

Best Practices in Working With Your MEA's



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Dr. John Taylor

- High School, Director of Bands, Ohio (3 years)
- Friends University, Director of Instrumental Music and Director of Music Education, Kansas (42 years as a University Director)
- KMEA Leadership: Historian, President and Executive Director (2002-24)
- NAFME SW Division President (2011-13)
- KMEA Hall of Fame (2016)
- 2012 KBA Outstanding Bandmaster
- 2018-19 NFHS Section 5 Outstanding Music Educator Award

Craig Manteuffel

- 5-12 Band and Choir Teacher- Kansas (1986-1996)
- High School Director of Bands- Kansas (1996-2015)
- KSHSAA Assistant Executive Director of Fine Arts (2015-present)
- KMEA Leadership: District President, State President, Assistant Executive Director (2023-present)
- NFHS Music Committee Chairperson (2019-23)

Music Participation in Kansas 9-12 grades

- 30,000+ High School Students participate in Band, Choir, Orchestra
 - Largest participation numbers of all KSHSAA activities
- Students audition for 7 All-State ensembles and a 12A Honor Band
 - Qualify to audition by auditioning in 7 Districts for District Honor Ensembles.
- Middle Level and Elementary All-State Choirs

KMEA Structure

- Affiliate Organizations- KBA, KCDA, KASTA, KMTA, KMEK, KS Orff
 - Listed in the KMEA By-Laws and sit on the board of directors
 - Propose KSHSAA rule changes and survey membership.
 - KSHSAA policy demands a 70% approval rate of the majority of members in order to vote
- KMEA is one of the largest MEA memberships, even though Kansas is the 36th State in Population
- Inservice Workshop held in Wichita in February
 - 6,000+ Annual Attendance
 - 9 All-States Ensembles and 1 Honor Ensemble
 - 100+ Clinic sessions
 - 100+ Exhibitors including 330 tables

KMEA Structure

High School District and All-State Auditions 2022-23

	NW	NC	NE	EC	SW	SC	SE	District Total	All-State
Band	78	204	423	580	123	519	160	2,087	1,029
Choir	215	498	438	630	363	655	341	3,140	
Jazz	13	40	71	96	35	95	34	384	115
Orchestra	35	78	84	278	35	112	43	665	321
Totals	341	820	1,016	1,584	556	1,381	578	6,276	1,465

KMEA Structure

All-State Middle Level Choir 805

All-State Elementary Choir 930

KMEA History

- KMEA was founded in 1946
 - 3 Executive Directors to date, Dr. Taylor- 3rd, Craig- 4th
 - 7 Districts
- NAFME Southwestern Division
 - Kansas typically has a Division President every four years.

KSHSAA Structure

- 354 Member High Schools & 411 Member Middle Schools
 - 5 Regionals & 1 State Piano Festival in February
- 17 Regional Solo & Small Ensemble Festivals
 - Two different weekends- South & North host sites in March/April
 - We use experienced high school adjudicators on their off weekend to help fill all assignments
- 15 State Large Group Festivals
 - Wednesday and Thursday
 - No athletic participation until after 6:00 p.m. on performance date) mid-April
- 6 State Solos & Small Ensemble Festivals last Saturday in April
 - (1 site for each of our six classifications)

Music Adjudicators

- A minimum of 5 years teaching experience
- 3 References
- NFHS Music Adjudicator Course- Highly Recommended
 - Assignment preference for those who have watched the course
- We assign 300+ music adjudicators each year

KSHSAA Music Festivals Online Program

- All KSHSAA Piano & Music Festivals are online entry only
 - KSHSAA owns our program that was written in 2018 by the KMEA Webmaster, Troy Johnson.
 - www.TJSites.com Email address: **admin@festivalscores.com**
 - FestivalScores.com
 - Recorded auditions with remote judging
 - FestivalAuditions.com
 - Judge scoring input system for in-person auditions

Working Together Makes Us All STRONGER!

- KMEA President or designee is a voting member on the KSHSAA Board of Directors
- KSHSAA Assistant Executive Director of Fine Arts holds an advisory position on the KMEA Board of Directors
- Both organizations monitor political issues affecting music learning and festivals in Kansas and cooperate in lobbying efforts

Benefits of Working Together as “KS Team Music”

EXAMPLES

- Troy Johnson, Webmaster
 - serves both associations
- Craig Manteuffel- Former KMEA State President
 - understanding of KMEA policies and procedures
- Process of rule changes for KSHSAA Music Manual and Handbook
 - KSHSAA and KMEA Festivals Committee receive rule proposal ideas
 - Affiliates, festivals committee, surveys, KMEA Board, KSHSAA Executive Board- 15 members (manual changes), KSHSAA Board of Directors- 75 members (handbook changes)

Shared Committees

- KMEA Festivals Committee Chairperson & Committee
- KSHSAA Performing Arts School of Excellence Awards
- KMEA President Strategic Plan Initiatives
 - i.e., Increasing Middle School Events and Participation

Recommendations for States

- It takes a concerted effort from both associations
- Both associations must work at it over time
- Include each other in big activities
 - Speaking at other's conventions
 - John presenting here today
 - Craig speaking at the KMEA Inservice Workshop
- Involve both associations in the rule changing process
- Social Events (personal contact)
- Keep leaders from both organizations informed, (i.e., SB 113)
- State Association and MEA in New Mexico
 - Zach Stevenson, NMAA and Neil Swapp, NMMEA
 - Spring Music Festivals are a Great example of collaboration!!!

KMEA Inservice Workshop in February

- KSHSAA presents 2-3 clinic sessions per year
- KSHSAA is invited by KMEA Leadership to speak with different groups throughout the convention
 - NAFME Collegiate Members
 - 1st to 5th year teachers
 - Retired Teachers
- Dr. James Weaver, NFHS has presented at the KMEA In-Service on a regular basis

1st Year Music Teacher Identification each August

- KMEA Mentoring Program

- At the request of KMEA, KSHSAA sends emails to all 7-12 grade Principals and Activity Directors of our member schools
- 3 State mentor and 7 District mentors chairs
 - monthly Mentoring Minute
 - 3 State and a variety of District mentoring meetings (most meetings by Zoom)
- Music mentors are assigned by KMEA
- KSHSAA is invited by KMEA to speak to all 1st year teachers in August or September on a Zoom meeting. WIN-WIN!

KSHSAA Executive Board Meeting

- KMEA Leadership- Annually in April
 - 3 Presidents, Festivals Committee Chairperson, Executive Director
 - 30-minute presentation
 - May or may not include rule change proposals
 - KMEA Updates and Happenings



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