PENNSYLVANIA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

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A Brief History of PMEA 1933-2008



PMEA History at a Glance

1932-33

April 22, 1933- A group of bandsmen convened at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Reading, PA in a room near the one in which John Philip Sousa had died on March 6, 1932. These men met at the request of George Otto Frye, Girard College, Philadelphia. The organization became known officially as the Pennsylvania Bandmasters' Association.

The purpose of this organization was "to develop and sustain universal interest in bands and band music; to improve bands and band music by clinics, contests, and festivals; to encourage and aid bandmasters in all laudable musical enterprises; and to urge composers to write directly for the band."

1933-34

Second Annual PA Bandmaster's Association convention is held in Aliquippa; First All-State High School Band festival is held.

1934-35

A.D. Davenport resigns from president of PBA. A group of school bandsmen in PBA prefer more emphasis on music education in the schools and form the PA School Band and Orchestra Association; Second All-State Band festival is held in Williamsport.

1935-36

All-State High School Orchestra performs in Ebensburg, conducted by Dr. Howard Hanson and Dr. Will George Butler. Name is changed to PA School Music Association.

1936-37

First newsletter sent out by A.S. Meiser. All-State HS Band held at Coatesville under the leadership of Dr. Edwin Franko Goldman. First All-State HS Chorus at Ebensburg, conducted by Olaf Christansen.

Second Annual All-State HS Chorus at Norwin, where Chorus opened the program with *PSMA March* by A.S. Meiser with lyrics by Ralph Lewando (became the traditional opener for all festivals during this period). All-State Band invited to perform at the Ernest Williams' School of Music in New York City.

1938-39

PSMA News under new management: Paul Mechlin and Robert Litzinger, both at Indiana HS; First addressing machine purchased for \$50.

1939-40

Resolution passed that PSMA designate November 6 of each year as Sousa Memorial Day. PSMA incorporated as a non-profit organization in Clearfield.

By a vote of approximately 5 to 1, it was decided to authorize the Executive Committee to take whatever steps were necessary to proceed with affiliation with the M.E.N.C.

1940-41

"Partial" MENC membership, which included a subscription to *Music Educators Journal*, was selected as desirable for the entire PSMA group at \$3 dues. Individuals wanting full membership could pay \$5.

All-State HS Festival rotation to begin in 1942 with Chorus, Orchestra, Band; 1943: Band, Chorus, Orchestra, 1944: Orchestra, Chorus, Band.

1941-42

First Annual Conference – Clinic held at State College-November 13,14,15; Two year terms of office begin.

1942-43

Vanette Lawler, secretary of MENC, spoke to Executive Committee about plans MENC had to make music education a vital part of the war effort.

All-State HS Orchestra cancelled due to gasoline rationing

and the fact that Indiana State Teachers College (IUP) was placed on list of colleges to be used by the War Department.

1943-44

The *News* was published with issues on September 27, 1943, January 3, March 6 and May 6, 1944.

1944-45

Officers stayed in their positions until war years concluded. No records of activity for 1944-45.

1945-46

The work of the Secretary-Treasurer has become too demanding upon one who has a school position, so that it has become a centrally located position with Dr. Claude Rosenberry and his staff in Harrisburg.

Annual Convention held November 15,16,17 in Harrisburg.

1946

PSMA redistricted to conform to the more recent redistricting of the PSEA (nine districts).

1947

PSMA name changed to PMEA (Pennsylvania Music Educators Association), April 25, 1947. The object of the organization shall be mutual helpfulness and the promotion of "Better School Music," utilizing all the best efforts of the various agencies of music education. First Manual for hosts completed by committee chaired by Russell Christman. Maurice Taylor presented an appeal for the adoption by Legislature of Gertrude Rohrer's "Pennsylvania" as the official state song.

1948

All-State Collegiate Band approved as a PMEA activity. A Planning Committee is appointed to study and help formulate a broader type of a state-wide program in music education, and to plan for the future of PMEA. Harrisburg adopted as permanent location for the annual conference. Curriculum Consultants appointed for MENC.

Gladys Cromer appointed PMEA Historian; Gladys wrote the early history of PMEA (1933-1949) for her master's thesis at Penn State University.

1950

Selection of an Editorial Board for *PMEA News* was approved. Two All-State bands were proposed, an East Band and a West Band.

