



Hi there, new SOSA members. My name is Steve Yungen and I am currently the Treasurer of SOSA. I am writing to welcome you to our great group of Southern Oregon Songwriters and to offer some information about SOSA activities.

The Southern Oregon Songwriters Association is registered with the state of Oregon as an Oregon Non-profit Corporation 501(c)(3). Our mission is to provide opportunities for the creation and performance of original music in southern Oregon. Membership dues are \$25 annually. The monies are used to pay for our PO Box, state registration fees, fees for performance venues and other miscellaneous expenses. SOSA has a board of directors and the current officers are:

John Bartolero - President
Fritjof Douglas - Vice president
Kenny Maloney - Secretary
Steve Yungen - Treasurer

An annual meeting is held around the end of January.

You can pay membership dues online through the SOSA website:
<https://www.southernoregonsongwriters.com/>

SOSA has several regular activities that are open to everyone. These activities are:

2nd Thursday Open Mic at Dos Mariposas Winery, 3976 Bellinger Lane, just outside of Jacksonville. Original songs only. Sign up begins at 4:30, music begins at 5 pm.

3rd Saturday Open Mic at Art Bop Brewing in Talent. Sign-ups begin at 5 pm.

4th Friday Open Mic each month - Presently, the open mic is held at the Pony Espresso Coffee Shop in Jacksonville at 5:30 pm. Original songs only and, generally, two songs per performer.

2nd Friday Virtual Songwriting Open Mic starts at 5:30 pm. This meeting tries to focus on the actual task of songwriting. Participants can share new material and discuss elements of songwriting. To join the meeting, follow this link:

[2nd Friday SOSA ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID: 859 0451 6124

Passcode: 441618.

Other activities:

As the year progresses, SOSA may also find other venues and opportunities to perform and bring original music to the area.

- SOSA has a weekly radio program on local community radio station KSKQ (89.5 FM Ashland, 94.1 FM Medford, plus live stream from the KSKQ.org website) that features original music. Gus Johnson, who passed away on Dec. 18, 2024, produced

and hosted the program. Until a new producer is found, the show will offer replays of previous programs.

- Jam sessions among SOSA members happen spontaneously as the weather and the mood allows.

Videos of performances - I have made an effort to make videos of most of the SOSA performances. For paid members, the videos will post to our **YouTube channel** - <https://www.youtube.com/@southernoregonsongwriters8196>

I do this to provide an archive of SOSA performances and to also provide a tool where the artists can learn from the videos and improve their own performances. If, for some reason, you do not wish to be recorded, you must let me know ahead of time.

SOSA Facebook page: The Southern Oregon Songwriters Association Facebook page is open to the public, although a 'members only' section is available that requires administrator approval for access.

Contacting SOSA: SOSA mailing address is PO Box 1944, Jacksonville, OR 97530. Our email address is - southernoregonsongwriters@gmail.com. If you wish to direct the email to one of the officers, include their name in the subject line.

Your role in SOSA can be as much as you would like it to be. Your involvement is wanted, encouraged and you may learn that your contributions can help and inspire someone else. I hope you will find our organization beneficial to your songwriting and musical growth.

Make some music, share some music.
Steve Yungen, Treasurer

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