

MSBOA District VIII  
2024 Fall General Membership Meeting  
September 5, 2024 –7:00PM

Call to Order and Introductions

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report – Adam Snizek  
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OLD BUSINESS

Member emeritus  
Future events calendar

NEW BUSINESS

Update from State Office - Bryan Mangiavellano, State VP for Jazz, MSBOA  
Adjudicator workshop

## Secretary's Report

MSBOA District VIII  
2024 Spring General Membership Meeting  
May 6, 2024 –7:00PM  
Jackson High School

*(J. McInchak, acting secretary)*

	7:03 PM meeting called to order
<b>Officer Reports</b>	
Secretary's Report – Adam Sniezek	Report missing. ( <a href="#">Winter 2024 Meeting Minutes</a> )
Treasurer's Report – Josh Sholler	On file. Financially good shape. Fraud issue taken care of with no penalty (~\$900).  Motion: Throneberry; Support: Larsen - passed
Band and Orchestra Festival Report –  Mike Emerson (D. Larz.)	On file. Fri, 1/10 next deadline. Hosts established. Issue with turning in registrations on time. SR available in the fall to purchase for \$25 per piece.  Motion: Zerman ; Support: Driver - passed
High School S&E Festival Report –  John Sczcerowski	On file. 2 sites (Haslett & Tecumseh). Reg opens Nov 1, closed Dec 2. Festival is Feb 1. Asking northern sites with lots of events send more than one worker to help run the festival. Usually about 8-10 people short on average.  Motion: Sholler; Support: Krieger - passed
Middle School S&E Festival Report –  John Kivel	On file. Fall 29 events larger, Spring 5 events smaller than last year. Fill out adjudicator evals online - MSBOA dashboard. Sheets that were left are available here at the meeting. Northern site needed - Charlotte is "working on it."  Motion: Bowe; Support: Throneberry - passed
Orchestra Activities Report –  Megan Anderson	On file. Dates for next year.  Motion: Bowe; Support: Sholler - passed
Adjudication Report –  Bryan Mangiavellano	On file.  Motion: Throneberry; Support: Bowe
Past President -	On file.

Joe McInchak	Motion: Mangiavellano; Support: Krieger
President's Report – Dave Larzelere	On file. Motion: Kivel; Support: Larsen

*MSBOA District VIII - General Membership Meeting - Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020 - Zoom 7:00pm*

<b>Committee Reports</b>	
Music Education Report – Sarah Nietupski and Darin Good	Outstanding committee, willing to take suggestions of projects.
Festival Improvements Report – Patty Pniewski	Report missing
Marching Band Festival Report– Adam Gumbrecht	Report missing. Late this year - October 19th. Need registration deadline - Sept 20th?.
Middle School Honors Band Report – Kellie McInchak	On file.
Jazz Report – Kevin Krieger	On file. 20 bands performed. Registration deadline Dec 13th.
Medals Report – Trevor Trudeau	Spring S&E 15 medals short. Will coordinate with directors. Will get a preliminary order from PrimeTime to get delivery on time for next year. Interested in getting feedback on quality, ease of ordering, etc.
Member Emeritus – Mike Larsen	On file. Check criteria as you nominate - 3 of 5 is eligible.
Commissioning Report – Dave Larzelere	
District Website- Joe McInchak	On file. Working with Dave on updating the handbook and getting everything online.

All-State Ensembles- Will Blythe	On file. EL hosting again. 19th and 20th scheduled for next year, October 1st registration deadline.
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<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	
	No old business

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
Election of officers	Slate of officers presented in Past-President report Motion: Larsen; Support: Throneberry - passed
Teacher of the year	Band - Jared Throneberry, nom. Bill Murray - passed Orchestra - Justin Valla, nom. Megan Anderson - passed:
Announcements	Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM Motion: Throneberry; Support: Kivel

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report  
Fall 2024  
Josh Sholler

Current Account Balance: \$18,386.26  
(Per the Fall 2023 report we had \$18,364.38 this time last year)

Very little activity since the Spring report.