1951

First member handbook is printed. Guest conductor contract approved and mandated for use as of September 1, 1951. Participation in festivals limited to pupils in grades 10,11, & 12 only.

1952

Ronald Teare appointed new editor of *PMEA News*. Dues raised from \$2 to \$3 (PMEA "share"). A committee is appointed to "study the possibilities of finding a suitable march written by our Honorary President A.D. Davenport to be designated as an official PMEA March."

1953

Committee recommends "Salute to Baden" as the official PMEA March, renamed "Salute to PMEA." First mention of Irene Christman, named to a committee on Sept. 10, 1953.

1954

Committee appointed to study the possibilities of hiring a full-time secretary-treasurer and a managing editor. First performance of *Salute to PMEA* occurs at Mid-West (PA) Band Festival.

1955

Change of date of annual convention is suggested because it conflicts with deer hunting season (conventions held in November or early December). Secretary-Treasurer authorized to purchase an adding machine.

Honorary Life Memberships are established, with a limit of 1 per year. Dr. Frances Andrews serves as Vice-President of Eastern Division.

1957

PMEA President William Roberts is newly-elected president of Eastern Division. Selection of festival music to be made one year in advance instead of two years, to be effective in 1959-60.

1958

President Williams appointed a committee to explore and evaluate PMEA goals and avenues of service to PA music teachers. Fred Orth, one of PMEA's founders, is awarded life membership. PMEA lobbies for the appointment of a Music Consultant in the State Department of Public Instruction.

1959

PMEA reorganization plan is overwhelmingly adopted. No more All-State events; replaced by Region Festivals. Resolution passed requesting a Chief of Music Education be appointed in the Department of Public Instruction; Legislative Action Committee established.

1960

PMEA News Editorial Advisory Committee established. Dr. Margaretta Carey appointed Music Consultant for DPI.

1961

President Elwood Miller appoints Leonard Kello to chair a committee for the study of concrete offerings PMEA can make to the elementary teacher membership.

1962

Prelude to Orchestra by Noah Klaus was selected as the choice for an official PMEA Orchestra composition. Olive

Fornear appointed chairman of the elementary section of PMEA for 62-63. Information concerning race and religion is removed from all district and regional student festival registration forms.

1963

PMEA becomes incorporated in October, 1963. PA Music in Higher Education Association is established to promote the cause of music at the collegiate level. PMEA research bulletin first published. MENC partial membership discontinued. PMEA endorses the PSEA Code of Ethics. Liability insurance purchased for PMEA.

1964

PMEA Night held at the biennial conference of MENC in Philadelphia; Vincent Persichetti commissioned work premiered. Margaretta Carey resigns from DPI; Russell Getz hired to replace her.

1965

PMEA urges the creation of a PA Council on the Arts. All-State Orchestra held for the first time since 1958. Dr. Russell Getz, State Advisor for Music, requested district presidents to investigate problems of staffing in their school systems to report to him.

1966

PMEA Bylaws are revised. All-State Chorus resumes. Festival system changed from District Chorus/Region Chorus to a rotation of district orchestra, chorus, band; Region orchestra, chorus, band. Fine Arts Programs of PA schools were allocated \$4.1 million through Title I funds.

1967

Committee appointed to study the financial structure of PMEA in relation to budget needs in order that the association's operating revenue be raised on a more proportionate basis thereby spreading this support more equally throughout the membership and its activities. All-State Band resumes.

Orff & Kodaly workshops held for elementary music teachers across the state. Conference site rotation plan proposed, to be voted on by the membership in 1969.

1969

Harrisburg is chosen as the permanent conference site by the membership. Clinics held on "Electronic Music." Dr. Russell Getz is elected vice-president of MENC Eastern Division. Unanimous agreement, students should not participate in festivals if, for any reason, they plan to miss any part of the affair

1970

Pennsylvania is ahead of every state in the number of music graduates. There are 27 approved music schools and four applicants for certification. Program of adjudication of bands established. Conference dates changed to January, to be effective in 1972. *PMEA News* changed from 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 publication to 8 1/2 x 11.

1971

Junior high/elementary workshop held at Westminster College; Robert Revicki presented the Manhattanville Approach to music education. Discussions begin on the formation of a State Council for Music Education, which would be made up of representatives from organizations having common interests in music and the arts.

