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***Texas Music Teachers Association***  
***Texas Music Teachers Educational Foundation***  
**Convention Information and Updates for Local Association Presidents July 2007**

Dear Local Association President,

As Immediate Past President, one of my duties is to inform the general membership of the decisions made at TMTA meetings. Below you will find many items that will assist you in planning the upcoming year for 2007-2008. *Please share this information with your membership.*

***The New Membership Year began July 1.*** Local associations often are unaware that some of their members have not renewed and often some were elected last spring to serve in leadership positions. *Please check that your members have renewed their membership and encourage others to experience the privileges and professionalism of being a TMTA member.*

As you determine new programs and plans this summer for the new school year, consider setting goals for your local association including membership, innovative performance opportunities for teachers and students, networking, education, community service, arts advocacy and marketing.

Information on activities and programs included in the 2007 TMTA Local Association Reports is being compiled this summer. I will share that information with you as soon as possible.

As of July 1, Wei Bishop resigned to be with family and will no longer be working at the TMTA office. Her work greatly was appreciated and the officers are currently working on hiring another staff person for data entry. Until then, please direct your questions to Sherri Beck.

Enclosed with this letter is a wealth of information for you to share with your membership. Please take the time to review carefully and try to incorporate some of the ideas and services.

It is my privilege to help you in any way possible. Please let me know I look forward to serving with 2007-2008 local leaders this year as state membership and local association chair.

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***Are you and your members promoting themselves and their professionalism? Are those you work with aware of your membership in TMTA and what TMTA offers?***

I just spent three days promoting TMTA at the Texas Choral Directors Association and Texas Orchestra Directors Association conventions. Several of the attendees told me they were aware that their accompanist, neighbor, friend, etc. was in an organization that had theory tests and other student activities, but were unaware it was TMTA. Some wanted to join to add additional opportunities for their students. What an opportunity some of our members missed!

***Encourage your members to be proud of their membership and let those they work with in any capacity to know about their professionalism and TMTA.***

## **NEW MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

I am working on securing more membership benefits. Please share the following with your members so that they will be aware and able to participate.

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### TMTA ONLINE REFERRAL LISTS:

#### **Judges Pool**

Please help us compile a list for referral of judges for local association festivals and contests and accompanists. Send the name and contact information to the TMTA Office of any outstanding judges who are willing to be listed and what they prefer to adjudicate.

#### **Accompanists**

Those TMTA members who would like to be listed online as accompanists should send contact information and any preferences to the TMTA Office.

#### **Teachers**

TMTA members who would like to be listed online in a specific city in Texas should send contact information to the TMTA Office.

Half-price Discounts for Texas Rangers Tickets extended through September for TMTA members, students, families and friends.

Check online at [www.tmta.org](http://www.tmta.org) for the link or contact the TMTA office for details.

### MTNA SERVICES

The MTNA Office will be moved to Suite 3100 August 2.

- **State Portal** Visit the Texas state portal online often at [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org) for updated information
- **Association in a Box** is a wonderful tool to generate or update a local association website. For more information visit [mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org). For testimonials, paste this address into your browser: <http://www.mtna.org/InformationServices/AssociationinaBox/Testimonials/tabid/431/Default.aspx>
- **Clarion Associates, Inc.** will now provide musical instrument insurance to all MTNA members for 40% off. For more information : [www.clarionins.com](http://www.clarionins.com) or call 1-800-Vivaldi
- **Legal Consultation Services** Call the MTNA office to discuss league questions and issues such as zoning, bill collection, business formation, buying and selling existing studios, music purchase and resale to students, tax issues and more!
- **Professional Support Line** Assistance provided by the educational services staff is available for pedagogical and business issues. Contact the MTNA office.
- **For more information about these or other membership benefits, visit [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org).** Click on resources, programs, information resources at the top of the home page or use the quick links on the lower left.

### INFORMATION FROM THE 2007 TMTA CONVENTION

- **Announcements**
  - **Please review information received throughout the year and mark your calendar accordingly.**
  - Revised World of Music books will be available for purchase soon. Several available in the fall. Check online for more information.
  - New TMTA pin available in August. Check online for more information.
  - Member Discounts for Texas Rangers games. Others are being pursued.
  - New deadlines for Local Association Reports
    - First page due April 1 to name delegates and report deceased members
    - Second and third pages due June 1
  - Local associations are to name an Email Contact for state communication
  - **TMTEF Trustees Challenged local associations** to donate \$5.00 per member with \$3.00 going to the Fargason Fund and \$2.00 to the Student Travel Fund.

