

Letter from the President 2011-2012

October 4, 2011

Dear Members of the Nevada Music Educators Association,

I hope this letter finds you in the groove of a great school year. I am excited to be taking over as President of NMEA and thank my predecessor, Anne Stephen, for her excellent leadership over the last two years. For my first letter to the membership, I have decided to present it in a newsletter format so you can find pertinent information quickly. Before I get into that though, I would like to take a moment to encourage you to get involved in NMEA. We can always use help with our many different events and appreciate any suggestions for improvement you may have. Remember, this organization is run by its members for its members and for the *music students* of Nevada! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns and I hope you have an excellent school year!

Sincerely,

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2011 State Professional Development Conference & All State Festival

April 18-21, 2011

University of Nevada – Las Vegas

General Information

- Conference Hotels:** South Point Hotel & Ramada Hotel
**NMEA cannot subsidize hotel costs this year, but we have secured great rates.*
- Teacher registration fee:** \$75 by check or \$80 by card **DUE:** 3/23/11
- Special guests clinicians and speakers:**
 - Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser (*author, clinician, motivational speaker*)
 - Nancy Ditmer (*President, MENC*)

All State Ensemble Conductors

- Middle School Choir** – Rollo Dilworth, *Temple University*
- High School Choir** – Bruce Rogers, *Mt. San Antonio College*
- Concert Band** – Richard Clary, *Florida State University*
- Jazz Band** – Matt Harris, *California State Northridge*
- Guitar Ensemble** – Ricardo Cobo, *University of Nevada Las Vegas*
- Orchestra** – Jung-Ho Pak, *Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra*

Preliminary Schedule (*subject to change*)

Wednesday 4/18

- Area Host Concert

Thursday 4/19

- State Solo & Ensemble Competition
- Clinics Begin (afternoon)
- Command Performance Concert
- All State Ensemble Rehearsals

Friday 4/20

- Clinics and All State Rehearsals continue
- Member Luncheon and Awards
- UNLV Host Concert
- All State Guitar Ensemble (*Premier Performance*) and All State Jazz Band Concert

Saturday 4/20

- Clinics continue
- General membership meeting
- All State Choir, Band and Orchestra Concerts

2011-2012 Calendar of Events

*Complete information for all events can be found on our website, www.nmeamusic.org

Date	Event	Area	Deadlines
Jan 24-Feb 3	All State Ensemble Auditions (Choir, Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra) – <i>Dates/locations posted on website</i>	High School	See website for each area's deadlines
Feb 10-11	Southern Zone MS Solo & Ensemble Festival (Clark HS)	Middle School	Entries-1/19 Fees-1/26
Feb 24-25	Southern Zone HS Solo & Ensemble Festival (Clark HS)	High School	Entries- 1/26 Fees-2/2
Feb 25	Washoe Zone/Regional Solo & Ensemble Festival (Depoali MS)	Middle & High School	Forms & Fees <i>received</i> by 1/27/12
March 10	Southern Zone Regional Solo & Ensemble Festival (Clark HS)	High School	Entries-2/29 Fees-3/7
March 17	Sing Across Nevada (see website for locations)	Elementary School	Jan 17, 2012
Apr 18-21	State Professional Development Conference & All State Festival (UNLV)	All	Student -check website Teacher - 3/23/12 (postmark)
Apr 26-28	Small Schools All State Band (Battle Mountain)	High Schools w/enrollment of 1500 or less	See website

MENC is now NafME



Our organization of music educators and music education advocates was founded in 1907 as **Music Supervisors National Conference**, and later became **Music Educators National Conference**, with the familiar acronym "MENC." In 1998, the association became known as MENC: The National Association for Music Education. September 2011 marks the completion of the name transition to **National Association for Music Education**.

We gain much by calling ourselves an 'Association' rather than a 'Conference'. This allows certain sponsorships and partnerships that have not been possible previously and also more aptly defines us as a professional organization. To aide in our branding, the national office is asking that we pronounce the acronym 'N-A-f-M-E', saying all of the letters separately. If you require one of the new logos for official NafME communication or events (must be approved), please contact Dan Barthel.