1972

State music education committee organized by PDE. Plans for a summit were completed: PMEA Executive Council to be divided in four committees: 1)financial structure and school fees, 2) district reorganization, 3) possible "GO" projects for PA and 4) host manual revision and handbook. 1972 Conference results in a small net profit (approximately \$50) for the first time ever. Redistricting plan results from the June Summit meeting.

Editorial Board formed to re-examine the role and philosophy of the research bulletin. Reorganization Plan presented to the Council. Target date for reorganization is 1975. Student chapters begin to organize on a statewide basis.

1974

District reorganization plans are not popular in most areas of the state. Second vote to be taken on reorganization. Must rescind 1973 vote and vote on a new plan, which includes 12 districts and 6 regions. Plan to become effective July 1, 1976. Music in Our Schools Day proposed. PMEA registers very vigorous objections to three regional bi-annual MENC conferences instead of six bi-annual division conferences, and PMEA registers even more vigorous objections to unilateral decisions made without consulting the constituencies.

1975

PMEA submits recommendations for Specifications for Minimum Music Offerings in School Programs for inclusion in the General Curriculum Regulations. New logo adopted (Keystone with circular treble clef design). State Board Curriculum Revision Committee begins work on revisions to the School Code. PMEA is urged to exert leadership as one of the strongest states in the Alliance for Arts Education to oppose what is being proposed because it neglects the arts in the school curriculum.

Pennsylvania has poor response to MENC Building Campaign; members urged to support the building campaign.

1976

Student (collegiate) chapters prepare a proposed constitution and other guidelines for an organizational meeting at the conference in Hershey.

Conference rotation pattern established for the next few years. Summit Committee recommends placing six regional curriculum/instruction representatives on the PMEA Council; must go to the membership for approval as a constitutional revision. Committee also recommends electing a Curriculum/ Instruction Coordinator on a statewide ballot as a voting member of the Executive Council to work with the 6 regional representatives.

1977

PMEA encouraged by council member to maintain video library of outstanding music education programs, workshops, elinics, etc.

25 Year Teaching Recognition award established. Music in Our Schools Day becomes Music in Our Schools Week.

1978

Pennsylvania is first in the nation in membership (New York, second; Ohio, third). Music Teacher Projects Assistance Program awarded grants to 11 teachers. March Board meeting cancelled due to snow; first cancelled board meeting on record

Resolution adopted that there be a minimum of one vocal-general music teacher for every 400 elementary school students and that there be a minimum of one instrumental music teacher for every 125 elementary school students enrolled in the instrumental music program and that adequate musical instruments and instructional materials be provided for all students.

MENC planning to drop division conferences. PMEA votes to uphold and support the continuation of the biennial Eastern Division Conference.

1979

Membership drop causes great concern for *PMEA News* fiscal operations (editor receives \$2 per member to subsidize the publication).

PMEA member Fred DelMonte named Pennsylvania's Teacher of the Year. Survey of membership to determine changing the date of Annual Conference from January to April.

MENC decides to hold annual conferences instead of

biennial conferences; plans 33% dues increase and asks PMEA to ensure passage.

PMEA lobbies for a federal Department of Education (separating Education from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare at the federal level). Proposal to have three All-State groups perform at the Annual Conference in 1980 is adopted. Eastern Division MENC plans to continue biennial division conference without endorsement of MENC.

1980

Job description developed for President; guidelines developed for Nominating Committee. Dr. Russell Getz serves as president-elect of MENC. First *PMEA Resource Guide*, listing persons interested in offering their expertise to teachers and students in the public schools, is printed.

1981

Two Region Orchestras (East and West) become three, establishing East I (Districts 7,8,9,10) and East II (Districts 11 and 12). Vaclav Nelhybel is commissioned to compose a finale selection for band, orchestra, and chorus for the 1983 All-State Festival. Question raised by District 11 regarding value of regional festivals.

Society for General Music has been established. 1982 Conference to include All-Star Jazz Band. MENC announces a return to biennial schedule for conferences in 1984.

1982

Poll reveals that 90% of PMEA members are in favor of retaining Regional festivals. Council adopted new All-State Selection Procedure for 1984 festivals. Music Parents Booster Affiliation of PMEA is established.

