



## A Newsletter from the Southeastern Region of the National Association of Teachers of Singing October 2004

### **Note from the Regional Governor**

Let me begin by saying a word of thanks to our former Regional Governor, David Smith. David did a yeoman's job of keeping the region organized and functioning handsomely. I know you join me in thanking him for the statesmanship he gave us in leadership. I personally appreciate the way he has helped orient me to this position, and I will try to move us forward in the path that my predecessors set.

A special word of thanks is extended to Kurt Zeller for inviting the region to hold its annual auditions at Clayton College and State University in Morrow, Georgia [Atlanta Area]. The dates confirmed are Friday and Saturday, April 1-2, 2005. Watch for more details as the year progresses. Please mark the dates on your institution's calendar and begin making plans to bring students.

This newsletter was begun in August and is only getting out at Christmas. When I agreed to allow my name to be placed in nomination for Regional Governor, I had no idea that I would be incredibly handicapped by two fall hurricanes. As hard as I have tried I have been unable to catch up since the storms. Losing what amounts to two weeks of electricity really puts one behind. What's more, all the effects of the hurricanes on me as a homeowner as well as the manager of a major building on a university campus have made it difficult. Many of you have asked for information that I felt guilty about not being able to provide. I do hope that by April I will have managed to catch up and will be operating as an efficient and effective officer of our great organization. Thanks for the "slack" you have cut as I began a new job as well as "weathered" the storms.

**Lloyd Mims, Regional Governor**

### **National Convention News**

The national convention in New Orleans is now history. Those of you there were keenly aware of how our organization has matured and become a cutting edge influence on the profession of teaching singing. If you haven't been to a national convention in recent years, it's time to consider what it can do for you professionally and personally. The Sixth International Congress of Voice Teachers to be held in Vancouver, August 11-15, 2005 is being co-hosted by NATS. Put this on your calendar as well as the 49<sup>th</sup> NATS Convention to be held in Minneapolis, June 30-July 4, 2006.

#### **More National Convention News**

Congratulations to Marcia Porter, the NATSAA semifinalist from our region. Marcia, who teaches at Florida State University, was judged the first place Award Winner in the Finals. Brava, Marcia!!!

### **National Board Meeting Report**

- **National Elections** – The Board voted to continue to solicit nominations from the membership but the nominating committee will place only one candidate in nomination for each position.
- **Voluntary Database** – This database is on line. Please access this site and customize your listing.
- **New Dues Policy** – *Annual dues are due on January 1 of each year and must be postmarked no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>. Noncompliance will result in a drop from membership privileges. Reactivation of membership will result from payment to the Executive Director of the annual dues and current processing fee.*
- **Your new Regional Governor** was appointed to chair a committee on the Code of Ethics.

## News from the States and Chapters

**Alabama** – State Auditions will be held at the University of South Alabama in Mobile on February 18-19; contact Dr. Thomas Rowell at [trowel@usouthal.edu](mailto:trowel@usouthal.edu).

**Florida** – The Central Florida Chapter is holding local auditions on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Alan Gerber at [agerber@valenciacc.edu](mailto:agerber@valenciacc.edu). The Intracoastal chapter is sponsoring Spring Auditions on February 19; contact Dot Yanes at [yanesd@hotmail.com](mailto:yanesd@hotmail.com).

**Georgia** – State Auditions will be held at Valdosta State University on February 18-19; contact Dwight Coleman at [wcoleman@gsu.edu](mailto:wcoleman@gsu.edu).

### Welcome New Southeastern Region Members since Last Spring

Kyle Ferrill Tallahassee FL	Phee Price-Moore Miami FL	Martha Brouse Madison AL
Cecily Nall Tallahassee FL	Elizabeth Barnard Tampa FL	Priscilla Bagley Winter Park, FL
Ellen Hanson Macon GA	Carla DelVillaggio Lake Mary FL	Shudong Luo Lakeland, FL
Pamela Linkhart Gainesville FL	Tracey Moore Miami FL	Angelia Weide Marietta, GA
Gary Packwood Montevallo AL	Valerie Kennedy Marietta GA	

### In Memoriam Southeastern Region Members since Last Spring

Eugene Talley-Schmidt

Jeanette Lombard Talley-Schmid

## Southeastern Regional Council

The Regional Council exists to serve the region in matters of official and long-range matters. Members include the current state governors, current chapter presidents, and former regional governors. The council meets when the Regional Governor convenes the group or when council membership feels a request to convene the group is justified. If you feel that a meeting of the council is warranted, please notify the regional governor.

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