Blake submitted auditing information and documents to the state office earlier this summer.

It looks as though QuickBooks raised their price again to \$35 a month.

Blake and I met at Independent Bank in mid-August to do the bank switch and it was fairly seamless. I currently have access to both QuickBooks online as well as the online bank portal through Independent.

I have a lot to learn but I am excited for the challenge and looking forward to helping our district stay in a solid financial position for this upcoming school year. I want to thank Blake Driver for his many years of service in this position and for his continued guidance as I learn the role. Thank you Blake!!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions. I can't promise I will have all of the answers yet but I will do my best to get the answer in need as quickly as possible.

My personal email for MSBOA business is: [jdsholler@gmail.com](mailto:jdsholler@gmail.com)

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Sholler

# Band & Orchestra Report

September 5, 2024

Dear MSBOA District 8:

I'm excited to continue as VP for Band and Orchestra Festival- please never hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns regarding our festivals. (All contact information is below).

## **Dates for 2025 B/O Festival:**

**February 27- March 1** (Jackson, Okemos, Holt and Adrian)

***\*\*Competitive CHEER, BOWLING and WRESTLING finals are Feb 28-Mar 1 2025.***

**March 6-8** (Parma, Manchester, Charlotte)

***\*\*Gymnastics and Ice Hockey have playoffs in the window of March 6-8, 2025***

**\*\*Registration Deadline is Jan 10, 2025**

## **Sites for 2024**

Requests to host for 2025 have been received from Jackson, Holt, Manchester, Okemos, Parma, Adrian, and Charlotte **(If this isn't accurate, please let me know ASAP!)**. Please speak with me or email me if you would like to host or have questions.

## **Scheduling**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Jan 10, 2025**

It's a great idea to submit your registration **before** leaving for Winter Break. If you are new to the process or have **any questions-** please contact me or ask another experienced director. If you anticipate any problems with registration or payment, it's essential for you to contact me ahead of the deadline.

**If you're bringing multiple ensembles-** Please be open with communication on specific timing requests. Please communicate with your transportation department, athletic Director, Science Olympiad, etc *before* submitting requests.

**There is a section for "Comments" in your registration** – I read these very carefully, please be incredibly specific with requests. I'll do everything I can to accommodate, it's MUCH easier than changing a published schedule.

## **Festival Regulations**

**\*\*Please Consult the MSBOA Yearbook, pages 63-80 for full rules and festival requirements. (Mr. Garret Ernst emailed this document on 8/26/2024).**

### **Recent Rules:**

\*If you enter below your classification based on enrollment, it's allowed... but no State Festival.

\*If you're entering festival for COMMENTS ONLY... Sightreading is not required. (But I'd recommend it!!)

\***Important:** Flexible instrumentation arrangements must appear on the BML if you're using it as your Required piece. (If it's not specified on the Basic Music List as the flex arrangement, it won't count).

**Sight Reading Requirements** are found on p. 78 of the 2024-2025 MSBOA Yearbook

**Any questions?** Don't hesitate to reach out:

memerson@hpsk12.net  
517-699-7463 (office)  
517-242-5545 (Cell)

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Emerson  
VP – Band and Orchestra MSBOA Dist. 8

MSBOA District 8 – High School Solo & Ensemble Festival Report  
9/5/24

Registration Opens - November 1 2024  
Registration Date - December 5  
Festival Date - January 31 2026

Northern Site  
Haslett High School  
5450 Marsh Rd.  
Haslett, MI 48840  
Mike Larsen - Host  
Southern Site  
Tecumseh High School  
760 Brown St.  
Tecumseh, MI 49286  
Joe McInchak - Host