1983

50th Anniversary Celebration is kicked-off at the January Annual In-service Conference. Council learns that MENC has scheduled Eastern Division over PMEA's dates (PMEA dates were established before MENC picked its dates).

Citation of Excellence award proposed and adopted. PMEA holds 4-day meetings in June, replacing both the May and September Council meetings.

1984

First issue of general music newsletter, "The Network," is sent to 1500 general music teachers. Decision is made not to publish information on the 1985 Eastern Division Conference, since it conflicts with PMEA's annual conference. Chapter 5 Revision hearings being conducted by PA Dept. of Education

First official opening of the exhibits ceremony, planned by President Carmen Culp.

1985

Council is concerned because student membership is dropping and MENC is proposing a dues increase from \$6 to \$20. Conference dates and sites for the next 6 years are established, due to difficulty securing sites on preferred dates.

PMEA representative to PAAE is directed to oppose inclusion of practical arts as part of the "Arts" curriculum. New President Orientation begins.

MENC President Paul Lehman issues Memorandum of Understanding. Carmen Culp appointed chair of a committee charged with studying PMEA's interaction with "affiliated associations." President Al Nacinovich sends strongly worded letter to MENC re repeated Eastern Division mailings to PMEA membership in spite of our clearly-stated objection given four months prior.

1986

Dr. Ira Singleton and Dr. Irene Sample will represent PMEA to PDE in preparation of a "Comprehensive Plan for Arts in Education." First year teachers will be given competency tests beginning in 1987.

Music in Our Schools Week becomes Music in Our Schools Month as Pennsylvania Senate passes a resolution declaring March, 1986 as Music in our Schools Month. PMEA District 2 holds first All-Star Sing and it is a huge success.

Six additional C/I Chairs added to PMEA Council as voting members. Tri-M has 34 chapters in PA. Adjudication Guide is published in *PMEA News*.

Joint PMEA/MENC Eastern Division conference proposed for 1991. Adjudication session at conference included a tape from an unidentified performance group for adjudication by attendees to learn about the system.

All-State Music Committee established to review each program selection before adoption and will make suggestions if the music is not a challenge to All-State musicians.

1987

PMEA Official blazer is adopted upon the recommendation of Executive Secretary Christman. All state officers will wear the blazer at the conferences to be easily identifed by the membership. Jim Stewart elected to a second (non-consecutive) term as President. Executive Council renamed Executive Board.

PMEA News Editor Richard Merrell implements desktop publishing and saves \$2500 to \$3500 each issue.

Attorney John Killian rules that neither Act 33 or Act 34 of 1985 gives a school district any authority to require criminal background checks for parents and chaperones. Parents and chaperones are clearly not employees within the scope of this particular law.

Guidelines for selection to All-Eastern were not presented in writing and PMEA did not receive its stated 24% quota of performance groups. PMEA asks Eastern Division to reconsider and grant full quota. If full quota is not adhered to within some days, and unless documented guidelines are produced and policy established, PMEA will initiate a study of the feasibility of withdrawing from Eastern Division/MENC after this year. No action will be taken if our quota is granted for this year.

PMEA appoints committee to work on selecting a state song to be approved by the State Legislature.

Harp selection/audition procedure established.

The Board empowers the PMEA President to form a

Trouble-Shooter Committee, consisting of persons well-versed in Chapter 5 with expertise to approach school administrators/boards re the need for music education in the schools.

There is a big drop in student memberships as the advisor points out the late April and early May dates for the conference conflict with final exams.

1988

PMEA News is honored with an award by MENC. Outstanding Superintendent Award is established. Music Boosters Affiliate Chair Dean Streator completes a 20 page PMEA-MBA Bylaw Primer, which will be included in MENC Manual. Frank Taylor's collection of 25,000 festival records is housed at Edinboro University Library.

State Song Chair Cindy Conway presents two "finalist" songs for the board. PA is the only state without an official song; legislators will vote when it reaches the floor. "Pennsylvania" by Edward Khoury and Ronnie Bonner is voted Pennsylvania state song.

1989

Instrumental Selective Music List for adjudication festivals in completed.

Carol Myers elected Eastern Division President-elect. Continuing concern expressed by the districts requesting a uniform membership expiration date. MENC will exhibit at PMEA conferences in 1990 and 1991 at their expense. MENC institutes teacher certification program. State C/I Coordinator is added to the state Executive Committee.

