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DISTRICT 12 Fall Meeting Agenda

MEETING LOCATION: Sidetrack Bar and Grill, 56 E Cross St, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

AGENDA

1. **Call to order: 5:32pm by Bridgit Cook**

2. **Introductions***:*
   - *Name, School, and something you have been impressed with with your students so far this year!*
   - Anne Lawrence, Christopher Knapp, Bridgit Cook, Cory Bergman, Trevor Miner, Charlie, Nykiel, Arielle Wroblewski, Ilyssa Brunhild, Alyssa Malbon, Jaylon Sims, Beth Richert, Toni Micik, Emily Barrett, Elise Dinwoody, Andrew Steck, Sarah Deas, Rachel Pedersen, Andrew Hathikhanavala

3. **Approval of today's agenda**
   - Motion: Andrew Steck
   - Second: Bridgit Cook

4. **Approval of SPRING 2026 meeting minutes**
   - Motion: Alyssa Malbon
   - Second: Toni Micik

5. **District Manager Report**
   - Summer "Community" Event Recap

6. **Financial Report**

OLD BUSINESS:

7. Nominations for 2026-2027 - Nomination Form

Form A will be issued on odd-numbered, non-board election years (2023, 2025, 2027, 2029, etc), and will contain district nominations for Emeritus, Teacher of the Year, Honors Choir Directors, and All-State Music Theatre Director.

Form B will be issued on even-numbered years, every 4 years (2022, 2026, 2030, etc) and will contain district nominations for Emeritus, Teacher of the Year, Honors Choir Directors, All-State Music Theatre Director, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of State Events, Director of Specialized Events, Director of Conferences, and Director of All-State beginning the next fiscal year.

Form C will be issued on even-numbered years, every 4 years alternating on a 2 year basis with Form B (2024, 2028, 2032, etc) will contain district nominations for Emeritus, Teacher of the Year, Honors Choir Directors, All-State Music Theatre Director, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Adjudication, Director of Honors Choirs, and Member-at-Large beginning the next fiscal year.

Form A- Odd Years	Form B- Every 4 Years (2022, 2026, 2030, etc)	Form C- Every 4 Years (2024, 2028, 2032)
Emeritus	Emeritus	Emeritus
Teacher of the Year	Teacher of the Year	Teacher of the Year
Honors Choir Directors	Honors Choir Directors	Honors Choir Directors
All-State Music Theatre Director	All-State Music Theatre Director	All-State Music Theatre Director
Listening Panel Reccs	Listening Panel Reccs	Listening Panel Reccs
	President-Elect (2)	President-Elect (2)
	Treasurer (2)	Treasurer (2)
	Secretary (2)	Secretary (2)
	Director of State Events (4)	Director of Adjudication (4)
	Director of Specialized Events (4)	Director of Honors Choir (4)
	Director of All-State (4)	Member-at-Large (4)

- **Honors Choirs Directors (2029) - the directors below were nominated after our D12 Spring Meeting**
  - **Honors Choirs Directors (2029)**
    - **6,7,8 SA - Arielle Wroblewski**
    - **7,8,9 SSA - Julie Bassett**
    - **7,8,9 TTB - Tim Petersen, Andrew Steck**
    - **HS SATB - Julian Good**
    - **HS SSAA - Sadarra Fields**
    - **HS TTBB -**
- **Teacher of the Year: Lyn CieChanski, Andrew Hathikhanavala, Toni Micik**
- **All-State Musical Theater Director:**
- **Emeritus: Todd Schreiber, Shayla Powell**
- **Nominations for Listening Panel: Toni Micik, Elise Dinwoody**
- **Board Positions**
  - **President Elect**
  - **Treasurer**
  - **Secretary**
  - **Director of State Events**

        - **Director of Specialized Events**
        - **Director of All State**
8. **NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY OCT. 1st!**
9. **Registration Deadlines for ALL 2026-27 Festivals**
        - MS/JH/HS S&E: December 18 (December 26 with late fee)
        - MS/JH Choral: February 1 (February 9 with late fee)
        - HS Choral: February 1 (February 9 with late fee)

10. **Festival dates and location for 2026-2027**
    - **MS/JH/HS Solo & Ensemble: January 30 - Ann Arbor Pioneer HS, Steve Lorenz, host**
    - **MS/JH Choral Festival - March 4-5, Dexter HS, Julie Bassett, host**
    - **HS Choral Festival - March 11-12 - Ypsi Lincoln HS, Toni Micik, host**

11. **Potential Festival dates and location for 2027-2028**
    - **MS/JH/HS Solo & Ensemble - Ann Arbor Pioneer HS, Steve Lorenz, host**
    - **MS/JH Choral Festival - Prefer Thurs/Fri, not Fri/Sat**
    - **HS Choral Festival - Chelsea HS, Kenneth Davis, host**

New Business

All deadlines and calendar can be found on…. - MSVMA CALENDAR

12. Solo/SE/LE Fee Updates - The Board Approved with the recommendation of the State Office to raise fees for District S & E. Please refer to the June Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for the Rationale for this increase under the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT AT THE TOP OF THE AGENDA.
    - 06.06.2026 Board of Directors Agenda/Minutes
    - Solo: $25
    - SE: $35
    - LE: $50
13. **Event Transfers**
    - After much discussion and consideration, The Board has made the decision to require members to attend specific sites for **Musical Theatre Solo & Ensemble events, State Choral Festival events, and State Solo & Ensemble Events**.