2024 ENROLLMENT NUMBERS  
Haslett - 712 Events & 14 Sections  
Tecumseh - 284 Events & 7 Sections

2023 ENROLLMENT NUMBERS  
Haslett - 605 Events & 14 Sections  
Tecumseh - 246 Events & 7 Sections

2022 ENROLLMENT NUMBERS  
Haslett - 575 Events  
Tecumseh - 242 Events

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nathan Courtright  
VP, HS S&E - MSBOA 8  
[Nate.courtright@vandyschools.org](mailto:Nate.courtright@vandyschools.org)  
916-204-9361 (call/text)



## Middle School Solo & Ensemble Report

9/5/24

### Fall Solo and Ensemble Festival

Registration deadline: October 1st

Festival: November 23rd Charlotte Middle School

### Spring Solo and Ensemble Festival

Registration Deadline: February 12th

Festival: April 12th Onsted High School

### **Registration:**

Registration is online (msboa.org).

Enter events online (include name of accompanists) and print invoice.

Mail invoice along with the check to:

**Tavia Zerman  
Beagle Middle School  
600 W. South St.  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837**

Helpful Hint: I always give my students a deadline BEFORE my deadline.

### **Work Assignments:**

Anyone registering an event for S&E will be required to complete a work assignment.

Typically at the fall festival, everyone works a full day assignment.

### **Rules Review:**

- \* Festival is open to 7th and 8th grade students that are enrolled in your school's band or orchestra.
- \* 9th graders who attend a jr high school may participate in EITHER MS or HS S&E.
- \* Fee is \$12 / person / event.
- \* Middle School events must be a minimum 90 seconds long to receive a rating.
- \* Events must provide an original score for the judge.
  - \***NEW THIS YEAR:** State has provided a form for students to get signed in the office for music that is printed from the internet. This form can be found at [this link in the report](#), will be sent to participating directors, and will be available at the site.
- \* No photocopying will be permitted at festival.
- \* If a published event includes a piano accompaniment, the accompaniment must be played.

- \* One person plays each part (except for chamber ensembles).
- \* **ALSO NEW THIS YEAR:** We will be requesting that teachers fill out adjudicator evaluations prior to leaving the event. Very few teachers actually fill out the evaluations later, which means adjudicators do not receive feedback and makes it harder for our VP of Adjudication to select good judges.

Respectfully submitted,

Tavia Zerman

VP for Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival

Email: [zermant@glcomets.net](mailto:zermant@glcomets.net)

Cell: (517) 614-7007

# Orchestra Activities Report

September 5th, 2024

## 2 Upcoming Orchestra Events:

- **String Orchestra Reading Session: Saturday, September 21st, 2024**

- Eastern Michigan - Plymouth Canton High School (Phase III)
- Western Michigan - Lowell Middle School
- This event is a great opportunity to network with fellow string educators, and read through new literature from beginning to advanced level.

- **Register here:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIlpwr3IqJsgO\\_\\_mrlzxkMxygUcrHe4jZs0ht4SA9u7jPkJw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIlpwr3IqJsgO__mrlzxkMxygUcrHe4jZs0ht4SA9u7jPkJw/viewform)

- Email Joe Oprea at: [joprea@lowellschools.com](mailto:joprea@lowellschools.com)

- **Mid-Level String Clinics: Saturday, October 26th**

- East Lansing McDonald Middle School, Natalie Paiz, Host
- Directors may send 7th, 8th, and 9th grade string players.
- **Registration Deadline is Tuesday, October 1st.** You may register online through MSBOA.
- Orchestra Selections:

### **Orchestra A:**

**Dragon Dances** - Newbold (JW Pepper - #2474316/Luck's - #64530)

**Sequoia** - Holmes (JW Pepper - #10696544/Luck's - #70799)

### **Orchestra B:**

**Metallurgy** - Spata (JW Pepper - #11401198/Luck's - #58633)

**Legend of Dark Mountain** - Newbold (JW Pepper - #10027347/Luck's - #64615)

Please contact [joprea@lowellschools.com](mailto:joprea@lowellschools.com) for any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Anderson

VP Orchestra Activities, MSBOA 8

[megan.anderson@okemosk12.net](mailto:megan.anderson@okemosk12.net)

## **Adjudication Report**

9/5/24

I'm very excited to take over this position and hope to bring many excellent adjudicators to our district events throughout the school year! Huge thanks to Bryan Mangiavellano for helping me get everything all set up thus far.