National Black Music Caucus Chair, George Allen, expresses concern that there are few to no African American students in All-State. He is invited to select and chair an ad hoc study committee.

Society for General Music Chair dropped; the State C/I Coordinator will serve as the chair for general music without adding additional duties and would permit our C/I work to be recognized nationally.

First Leadership Workshop is held successfully; second one planned for 1990.

Irene Christman is honored with the Outstanding Contribution to MENC Service Award. PMEA is given the Oustanding State Organization for serving its members "in an exemplary manner." *Pennsylvania* by Edward Khoury and Ronnie Bonner is adopted by the state as the official state song.

C/I Guide is approved for use; Elementary Sing Manual adopted for use.

Christman requests April board meeting to be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., C/I and Presidents could meet until 6 and board members would be free to attend Wed. evening reception.

Dick Merrell, PMEA News Editor, elected to the Chair of the National Council of State Editors, 1990-1992.

Total percussion approach to selection of students for Region-State and All-State ensembles is rejected. Irene Christman presented with Honorary Life membership in PMEA, in recognition of 35 years of dedicated service.

The National Commission on Music Education is established by NAMM and MENC: PMEA asked to obtain signatures on petitions supporting music education. "Guidelines for Developing Music Curricula" published.

Common concerns shared by all districts include poor attendance at C/I workshops, increasing festival registration fees, and difficulty in finding festival hosts.

PA is now an official member of the PA State Advisory Council for Arts Education.

1991

Constitution revisions presented to PMEA members; adding C/I Coordinator to PMEA Executive Committee is approved. Chapter 5 revisions present "an entirely new way of thinking -- an outcome-based set of curriculum regulations."

PMEA commended by MENC for running a profitable conference in Pittsburgh. District One creates new position: festival coordinator.

Publication of the *PMEA Bulletin of Research in Music Education* is resumed (last published in 1986).

Draft of a state Arts Education plan is compiled by the PA Arts Education Advisory Council. James R. Stewart is appointed chair of the PA Coalition for Music Education. PMEA membership tops 4,000 for the first time.

District 10 proposes that region-state festivals be dropped throughout the state. Proposal overwhelmingly defeated.

Successful Eastern Division/PMEA Conference in Pittsburgh results in computers being purchased for all 12 district secretaries. Executive Director attends MENC/New Orleans and reports that very few states are successful in offering programs for retirees.

Beth Cornell is new PDE Fine Arts Advisor.

Major constitutional revisions proposed.

1993

Model Outcomes Based Curriculum published. Tri-M Chair announces that PA has more national award-winning chapters than any other state. Irene Christman announces her retirement, to be effective in 1995 or 1996.

Carol Myers serves as Eastern Division President. PA Black Music Caucus Chair George Allen is appointed National Chair.

Summer Leadership Seminar held in Erie at Penn State-Behrend Campus.

Executive Director says "we can depend on a \$2 increase by MENC annually," referring to dues payments.

The Arts have been included as part of "Basic Education" in *Goals 2000: Educate America*.

1994

PMEA offers \$500 student scholarship in honor of the PA School Boards Association's 100th anniversary. PA qualifies for a \$1250 grant for advocacy materials from MENC.

Spousal membership discount is coming from MENC. *Goals 2000: Educate America*, the national education law which includes arts as part of the basic education for every

child was signed into law by President Clinton. PMEA adopts a resolution in support of the National Standards.

Job description for position of executive director is adopted. Search Committee proposes four-step plan for the process. Committee appointed to study current practices in effect in all regions to prepare unified festival guidelines. Honorary Life Membership is granted to Frederick DelMonte.

1995

A major concern in many districts is the participation in PMEA festivals by home-schooled students. Home schooled student participation in PMEA Festivals policy is adopted.

A Search Committee reports there are two applicants for the position of executive director; a final decision is expected by April.

A new document, *PMEA Statewide Region Festival Policies*, is adopted for immediate implementation. Considered a major accomplishment for the association. Higher Education Committee prepares a document entitled, "The Preparation of the Elementary Classroom Teacher in Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts Education."

Use of invocations and the singing of the Doxology will be discontinued at PMEA-sponsored events.

Margaret Bauer is accepted as Assistant to the Executive Director for one year, 1995-1996.

