

President's Report Winter 2011

We are at the half-way point of our school year. January is supposed to be the “minor lull” month before the festival storm of February/March. Please keep track of the deadlines and events that will creep up on you without warning.

- January 20-22nd – Michigan Music Conference – Grand Rapids
- January 25 – District VIII Jazz Festival – Mason HS
- January 29 – High School Solo and Ensemble Festival – Tecumseh/Haslett
- February 4 – MS Honors Band Audition Deadline
- February 18 – Spring MS Solo and Ensemble Festival. Registration Deadline
- February 25-26th – B & O Festival – Jackson HS, Manchester HS, Grand Ledge HS, East Lansing HS(all day)
- March 18-19th – B & O Festival – Adrian HS, Charlotte HS, Olivet HS
- March 26th – State HS Solo and Ensemble Festival
- March 30/April 16 – State Jazz Ensemble Festival
- April 16th – Spring MS Solo and Ensemble Festival – Jonesville HS
- April 28-30 - State B/O Festival
- May 5-7th -State B/O Festival
- May 9th –District VIII Spring Meeting – Jackson HS 7:00 PM

MMC - Mark Stice and his Okemos High School Symphonic Wind Ensemble will be performing at the 2011 MMC on Friday, January 21 at 4:00 in DeVos Hall. Mark and his students would appreciate it if you could attend and support their accomplishment.

FYI – A proposal was brought to the Executive Board and General Membership at the Fall Meeting at CMU in November. It proposed that there only be one piece for sight reading – the overture for HS/MS bands and the full orchestra piece for HS/MS full orchestras and a string orchestra piece for the HS/MS string orchestras. This proposal passed. Since it is a rule change, the reading at the fall meeting was the 1st Reading. There will be a 2nd reading at the Winter Membership Meeting on Friday, January 21 at the MMC. Please plan to attend and share your thoughts and vote. There will be a 3rd reading at the Spring Membership meeting in June and then it will be a permanent change.

EMAIL - I am no longer able to send messages concerning missing music, scores, etc... via the “dist.8.com” email system sponsored by MSBOA. There was a complaint by a music company who was an associate member and read about the requests for parts a few years ago (with the old email system). They did not appreciate the copyright violations. If you have a music problem, you will need to contact people personally.

VOTE - Be sure to vote for the MSBOA Teacher of the Year candidates. The ballot and biographies are posted on-line at www.msboa.org

INVESTMENTS – MSBOA has moved their money to a Citizen's Bank investment account that will result in the organization making approximately \$40,000 a year in interest compared to the \$4,000 a year they currently making. Citizens Bank is the largest bank in Michigan and is based in Michigan.