### **MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL**

Mark Hollandsworth - pending

Rick Catherman

Jean Murdock

### **FALL MS S&E**

WW - Connie Wicklund

WW - Lynne Funk

Brass - Dave Funk

Brass - Greg VanStrien

Percussion -

Strings/Piano - Suzanne D'Ambrosio

### **SITE HOSTS**

I'll be in touch with you this fall to discuss logistics (sections, etc) to make sure I've got everything all set from my end.

### **ALL MEMBERS**

Please be diligent about completing adjudicator evaluations as it really helps me hire great judges for the following years' events. I'll send out a Google form (via Dave Larzelere) for you to give me recommendations for judges you've liked to play for in the past.

If you have any questions, please be sure to let me know!

Respectfully Submitted,

John Szczerowski

VP Adjudication

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## **Past President's Report**

Welcome to a new school year! I would like to extend a special welcome to all new District 8 members. If you are new to teaching and/or new to District 8, please contact me if you would like to be connected to a mentor to help you with anything you need, whether that is MSBOA-related or other general teaching assistance. Please also feel free to contact me if you know someone who is new that is not here tonight.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe McInchak  
Past President  
Tecumseh Public Schools  
734-276-3906  
[jmcinchak@tps.k12.mi.us](mailto:jmcinchak@tps.k12.mi.us)

## President's Report

Welcome back! If you are new to our district, or to the teaching profession, welcome to MSBOA District 8. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything. My contact info is below. Please make sure your current email information is updated with the MSBOA State Office.

If you are a teacher with less than five years of experience, or you are new to MSBOA, please speak to me or Joe McInchak. We would like to arrange a mentor for you to contact for any guidance or questions you may have. Veteran directors enjoy helping others, and we can help you navigate all the different aspects (and deadlines) of MSBOA.

Also, if you know of any schools near you that are not currently participating in MSBOA, reach out to them and invite them to participate.

The district calendar is posted below for your convenience, and it is also a stand-alone document on our [website](#). Be sure to observe all deadlines. If you are having difficulties meeting a deadline, please contact the Vice President in charge of the activity BEFORE the deadline.

The deadline for school membership this year is approaching on September 20th. If you are new to MSBOA or to your school, contact the state office so they can have you update your information.

The [District VIII website](#) is linked here, and you can also find it on [www.msboa.org](http://www.msboa.org). Scroll down to the map, then click the 8. Here you will find meeting minutes/reports, our handbook, and the calendar. The State Yearbook is only available this year as a digital download. This information is available online and was emailed to your email address you have registered with MSBOA.

Respectfully submitted,  
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MSBOA District VIII President  
East Lansing Public Schools  
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[msboadistrict8president@gmail.com](mailto:msboadistrict8president@gmail.com)

## Music Education Report

Upcoming Meeting this Saturday, September 7, 2024

### **MUSIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

#### **MSBOA Music Education Workshop Committee**

#### **Winter Meeting Minutes & State Report**

*January 6, 2024*

- Released in the January Newsletter:
  - Please complete surveys in the Newsletter! From broadening repertoire choices for Festival to contributing to our Basic Music List Guide, your participation can help directors in our state.
  - Michigan Department of Education Physical Education requirements that correlate with marching band. We know programs strive to justify this credit so we connected the MDE standards that can be completed in marching band. Document to be approved and released soon!
  - Guidelines and talking points for directors to discuss with school administration to foster a strong music program. We created two different documents based on school sizes and typical issues such as justifying a designated class for beginners, timelines to purchase new uniforms, and advice about budgets. Document to be approved and released soon!
    - We did our best to research these pilot documents in the best interest of directors and students. Any feedback or additions can be sent directly to Sarah Nietupski ([sarah.nietupski@mccardinals.org](mailto:sarah.nietupski@mccardinals.org)).
  - After research in the fall about collegiate admissions processes, AP/language classes, and if fine arts classes increase acceptance rates, we did not receive as much data as we'd like from university admissions offices. It suggests that acceptances may be increased with fine arts classes but further analysis is needed before we release a statement.
  - We are open to member suggestions of what we could pursue; your feedback matters! Please continue to send suggestions to ([msboamusiced@gmail.com](mailto:msboamusiced@gmail.com)) or a committee member.
  - Next meeting: September 2024

