



PMEA Communication / August Update

Welcome to the PMEA President Scott Sheehan as he begins his two year term leading the organization. Be sure to check out [the PMEA President's Website](#) as we encourage you to keep the lines of communication open by offering your comments and suggestions on Scott's contact page.

Announcing PMEA Webinars: A New Opportunity for Professional Development

PMEA invites you to participate in its first online educational offering - the Classroom Management Series - presented by the Mentoring Program and will include the topics listed below:

September 28, 2010 - Planning for Success: Management Strategies for the Music Educator

November 9, 2010 - Help! What Do I Teach Today? Designing Effective Instruction

January, 2011 - Am I Being Graded on That? Assessment Strategies for the Music Educator

March, 2011- Making a Difference for Every Child: Special Learners in the Music Classroom

All webinars will meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Space is limited. Cost for PMEA Members is \$20 per session or \$60 for the series. Non-member fee is \$30 per session. PMEA Mentorship Certification will be awarded to those who complete all four workshops. Act 48 credits will be awarded for each workshop. Online registration is available by logging in to the PMEA website at www.pmea.net and selecting the Online Event Registration menu option. You must be logged in to receive the PMEA member rate.

Attention New Teachers

PMEA is here to help you make the most out of your first year! In addition to the webinar series, sign up now to be part of the PMEA mentor program. You will be paired with a veteran teacher who has been trained to help you strive for success as you start your career! Contact Sharon Potter at smp327@msn.com for more information.

Important PMEA Policy Change

July 2010 – The PMEA Board approved increasing the festival fee given to the state from \$5 per student to \$7 per student, effective immediately. Approval was also given to raise the fest/one day honors festival fees from \$1 to \$2 per student and increase the junior high festival fees from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per student. The current fees have been in place for over a decade and this slight increase will help cover rising costs to the state related to festivals, such as insurance and Act 48 processing.

2nd Round of Member Renewal Forms Mailed

The new member term is here. For those who haven't yet renewed, a second reminder is on its way. We recommend renewing no later than September 1 to guarantee full, uninterrupted access to exclusive member services such as a full year's subscription (4 issues) to *PMEA News*, Act 48 credits from PMEA sponsored events, including PMEA's first webinar series, and much more. Dues can be paid by check, made payable to PMEA or online with a credit card (Discover, Mastercard, Visa) by logging in to the PMEA website and selecting the Online Store menu option.

Call for Choral Performing Groups Extended for 2011 MENC Eastern Div. Conference

The Eastern Division is accepting applications from **elementary, middle and collegiate choral groups only** for the 2011 conference to be held March 31-April 3 in Baltimore, MD. Interested groups should fill out the [Hard Copy Application Form](#), available by scrolling over the Events menu option of the PMEA website at www.pmea.net and selecting the 2011 MENC Eastern Division Information link. Completed entries should be sent to PMEA President Scott Sheehan, 240 N. Gail Street Hollidaysburg, PA 16648, by September 30.