

January 2006 Newsletter

Southeastern Region of the National Association of Teachers of Singing



Notes from the Regional Governor

This issue of the newsletter gives the first hint of our capability to communicate electronically. This may be the last newsletter that is mailed via “snail mail” to the regional membership at large. Hopefully, we can save lots of postage costs in the future by only mailing “hard copies” to members who do not have the ability to access the information electronically. This will be a great boost to the finances of the region. Our biggest administrative cost each year has been postage. The new website will have all the information you need for regional auditions and other information as well. Those of you with e-mail, please watch your inboxes for a message announcing the website with a link to arrive there. Once it is up and running everyone will receive a post card announcing that the site is up and that regional audition materials can be downloaded at the site. Those of you without the capability to download the information can return the card and I will mail you the material through the US Postal Service.

Thanks are extended to Craig Maddox, regional registrar for student auditions. Craig does a marvelous job and even enjoys doing it! Our auditions last year ran smoothly and without a glitch. Please be sure to offer a word of thanks to Craig when you see him.

The ad hoc committee I appointed at the last regional business meeting has come with a recommendation to change the judging procedures for regional auditions. In effect, it is a recommendation to return to the kind of evaluative procedure we used previous to the present system. Enclosed is their recommendation and a ballot for you to vote. Please return your ballot immediately; the postmark deadline for ballot return is February 13th.

This summer you have the opportunity to join me and a host of others at the 49th NATS CONFERENCE in Minneapolis June 30-July 4. The program has been mailed to you previously and it looks incredible. Scott McCoy, conference program chair, has put together an incredible line up. Save your dollars and register soon; the early bird registration price is good until April 1st. It will be an exceptionally fine gathering of kindred spirits.

This past summer I represented you at the National Board Meeting held in Vancouver as part of the International Congress of Voice Teachers. The program was excellent and the interaction between international colleagues was a real success. The next ICVT is scheduled for Paris in the summer of 2009. I was also appointed to serve on a task force to update and revise the NATS Code of Ethics. You will see the work of our task force sometime in the next year and I hope you will be pleased with the direction.

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Welcome to the New National Executive Director

As you are aware, Dr. Bill Vessels retired December 1st as the Executive Director of NATS. Bill served in an exemplary fashion through some difficult days for the organization, and we shall forever be indebted to his labor of love with our organization. In selecting a new Executive Director, the search committee found one of our own Southeastern Region members to take on the challenge of leadership. Dr. Kandie Kearley Smith holds the DMA from the College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati; an MM in opera from the University of British Columbia; and a BM in voice from Stetson University. Previously she served as assistant general manager of the Seaside Music Theatre in Daytona Beach; managing director of the Daytona Beach Symphony Society; program coordinator for Women’s Programs and Services at the University of Cincinnati; and operations director and administrative assistant for the Florida International Festival in Daytona Beach. She was assistant professor of music at Brewton-Parker College in Mount Vernon, Georgia, and has held teaching positions at Stetson University, and Daytona Beach Community College. She brings her verve and excitement to the office in Jacksonville, and we are all thrilled to have such a capable mind and spirit guiding us. Please welcome her to this position.

DUES

Many of you were surprised last year that you did not receive information about the regional auditions because your dues were not paid by the end of January. Please remember that you are delinquent if the National Office has not received your dues by January 31st! If you want to participate in the spring auditions (district or region) you must have your dues paid by January 31, 2006. The National Office has asked us to strictly enforce this procedure.

News from the States and Chapters

February 2006

11 , 9:45 a.m., Jacksonville University, Northeast Chapter Student Auditions, contact: Peggy Ezell, president or William Vessels (registrar), 904-256-7186 or 904-388-7186; pezell@ju.edu

17-18 , 10 a.m. Friday - 3:00 pm Saturday, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia State Student Auditions sponsored by the Georgia Chapter of NATS, contact: Martha Malone, 478-301-4015, malone_m@mercer.edu

18 , 8:30am, Florida College, Tampa, Tampa Bay Student Auditions and Chapter Meeting,, contact Yvonne Dechance, 803-253-3333x3690(W), 813-253-6124(H) ydechance@ut.edu

24-25 , 1 p.m. Friday through Saturday afternoon, Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Alabama State Student Auditions sponsored by Alabama Chapter, NATS, contact: Dr. James Glass, Huntingdon College, 334-833-4474. JWGlass@Huntingdon.edu

25 , 3 p.m. and 4:45 p.m., Palm Beach Atlantic University, Spring Musicale sponsored by the Intracoastal Chapter, NATS, contact: Dot Yanes, 561 596-7076; yanesd@hotmail.com

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4 , Valencia Community College, Central Florida Chapter Auditions, contact: Alan Gerber 407-380-1383; gerberalan@hotmail.com

30-April 1 , 9:30 AM on Friday through late Saturday afternoon; University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Southeastern Regional Auditions, contacts: (Host Information) Susan Fleming 205-750-8365 sfleming@music.ua.edu; (Registrar Information) Craig Maddox jcmaddox84@aol.com (Event Information) Lloyd Mims 561 803-2400 lloyd_mims@pba.edu

April 2006

25 , 9 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Palm Beach Atlantic University, Student Auditions sponsored by the Intracoastal Chapter, NATS, contact: Dot Yanes, 561 596-7076; yanesd@hotmail.com

Welcome New Southeastern Region Members since Last Spring

Matt McGee Rabun Gap GA

Lisa Davis Americus GA

Jennifer Hobbs Trinity FL

Jean Hazel Troy AL

Margaret Jackson Tallahassee FL

Marti Schert Valdosta GA

Kimberly Rosquist Acworth GA

Jonathan Bassett Tampa FL

Dick Burrell Dublin GA

Sommer Garner Daytona Beach FL

Maria-Olga Piñeros Miami FL

Robyn Elkins Savannah GA

Jeremy Hunt Winter Springs FL

Adam Kirkpatrick Hiram GA

Keena Redding-Hunt Fayetteville GA

Debra McDavid Norcross GA

Robin Woods Leesburg FL

Nicholas Wuehrmann Daytona Beach FL

Brandon Miller Orlando FL

John Shirey Zephyrhills FL

Rocky Tejada Jacksonville AL

Carmen Cancel Tampa FL

Kristin Jewell Orange Park FL

Pamela Coburn Orlando FL

Carolyn Wetherington Roswell GA

Patricia Brown Huntsville AL

Bennie Caston Mt. Vernon GA

YOUR NAME IN PRINT

Have you ever considered submitting an article to the *Journal of Singing*? Many of you have dissertations that could provide nice fodder for an article in the Journal; others of you are doing research right now that would be of interest to the membership. Please consider submitting a proposal to the editor, Richard Sjoerdsma. I know he would welcome the opportunity to review your material and it would be great to see members of our region contributing in such a wonderful manner.