-Sarah Nietupski, State Rep & Darin Good, District 8 Chair

## Festival Improvements Committee Report



## **Marching Band Festival Report**

## **Middle School Honors Band Report**

- Date: May 3-4, 2025
- Conductors: TBA. If you have any ideas for conductors who would work well with middle school students, please let me know via email.
- Host: Parma Western

### **Things to think about for this year**

- Flip(Grid) is no longer an option for auditions. Alternative ideas are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie McInchak - msboadistrict8mshb@gmail.com

## Jazz Report

# **District 8 JAZZ FESTIVAL REPORT**

September 5, 2024

This year's District VIII Jazz Festival is to be held on Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup> at Mason High School. This is a great non-rated event. It is open to both middle school and high school groups. If you have never tried it before, please consider bringing a group this year. Typically groups perform two or three pieces on stage and then receive a 25 minute clinic with one of the jazz faculty from MSU.

Registration will be due December 2, 2024. The fee is \$125.00.

I have reached out to Professor Rodney Whitaker to request that the MSU jazz faculty will once again be our clinicians for the day and have one of the MSU jazz groups perform at noon.

Last year we had 20 groups sign up and perform (from 8:15am until 2:45pm). Please observe the registration due date!

Please remember that this is NOT a graded festival and we are all there to support each other's programs. You do not need to provide scores for the clinicians. You are welcome to play less than 3 tunes and are encouraged to announce your own tunes and soloists. Most of your heavier equipment is provided in all 3 rooms. Above all, the students all seem to love watching the MSU Jazz group perform.

Please let me know if you have questions or suggestions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Krieger

*MSBOA District 8*

*Jazz Festival Chair*

Middle School at Parkside

Email: [kevin.krieger@jpsk12.org](mailto:kevin.krieger@jpsk12.org)

## **Medals Report**

New ordering system for B&O Medals & Plaques- any feedback?

Online ordering link for Prime Time Awards- <https://pta-msboa.com/>

Cost per medal will be increasing by 4 cents this year, to \$1.79 per medal. The website is not yet updated, but will be by the marching band festival next month.

We have now switched to Prime Time Awards for S&E medals this year as well. We have an order of 500 red and 500 blue S&E medals for the November MS festival that will be delivered by mid-October. If anyone in or near the Jackson area is sending students that can take the medals up that weekend, please let me know.

I have a list of students that are owed medals from this past spring, that I will send to directors when the new shipment arrives.

Thank you directors for all that you do, have a great year!

Respectfully Submitted,

Trevor Trudeau

[trevor.trudeau@napoleonschools.org](mailto:trevor.trudeau@napoleonschools.org)

## Member Emeritus

### Member Emeritus Report 9/5/2024

If you are retiring or know someone who has retired and meets the qualifications for Member Emeritus and are willing to sponsor them please contact me. ([larsenmq@gmail.com](mailto:larsenmq@gmail.com))

Here are the qualifications for Member Emeritus: (3 out of 5)

1. Regular participation in the MSBOA festivals with his/her students and performing ensembles
2. Service as an officer at the district and/or state level of the MSBOA
3. Service as a MSBOA committee chair or member at the district and/or state level
4. Service as a host, clinician, or chairperson for the MSBOA related events (e.g., festivals, meetings, honor bands and orchestras, workshops, etc.)
5. Service as an adjudicator in the MSBOA festivals

