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Dear Colleagues,

Another year of music-making has come and gone at your schools and I hope that it has been one of your best and most satisfying years. It's getting to be vacation time soon...and a well-deserved vacation it will be for all!

This past March, approximately 457 students participated in our 80th annual 2007 Concert Festival held at The Bromfield School in Harvard, MA. In spite of a difficult snow and ice storm that made things inconvenient on Friday evening, the festival went forward as scheduled and was enjoyed by all. Our Harvard hosts worked hard to make our NEMFA students, teachers, guest conductors, and parents feel welcome during the festival. A big thank you to all participating members schools and individuals this year for helping to make our 80th annual NEMFA festival a great success! I am happy to report that the 81st annual NEMFA Concert Festival will be hosted by Ms. Marjorie Roosen and the Mt. Anthony Union High School Music Department of Bennington, Vermont. Let's see if each of us could work to bring JUST ONE new school into our organization for next year as we move beyond our 80th year.

At its December 8th meeting the Executive Board voted (5 for, 2 against, 1 abstention) to eliminate mailing *The Bulletin* to the membership. However, The Fall Bulletin, each September, will continue to be mailed. All other *Bulletins* (November, December, February and Spring) will be available on the web site at <www.nemfa.org>.

Information regarding the scheduling of our 2007-2008 NEMFA events is included in this *Bulletin*. Please pay close attention to the deadlines listed...the organization works best when everyone pulls together and observes the deadlines that help NEMFA run as efficiently as possible. Please contact me if you have any comments or criticisms of the *Bulletin*.

THOMAS E. REYNOLDS
Interim *BULLETIN* Editor

2007 - 2008 NEMFA CALENDAR

June 2, 2007	Meeting, 10:00 A.M. Holiday Inn, Newton, MA	Managers Must Present: 1. Conductors to be hired 2. Programs finalized for ordering music
September 8, 2007	Meeting, 10:00 A.M. Holiday Inn, Newton, MA	Solo & Ensemble Festival Planning Concert Festival Planning
November 2, 2007	ELECTRONIC DEADLINE \$100.00 Late Fee per school/sponsor After 11/9/07, no apps. Accepted	Solo & Ensemble Apps. Due to Steffen Parker
November 9, 2007	POSTMARK DEADLINE	Mail (Certified) Completed Hard Copy Invoice, Student List & Payment* to Bill Sittard. *Pymt. Includes: Dues & S&E Fees or School P.O. guaranteeing pymt.
December 1, 2007	Solo & Ensemble Festival Belfast Area High School Belfast, ME	Eastern Site John R. Cameron, Site Host
December 1, 2007	Solo & Ensemble Festival Hartford High School White River Junction, VT	Northern Site Robert E. Gattie, Site Host
December 7, 2007	Meeting, 7:30 P.M. Hilton Garden Inn (860.659.1025) 85 Glastonbury Boulevard Glastonbury, CT 06033	Review Solo & Ensemble Festival and Concert Festival Procedures, Rules and Regulations
December 8, 2007	Solo & Ensemble Festival Smith Middle School (860.652.7040) 216 Addison Road Glastonbury, CT 06033	Southern Site Patricia Lignelli, Site Host
January 7, 2008	Electron. Confirm. Deadline	Log in. Confirm participation of each student. Print out the Acceptance/ Invoice Form. Amt. due auto adjusts.
January 14, 2008	POSTMARK DEADLINE \$100.00 Late Fee per school/sponsor After 2/1/08 no forms accepted student participation denied. *Incomplete forms incur \$10.00 Reprocessing Fee.	Mail (Certified) Completed* Conc. Fest. Material to Bill Sittard & Include: 1. Pymt. of Fees or School P.O. guaranteeing payment 2. Acceptance-Invoice Form 3. Student Agreement/Health Forms 4. Permission Forms 5. Return unused music
March 13-15, 2008	Concert Festival Marjorie Rooen, Host	Mt. Anthony Union High School Bennington, VT
June 7, 2008	Meeting, 10:00 A.M. Holiday Inn, Newton, MA	Managers Must Present: 1. Conductors to be hired 2. Programs finalized for ordering music

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING. 16 MARCH 2007, HARVARD, MA

The meeting was called to order by President John Kuhner at 10:10 am. Present were: Frank Whitcomb, Pam Rodgers, Rob Gattie, Steffen Parker, Bill Sittard, Frank May, Dr. Morton Gold, Jay Wilson, Ruth Ann Heller and Tom Reynolds-

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. Income of about \$30,000 was reported.