Name of All-Star Sings changed to "Fest," i.e. Choral Fest, Band Fest, etc.

1996

Intensive (also known as "block") scheduling in school districts is creating challenges for music teachers.

The new Disney movie, "Mr. Holland's Opus," will preview in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

A three-year automation plan is developed by the Executive Assistant; a transition plan is developed for the transfer of records from retiring executive director Irene Christman to incoming executive director Margaret Bauer.

District 10 begins using total percussion approach to auditions.

First Cultural Diversity Choir performs at the PMEA Annual In-service Conference in Pittsburgh

Higher Education Committee develops new brochure, "So You Want to be a Music Major." First strategic plan is adopted by the State Board. PMEA establishes its own website.

1998

Blue jackets worn at conferences are discontinued and will not be worn at the conference in Erie. Successful conference held for the first time in Erie.

1999

James R. Stewart Distinguished Service Award is established in honor of PMEA's only two term (non-consecutive) president. Richard Merrell is first recipient of the award.

2000

PMEA is approved by the state Department of Education to offer Act 48 continuing professional education hours. PMEA Curriculum Guide is updated to reflect change from Outcomesbased Education to Standards-based education.

PMEA begins using photo ID badges for All-State students.

PMEA changes dates of Region-State Band to accommodate MENC/Eastern Division Conference in Providence, RI.

Summer Leadership Seminar becomes Professional Development Seminar in light of the offering of Act 48 hours.

MENC places fee on All-Eastern Honors Ensembles applications; PMEA protests the fee.

2001

PMEA Board accepts the current draft of the Proposed State Standards for the Arts & Humanities. Financial Policy Handbook is developed and approved. A mission statement is developed and approved for the summer Professional Development Seminar: Creating excellence in music education

by applying the knowledge, skills, and techniques of personal and professional leadership.

WITF TV, a public television station, receives a grant to videotape the 2002 All-State Concert in Philadelphia at the new Kimmel Center. District 10 requests consideration of reorganizing the PMEA district structure; given to committee to review and make recommendations. Total Percussion auditions for All-State orchestra are adopted.

2002

New Mission statement is adopted as a result of a strategic planning process: The mission of PMEA is to advance music education by encouraging excellence in the study, teaching and making of music." Restructuring Committee recommends no changes to the current district structure, stating that it meets the needs for governance issues; committee does recommend appointment of a festival policy coordinator in each district. Crosswalk Framework Document, relating the state standards to the national standards in the arts, is published.

All-State Concert becomes two concerts: Jazz & Choir and Band & Orchestra, due to high demand for tickets.

2003

PMEA Board approves Festival Committee recommendation to add a Vocal Jazz Ensemble and a Wind Ensemble to the All-State performing groups. PMEA purchases office building in Hamburg.

2004

PMEA establishes online membership directory on website. Federal No Child Left Behind Act is threatening music programs in the schools.

2005

PMEA Bylaws revisions are approved overwhelmingly by the membership. PMEA will change membership year to July 1 to June 30 and will begin to collect the dues at the state level, in response to membership desire to have a common expiration date

Mentoring program for new teachers is begun. President Nora Burridge is named a Lowell Mason Fellow by MENC in March.

Eastern Division begins to question MENC's handling of All-Eastern Honors Ensembles.

2006

Membership and Meetings Coordinator staff position is approved, bringing the total number of PMEA full-time staff to four. Future Music Educators High School Honors Symposium proposal is accepted by the Board. Training of Adjudication Judges to begin in 2007.

Eastern Division votes to take on the responsibility for the conference and BOCJ, eliminating MENC involvement.

2007

Conflict of Interest statements now required of Board members by the Internal Revenue Service. Pilot Jazz Adjudication program proposed and held. PMEA gives grants to first year and urban teachers to attend the annual in-service conference. New logo adopted in celebration of the 75th anniversary; it will replace the current logo.

First online election held (special election).

Irene R. Christman, executive director for 41 years (1955-1996), passes away.

2008

Bylaws Revision to allow for online balloting in future elections is approved by the membership. New PMEA-only Retired Membership is approved by the board.

PMEA Hall of Fame proposed to honor active, retired, honorary and former members of PMEA who have made a truly significant contribution or impact on music education in Pennsylvania and is approved to be developed.

PMEA celebrates its 75th Anniversary!