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: A retired instrumental music teacher should be nominated by a "sponsor" - someone who has first-hand knowledge of the retired teacher's success in instrumental music education. The sponsor should provide an emeritus application form as found in the MSBOA Yearbook to the candidate, collect the application from the candidate, write a short endorsement of the candidate, and then submit the application to the district executive board for consideration. District boards may use the information contained on the application and the criteria as advanced above to evaluate a candidate's suitability for emeritus status. Once the board approves the application, the president should sign the document and send to the MSBOA state office for review by the honorary and emeritus activities chair and the executive director. Once everything is deemed in order, the honorary and emeritus activities chair will present the candidate's name to the MSBOA state executive board in November of each year for its approval.

Upon approval by the state executive board, lifetime membership in the MSBOA will be granted to candidates receiving emeritus status. An emeritus member of the MSBOA is not allowed to vote or to hold office in the association, regardless of his/her employment status in a member school.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Larsen

## Commissioning Report

## District Website

You can find all of these meeting reports in the “Important Documents” section of the website. Please let me know if you notice any issues, or have any recommendations for the [website](#).

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe McInchak  
Tecumseh Public Schools  
734-276-3906  
[jmcinchak@tps.k12.mi.us](mailto:jmcinchak@tps.k12.mi.us)

## All-State Ensembles

Hello District 8,

Here is some helpful information regarding All State Auditions.

- All State Auditions for District 8 will be held at MacDonald MS in East Lansing, thank you to the EL Music Department for hosting again.
- Applications for auditions are due on **October 1st**.
- The dates for auditions are **October 19th and 20th**. If we have more students than last year, we may have some on the afternoon/evening of October 18th, but this has not traditionally been the case.
- There is a [FAQ Document](#) that was shared from the state office with many common questions about the All State audition process including cost and how to register one student auditioning on two instruments, please read through that if you have any concerns.
- The dates for the MMC and All State events are on the [District 8 Calendar](#)
- If you send a student, you will be required to work one of the audition days. Please communicate conflicts to me via email and help find a replacement that is a member of MSBOA if a conflict happens.
- All of the files sent from the state office are available in this [Google Drive Folder](#)
- If you need help getting the audition music, please email me.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the All State Audition process, please email me. If I have left out information that you think is important, please let me know that as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Blythe  
Okemos Public Schools  
[william.blythe@okemosk12.net](mailto:william.blythe@okemosk12.net)



**MSBOA District VIII**

**25/26 - Dates requested Jan. 2023**

Oct. 18, 2025	Marching Band Festival
Nov 15, 2025	MS Solo & Ensemble
<b>Jan 31, 2026</b>	<b>HS Solo &amp; Ensemble</b>
Feb 28, 2026	B&O
March 7, 2026	B&O
April 18, 2026	MS S&E

**26-27 - Dates Requested - not final**

Oct. 17, 2026	Marching Band Festival
Nov 14, 2026	MS Solo & Ensemble
<b>Feb 6, 2027</b>	<b>HS Solo &amp; Ensemble</b>
Feb 27-29, 2027	B&O
March 6, 2027	B&O
April 17, 2027	MS S&E

### Update from the State Office

- The MSBOA Yearbook was emailed to all school member directors and has been posted on the MSBOA website as of August 26, and includes the following changes (among others) brought forth by the membership:
  - S&E accompaniment requirements, where “Accompaniment may be live, or a pre-recorded accompaniment provided by the publisher, or digital intelligent accompaniment software, e.g., SmartMusic.
  - A rubric for All-State Auditions
  - A new adjudicator review procedure
- All the changes to the yearbook were brought forth by members seeking to improve the MSBOA, and we welcome your participation in the continued development of our organization!
- Financial health of the MSBOA
  - Excluding 2020 and 2021(when adjusting for pandemic needs) , MSBOA has spent more money than it has brought in every year since 2011, averaging a deficit of \$43,459.58 over that time span.
  - Interest earned in our investment account has been used to make up for these deficits.
  - Without that money earning interest, we would have lost a total of \$801,532.07 and would have had to raise fees to remain financially viable.
  - While the organization does have money in the bank, it’s important that the membership understands that we use the earnings of that account to offset our operating deficits. Without it, we would have to significantly raise fees.
- Deadlines: If there is a problem with meeting a deadline contact the State Office. Nothing can be done after the deadline has passed.