      Assigned locations:
      UP - Districts 13/14
      SOUTH - Districts 8, 11, 12, & 15
      CENTRAL - Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, & 9
      EAST - Districts 4 & 16
      WEST - Districts 6, 7, & 10
    - Directors are encouraged to remain with their assigned district and state events whenever possible. However, there may be extenuating circumstances that necessitate a transfer for a festival. Reasonable accommodations will be granted when plausible. Possible reasons may include, but are not limited to:

- School district or county breaks
- Choral program travel arrangements made prior to the MSVMA calendar published date
- State or regional testing dates

Transfers should not be granted due to personal preference, venue preference, busing, choral program calendars, accompanist availability, etc. Additionally, transfer request may be denied if it will cause undue hardship to either festival due to room constraints, adjudicator staffing differences, or financial hardship as a result of the transfer.

Directors may request a transfer for all events from their school, or for just a few events while the others remain at the assigned festival.

14. Upcoming Deadlines:

- **Membership Dues PAST DUE - Please pay ASAP**
  - **September 15, 2025 - Emily Barrett/Monroe HS requests help with membership renewal**
- **District Events and Transfer Request**
  - **MT S&E: Compose an email to the President-Elect and Supervisor of Musical Theatre and explain your request. This process must be completed by *September 15*.**
  - **DISTRICT EVENTS: Compose an email to the President-Elect, your district manager, and the manager of the district that you wish to transfer to and explain your request. Both district managers involved must grant permission for the transfer. This process must be completed by *November 15*.**
  - **STATE S&E or STATE CHORAL: Compose an email to the President-Elect and Director of State Events and explain your request. This process must be completed by *February 15*.**
  - **Email addresses can be found in the leadership lists on the MSVMA website under the HOME menu. Once you have received permission, fill out and submit this form.**
- **Carolyn Leep Scholarship Application- See MSVMA Website**
  - **Due May 15th**
- **Adjudication Clinics (see calendar)**
- **Honors Choir Dates/Deadline/Music**
  - MS/JH- Oct. 11th
  - HS- Oct. 8th
  - All State Jazz- Oct. 30th
  - Musical Theater All State - Dec. 4th
  - FEES: All Honors Choir Fees are now $15

15. Specialized Events:

- **College Audition Workshop - Saturday, September 19 at DeWitt HS for 11th and 12th graders from 10am-2pm**
- **Musical Theater Intensive**

        - **Registration Deadline - Sept. 11**
    - **Musical Theater S&E**
        - **Registration Deadline - Oct. 2**
    - **Chamber Music Festival**
        - **Application Due October 15th**
    - **A Cappella Festival**
        - **Application Due October 1st**
    - **Art Song Intensive**
        - **Registration Due - Sept. 25th**

16. Festival Scheduling

- Reminder…Festival Experience
    - Default is Festival Experience - YOU NEED TO CLICK for a RATING when you register your groups!
- Please start looking at your dates for next year and the year past next if you can for festivals. ***DM's will be expected to have festival dates to President Elect sooner. (February 27th!)***

17. Website, Tempo, Rubrics, and Advocacy update

- Website has been refreshed and should all follow the same formatting.
    - New: Social Media Request (under the Resources Tab)
    - New: Parent Portal. Please let the State Office know if you'd like to see anything in particular on that page!
    - Clinician/Consultant payment process has been updated (Professional Development Tab).
- *Tempo!* Has been refreshed. If anyone has anything to submit for *Tempo!*, please email Membership & Office Coordinator Kathy Balch: kathybalch@msvma.org
- Rubrics have all been updated (District, Specialized, State, and Honors Choir). You can see them all under the Resources Tab. This update also includes moving Honors Choir adjudication to follow our MSVMA rubric. Listening Panels moved to following our MSVMA rubric in 2025-2026.
- We have some members very interested in starting/re-introducting advocacy groups within our organization! If you would like to be a part of a Black Caucus, a Neurodivergency Group, or any other specific category, please reach out to Executive Director Brian Leduc: brianleduc@msvma.org

18. District concerns to be presented at the next Board Meeting- Member input

19. Other Business

- **Venmo for Honors Choir Payments?**
- **Invoice template for festival medals**

20. Next Meeting

- Date**: Monday, May 10, 2027**
- Location: **Social House 103 in Dundee**

21. Adjournment: 6:40pm

- Motion: Elise Dinwoody
- 2nd: Charlie Nykiel