

## **MSBOA-District 8**

President's Report – Monday, January 7, 2008

Happy New Year! I hope all are well, and your programs are running right along and headed for a successful year. Things have been very busy at the state office (very busy indeed), and I hope everyone takes a moment to surf the state and district web site for information and updates.

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

- All State Honors Bands and Orchestras...information on the state web page regarding rehearsals, membership and performances. Thanks to all who helped make the audition process work! Over 1775 students applied to audition this year.
- 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.
- We have been strongly encouraged to align our district adjudicator fees with the state office to level the playing field across the state.

This fall we had an especially difficult and trying time with the state office and the problems with the computer, server and access to forms and materials. Thanks to everyone who helped create solutions to this challenging time. With any luck, the new server and new company assigned to keep us going is up and running by the time of this meeting.

I would also like to offer my help and that of MSBOA to you and your district. We are all struggling with budgets, scheduling, and the increasing demands on our time. On several occasions this fall, MSBOA has been able to help individual schools and teachers deal with problems they are facing. The trick is to stay up to date, and know what is happening in your community. Good luck, friends.

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

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