#### REMEMBER:

If paying by credit card, you have until 11:59 p.m. to complete the registration process and submit the credit card payment. After which, there is no need for further action. If paying by check, you will need to mail the check and a copy of the generated invoice to the State Office. The envelope MUST be postmarked on or before the deadline. It is strongly suggested all registrations mailed should be sent via certified mail with a tracking number. If your registration is not received in time, your post office receipt with tracking number will serve as proof of your complete registration.

- Saturday, September 7—Music Ed. Workshop & Festival Improvement Committee will meet or have met (depending on the date of the District Meeting). The MMC Executive Board and Planning Committee meetings will or have taken place on Sunday, September 8.
- Deadline for school membership---September 20, after which there will be an increase of \$40

- October 1– Deadline for District Transfers, All-State Audition registrations, and applications for the Adjudicator Workshop (which will be a B&O workshop).
  
- Check the MSBOA website and/or your email for the following:
  - All-State
    - Audition requirements – were sent via email and posted on the web on September 3
    - Registration opened on September 3
    - Registration deadline is October 1 (Late deadline is October 3 at 11:59 p.m.)
    - Audition Schedule will be posted on October 9
    - Auditions taking place on October 16 through October 20. Check with your District for the specific dates.
    - Results will be posted mid to late November
    - Student Acceptances Deadline is December 2
    - Conductors for 2023 – 2024 All-State Bands & Orchestras
      - All State High School Band: Randall Standridge
      - All State High School Orchestra: Soon Hee Newbold
      - All State Middle School Band: Jamal Duncan
      - All State Middle School String Orchestra: Michael Hopkins
      - All State Jazz Ensemble: Michael Kamuf
  - Sept. 21 – Fall String Orchestra Reading Session.
  - Mid-Level String Clinics to be held on Oct. 26. Registration deadline-October 1
    - East Lansing MacDonald MS - Natalie Paiz, Host
    - *Portage West MS – Dennis Kozian, Host – This is an update from 8/26/24*
    - South Haven HS - Jessica H. Fiedorowicz, Host
    - Lowell MS - Joe Oprea, Host
    - Marquette HS - Eric Marta, Host
  - B&O Adjudicator Workshop – Deadline for Application is October 1. Venue and Date TBD.
  - MMC: January 23 – 25, Grand Rapids, MI
  
- State S&E Deadline is February 18 (due to President’s Day) regardless of when your District Festival took place.
  
- State B&O Deadline is March 17 regardless of when your District Festival took place.
  
- Teacher of the Year voting is now active on the MSBOA website. You can vote for the TOY now. Your last opportunity to vote will be Tuesday, January 22 – 5:00 PM at the Michigan Music Conference.

- Band

- Richard Erne (Retired - Reeths-Puffer Middle School)
  - Karen Lopez (Oscoda Area Schools)
- Matthew Ludwig (Marquette Senior High School)

- Orchestra

- Abigail Alwin (Ann Arbor Clague Middle School)
- Linda Trotter (Retired - West Bloomfield High School and West Bloomfield Middle School)
  - Justin Valla (Okemos High School)

- If you have questions relative to Festival rules, please contact the Vice President for that activity (both at the District and State Levels). Decisions on how the rules are interpreted must be made by the elected officer. The State Office cannot make these decisions.
- We have need of additional hosts for State B&O and S&E Festivals. If interested, please contact the State Office, Paul DeSimone (State VP for B&O) and/or Joe Oprea (State VP for S&E).
- There are many “little changes” to the MSBOA website programs. If you, at any time, need help, please feel free to call us at the State Office. We are here to help you.
- DON’T HESITATE TO CALL THE STATE OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE. That is what they are there for!