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- **The first TMTA Chamber Music Contest and Convention Projects** were held. Check the website for more information and participate in 2008.
- **Recognitions and presentations**
  - Sharon Hudak, Plano MTA - TMTA Teaching Grant for 2007
  - Kathryn Beam of Odessa MTA -first annual TMTA Texas Teaching Fellow Award
  - Local associations who contributed to TMTEF
  - Certification Announcements
    - Newly certified teachers
      - Norma Lubbers, NCTM – present at the convention
      - Dorothy Kirkpatrick, NCTM – present at the convention
      - Mary Elizabeth Fisbeck, NCTM – present at the convention
      - Rinna Saun, NCTM
      - Hsin-Lan Jessie Chen, NCTM
      - Scott Frock, NCTM
      - Anna Kurtz, NCTM
      - Nels Seth Nelson, NCTM
      - Kristin Yost, NCTM.
    - TMTA Local Association Incentive Awards of \$100 presented to:
      - Dallas North MTA - certified the greatest percentage of their membership
      - San Antonio MTA - certified the greatest number of members
  - Conroe MTA named TMTA Best of State award for 2006-2007. A \$200 contribution was made to the Elizabeth Morris Fund by TMTA in honor of ConroeMTA.
  - TMTA Commissioned Composer
    - Premiere of Dr. John Sharpley's *Piano Suite No. 3: 'The Lone Star'* performed by Dr. Sharpley at the convention
    - Announcement of Dr. Robert Nelson of Houston as the 2008 TMTA Commissioned Composer.
  - TMTA Teacher Recognition Awards for 2007
    - TMTA Teacher of the Year – Tena Hehn, NCTM
    - Outstanding Collegiate Teaching Achievement – Ruth Jane Holmes
    - Outstanding Pre-college Teaching Achievement – Dr. Ann Witherspoon
  - MTNA 50 year members
    - Paralee Curry, Dallas
    - June Leondar, NCTM, Fort Worth
    - Mildred Veillon, Houston
  - MTNA Fellows for 2008 from TMTA
    - Edwin Key NCTM and Frances Key, NCTM
    - A surprise announcement introducing them was made at the Saturday Honors Ensemble Concert. Contributions may be sent to the MTNA Foundation to honor these special members.
  - Tribute was made for deceased members reported since June 2006 with \$100 placed in both the Fargason and Morris Funds in memory of these members.
    - Amarillo - Elsa Porter
    - Corpus Christi - Mary Lou Pesek
    - Forum – Emma Jean Schreiber
    - Forum - Louise Christensen
    - Houston - Elizabeth Lumpkin
    - Houston - Kathryn Sakowitz
    - Magic Valley - Kathryn Schoen
    - San Antonio - David Hornsby

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- **Elections at 2007 convention - effective July 1, 2007**
  - Directors
    - Naulene Pittman of Grand Prairie MTA
    - Amy Andrus, NCTM, Lubbock MTA
    - Jonathan Gary, Central Texas MTA – elected at the Delegate Assembly
  - Nominations and Elections Committee
    - Wilford Glenn from the Delegate Assembly
    - June Leondar and Joy Finley from the Advisory Council of Past Presidents
  
- **Decisions by the TMTA Executive Board of Directors, June 2007**
  - Approval of Officer motions
    - ***The exhibit booth fee will be \$400 for an 8x10 booth effective July 1. Current and previous exhibitors will be given the opportunity to reserve booths at the current price of \$350 through June 30, 2007.***
    - ***TMTA membership pins to be sold for \$5.00 each.*** Pins available for purchase by all interested in promoting TMTA.
  - Approval of motions from the Student Affiliate Coordinators
    - ***The publications judges shall be instructed to declare a winner in all categories.***
    - ***The World of Music Books shall be \$5.00 for grades 1-3 and \$6.00 for grades 4-12.***
  - Approval of motions from TMTA Trustees
    - ***Money raised for the Texas Teaching Fellow for 2007 shall be distributed in increments of \$100 each to the nine newly certified teachers for 2007.***
    - ***The Guidelines for the Teaching Fellowship Grant as proposed by the TMTA Trustees were accepted. The decision of determining the recipient of the grant would be up to the TMTA trustees.***
  - Approval of motion from TMTA Advisory Council of Past Presidents
    - ***The Advisory Council of Past Presidents ask the Executive Board to hire a professional webmaster for the TMTA website.***
  - Approval of motions from members of the Executive Board of Directors
    - ***Chamber Music Contest entry fee be \$50.00 per ensemble***
    - ***Participants of the winning ensemble of the Chamber Music Contest may not re-enter the same competition with identical personnel.***
    - ***Entry fee for TMTA Convention Projects be \$10.00 for a student and \$6.00 per additional student in a group.***
    - ***The winning association of the Best of State Award would not be able to apply for the award until after a period of two years.***
    - ***Public Relations and Development chair shall be combined responsibilities.***
    - ***Silent Auction Chair was established as a part of the Steering Committee.***
    - ***Proposed appointments for 2007-2008 TMTA chairmen, Steering Committee and Student Affiliate be approved***
  
- **Decisions of the TMTEF Executive Board of Directors, June 2007**
  - Approval of motion from TMTEF Trustees
    - ***To award the base amount of the Whitlock and the third place amount of the Participation Awards to any student winner of one category who would have also been a winner in the other category. A student receives \$200.00 cash award if he has achieved the minimum points for both awards.***
  
- **Website and Publications**
  - **Check the website at [www.tmta.org](http://www.tmta.org) regularly for updated information and forms throughout the year.** The TMTA website will continue to include more information, forms, and material for members and students to use.
  - Updating of the *TMT* continues
  - The third edition of TMTA Handbook to be sent in August