Membership: Winter Meeting, Jan 7, 2008

On November 17, 2007, we had a successful fall festival with 518 registered events. This is down from 575 events a year ago. Many thanks to Stacie Detgen, Kirk Gronda and all the helpful volunteers in Charlotte for the outstanding job they did as hosts. We look ahead now to our spring festival.

Spring S&E Festival: Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Hanover-Horton High School
Entry Deadline: February 20, 2008

1. REGISTRATION and MAILING ADDRESS

- Everyone must register online; see the district handbook for guidelines. Also, take note of additional fees for late entries.
- If your check is a money order or written from a personal account with a name other than your own, please write the school's name on the memo line.
- Send your invoice and check to the address listed below. While certified mail has been recommended for years, a cheaper "certificate of mailing" is proof that you mailed something on time and doesn't require a recipient signature.

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2. ACCOMPANISTS and SCHEDULING ISSUES

- If at all possible, include the accompanist's name on the computer registration.
- If you know that another school uses the same accompanist, please put the accompanist's first and last name (so that both schools enter the name the same way).
- Please, avoid overbooking your accompanists. The executive board has suggested a guideline of no more than 20 events per accompanist.

3. COMMUNICATION

- Information from me regarding work assignments will be posted on the district web site and will also be sent by email via the district8@msboa.org distribution list.
- Directors must obtain their school's schedule by logging in to the MSBOA web site. A paper mailing of the schedule will not be sent out.

4. ORIGINAL SCORES/SOLOS

- Each event must provide an original score or solo for the adjudicator. Please consult the MSBOA Yearbook for the specific wording.
- No photo-copying will be permitted at the festival. *Make this clear to your students so that parents aren't surprised when we tell them we can't copy their child's music in headquarters. It's not easy to photo-copy something in Hanover. Last year people drove to Jackson to photocopy parts.*

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