Frank May, substituting for Dean Bob Miller, reported only minor problems with students.

Jay Wilson, Band Manager, reported that although there were a number of students who were not properly prepared, the rehearsals were going well.

Steffen Parker, Co-coordinator of the Solo and Ensemble Festival raised the question of the efficiency of re-auditioning students at the Concert Festival. This was discussed at length.

Tom Reynolds, Website Coordinator and Editor of the Bulletin, reported that, with the inclement weather, the rehearsals would be extended that afternoon and the evening rehearsals would be canceled, with the students being transported to their assigned housing. Events on Saturday would be scheduled according to weather conditions. He also introduced the Superintendent of Schools who welcomed the Association to the area.

Tom also agreed to combine the positions of Website Coordinator and Editor of the Bulletin, the latter position having become vacant due the passing of John Hansen.

Dr. Morton Gold, Orchestra Manager, reported that the orchestra musicians were well-disciplined, and that rehearsals were going well. The process of seating in the string sections was brought into question because of the apparent differences of difficulty in their various audition pieces. This was discussed at length. Also questioned was the position of responsibility as it pertained to the bowing marks for strings.

Pam Rodgers, Chorus Manager, reported that the configuration of the rehearsal room required considerable alterations in the seating plan. She also expressed gratitude for assistance in the reseating process and auditioning students for solo work. The chorus was an excellent group, she said.

Steffan Parker and Rob Gattie, Co-coordinators of the Solo and Ensemble Festival, reported that there is one more year left in the planned three-year attempt at recruiting more schools from Maine. They reported that the Festival was running well, and that the on-line auditioning process was successful and will be expanded this year. Rob noted the difficulty in finding capable adjudicators. Frank May suggested that additional instrumental parts be procured with the initial purchase of scores in order to provide replacements needed because of missing parts, a problem encountered this year.

Motion by Rob Gattie: That Band and Orchestra music not be distributed until after a list of acceptances for the Concert Festival is compiled. Motion passed unanimously.

President Kuhner made note of the various points and recommendations made by directors at the Directors' Forum.

Rob Gattie announced that the Nominating Committee had made its recommendations, although the list was incomplete. After some discussion, it was agreed not to accept the Nominating Committee's report, but to request the nominations at the general meeting that afternoon.

Rob Gattie reported on the meeting of Past Presidents' recommendations to create an appointed position as a Membership Chairperson on the Executive Board, to work on an extended schedule of sites for the Concert Festival, and to commend Tom Reynolds for his outstanding work on the publication of a history of the Association, his excellent work in hosting the current Concert Festival, and for accepting the added position as Editor of the Bulletin.

Motion by Rob Gattie: That a position as Membership Chairperson be created, said position to be filled by appointment, and be included as a member of the Executive Board. Motion passed.

Motion by Don Hermance: That the Board go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

President Kuhner asked for suggestions for a membership drive. The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald L. Hermance,
Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING. 16 MARCH 2007, HARVARD, MA

The meeting was called to order at 2:12 pm by President John Kuhner. Also present was the general membership.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published, Bill Sittard reported on the general fiscal status of the Association.

Tom Reynolds offered a brief powerpoint presentation dealing with the Association website,

Tom also reported on the altered schedule of the day, changes being made according to the conditions of the roads after the recent snowstorm.

Frank May, substituting for Dean Bob Miller, reported on several issues concerning the safety of the students.

Tom Reynolds reported on the status of the website.. He also offered personal comments on the passing of Executive Board member John Hansen, ending with a moment of silence in his memory.

Jay Wilson, Band manager, noted the problems created by the disparity of levels of competence required by the several audition pieces.

Dr Morton Gold, Orchestra Manager, reported that all was going well with the orchestra.

Pam Rodgers, Chorus Manager, observed that the cramped quarters of the rehearsal facilities at a nearby church required some seating adjustments. She also thanked those supervisors and parents who assisted in solving the seating problems, and complimented the students on their excellence.

Rob Gattie, Co-coordinator of the Solo and Ensemble Festival, reported on the ongoing process of computerizing the system.

Don Hermance reported on the recommendations of the Past Presidents, extolling the membership to consider offering to fill the new post of Membership Chairperson, and also offering to host future Concert Festivals.

President Kuhner asked for nominations from the floor for the open positions on the Executive Board.