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Official Board meeting minutes, 1939-2008. The early history of the organization is lost, other than what Ms. Gladys Cromer was able to reconstruct in her thesis by talking to early members, because the records were never turned over by a secretary who moved out of the state in 1939.

Official Administrative Directories compiled by Irene R. Christman and Margaret S. Bauer.

What I have been able to construct is primarily based on the above sources and is, to the best of my knowledge, an accurate picture of the history of the organization. My sincere apologies to anyone who may have been inadvertently omitted from the following directory pages of members involved in the leadership of the organization. Our records are not perfect and it is possible that some members may have been overlooked. My thanks to State President Chuck Neidhardt for his help in preparing this anniversary document. And to Research Chair, Linda Thornton, for her willingness to lend me Cromer's thesis, without which there would be no history available from 1933 to 1939.



State Officers

1935-1936

President A.S. Meiscer, Mt. Lebanon
Vice President W. Fred Orth, Coatesville
Secretary Joseph Martin, Bessemer
Treasurer Russell Llewellyn, Berwick

1936-1937

President W. Fred Orth, Coatesville Vice President Gordon Williams,

Ebensburg

Secretary Lina Yeager, Verona Treasurer Cyrus Thompson,

Hollidaysburg

1937-1938

President Charles Aikey, Johnstown Vice President Maurice Taylor, Montrose Secretary Harold Hetrick, Irwin Cyrus Thompson,

Hollidaysburg

1938-1939

President Cyrus Thompson,

Hollidaysburg

Vice President Maurice Taylor, Montrose Secretary-Treasurer Stanley Gray, Berwyn

1939-1940

President Harry Canfield, Indiana
Vice President Fred Zellers, Lancaster
Secretary-Treasurer Kenneth Owens, Clearfield

1940-1941

President James Dunlop, Emporium Vice President David Reese, Sharon 2nd Vice President Harry Canfield, Indiana Secretary-Treasurer (elected) Kenneth Owens, Clearfield

(appointed) Harold Buchheit, Emporium

(appointed) C.P. Huntingdon, Johnstown

1941 (May to January 1, 1942)

President James Dunlop, Emporium

1st Vice President David Reese, Sharon

2nd Vice President Harry Canfield, Indiana

Secretary-Treasurer C.P. Huntingdon, Johnstown

1942-1944

President Stanley Gray, Berwyn

1st Vice President John Loos, West Lawn

2nd Vice President James Dunlop, Farrell

Secretary Treasurer C.P. Huntingdon, Johnstow

Secretary-Treasurer C.P. Huntingdon, Johnstown

Members at Large (one year) Carroll Kerns, Farrell

(two years) Irving Cheyette

(three years) Maurice Taylor, Montrose

(Note: Due to World War II, these men were frozen in office until December 31, 1945) [direct quote from Gladys Cromer's thesis]

1946-1948

President Hummel Fishburn, State

College

Vice President Stanley Fleming, Aspinwall

2nd Vice President Stanley Gray, Berwyn

Secretary-Treasurer Claude Rosenberry, Harrisburg

Members at Large Carroll Kearns, Farrell David Reese, Sharon

Irving Cheyette, Indiana

1948-1950

President Leslie Saunders, Lebanon Vice President Clement Weidenmyer, E.

Stroudsburg

2nd Vice President Hummel Fishburn, State College Secretary-Treasurer Claude Rosenberry, Harrisburg

Members at Large Paul Campbell, Hershey

Maurice Taylor, Montrose Dr. Paul Witmeyer, Williamsport

1952-1953

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Secretary-Treasurer
Members at Large

M. Clair Swope, Slippery Rock W. Paul Campbell, Palmyra Chester A. Stineman, Lansford Russell E Shuttlesworth, Harrisburg William Blough, Sharon James Dunlop, State College Damon Holton, Norristown

1953-1954

President Vice President 2nd Vice President Secretary-Treasurer Members at Large W. Paul Campbell, Palmyra William O. Roberts, Wilkes Barre M. Clair Swope, Slippery Rock Russell B. Christman, Harrisburg William Blough, Sharon James Dunlop, State College Marian Buchanan, Sharon

1954-1955

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1955-1956

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1957-1958

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Vice President
2nd Vice President
Barre
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Members at Large

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1958-1959

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