Motion: That the Recording Secretary cast one vote for the following nominees:

President - Frank Whitcomb
President-elect - Sal Ciccirella
Band Manager - Jay Wilson
Orchestra Manager - Ed Owens
Chorus Manager - Laura Hilton

Motion passed unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald L. Hermance
Recording Secretary

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STUDENT/DIRECTOR INPUT FOR NEW ENGLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

NEMFA is committed to finding ways to improve the festival experience for both students and directors. The organization is particularly interested in involving new schools in the NEMFA festivals, or schools that may have participated years ago but do not do so now. One way of getting this needed input is to ask you and your students to respond to a brief online survey that may be found on our website, www.nemfa.org. This will give us some needed feedback about the things that you liked about the 80th anniversary festival held recently in Harvard, Mass. as well as suggestions that you might have that would improve the festival from your point of view. After opening www.nemfa.org, please click on the "Concert Festival" link, and then click on the "Students' Comments" link that appears at the end of the first paragraph. You may also go to this link directly by clicking on the following:

[http:// 209.250.226.130/nemfa/Comments.htm](http://209.250.226.130/nemfa/Comments.htm)

We look forward to your comments.

HISTORY BOOK OF THE NEW ENGLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL STILL AVAILABLE

Copies of the book 'The Story of the New England Music Festival Association, Inc.' are still available and may be obtained by sending a \$9.00 check (per book) made payable to "NEMFA" to:

**NEMFA Historical Book
c/o Thomas E. Reynolds
PO Box 102
Templeton, Massachusetts 01468**

You may also go online at www.nemfa.org and click on "Concert Festival" and then go to the "Souvenir Program - History Book" link that is still there. A new book link will be placed online as soon as the new 81st annual concert festival information is ready to post.

NEMFA HERITAGE PROJECT - HISTORICAL PROGRAMS AND RECORDS

An effort has been made to approach an institution about storing documents and recordings that are a part of the New England Music Festival Association, Inc. as a part of the NEMFA Heritage Project.

I am presently storing at home two small boxes of records that former Archivist John Hansen had in his home in Groton, Connecticut. Those boxes include past NEMFA Concert and Major Organizations Festival Programs from 1942 to the present, some twenty years worth of past bulletins, a copy of the recent history of NEMFA entitled "The Story of the New England Music Festival Association, Inc.", and a variety of past concert recordings. It is my desire to get these materials into the hands of some type of library institution as soon as possible for a number of reasons:

1. Keeping the historical records as safe as possible from humidity, smoke, or fire damage.
2. Having them available at a public institution with regular evening and weekend hours for research access.
3. Finding a geographical location that is somewhat central to the New England region so that people would not have to drive an unreasonable distance to access the materials.

After talking with a number of different library institutions in Massachusetts, I found that many of these organizations were only interested in storing materials that were directly pertinent to their communities that they serve. A surprising exception to this was right in my own backyard...the Harvard Public Library in Harvard, Massachusetts. Unlike other public libraries, Head Librarian Mary Wilson was very excited about the possibility of having the NEMFA Collection in her newly opened public library located next to The Bromfield School, site of the 80th annual NEMFA Concert Festival. She told me that she felt that it would be an honor to store the materials in their newly constructed climate-controlled Historical Archives Room.

The advantages of this include:

1. Added safety for the storage of the NEMFA materials.
2. Public access for NEMFA materials with daily weekday hours that extend to 9:00pm each evening and all day on Saturdays.
3. A central geographic location to the six New England states.

Some details that would need to be worked out would include the actual ownership of the materials. Right now, they are in the Possession of the New England Music Festival Association, Inc. The Harvard Librarian pointed out that if the collection was in the permanent hands of the library, the library could catalogue the materials in great detail so that people using Inter Library Loan resources all across New England could access materials for research purposes. As I pointed out to her, the members of the Association may not wish to relinquish ownership of the materials. Ms. Wilson replied that she understood this and that it might be still possible to catalogue the collection for Internet-based Inter-Library Loan resources for the New England states. She told me that she would go back to her board of directors to see how they would feel about housing a collection without permanently owning it, while I told her that I would try to find out the sentiments of the NEMFA membership regarding specific ownership of the materials.

However it is resolved in the end, there is at least some dialogue going on right now regarding the proper storage of these NEMFA historical records. Hopefully, this will be further discussed at our June meeting. Please feel free to contact me at 617.529.9402 or at treynold@worldpath.net if you have any thoughts about this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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