

IGMEA 2007 FALL WORKSHOP
“Tricks of the Trade!”
Douglas Beam, Susan Hittle, Susan Lough
Saturday, September 29th
Happy Hollow Elementary School
West Lafayette, Indiana

MESSAGE FROM YOUR ACTING PRESIDENT

The Indiana General Music Educators Association (IGMEA) is at an important crossroads in our history. The Constitution and Bylaws of the Indiana Elementary Music Educators Association (IEMEA) were adopted in September of 1966 in an effort to provide elementary music teachers a forum for networking and receiving professional in-service in elementary music education, which at the time was not addressed by any other music organization in the state of Indiana. Since that time, the Indiana Elementary Music Educators Association (IEMEA) changed its name in the fall of 1994 to the Indiana General Music Educators Association (IGMEA) to include and recognize the needs of our middle and junior high school colleagues teaching general music.

Throughout the last two decades, due to increased and improved professional, statewide in-service offerings by our Orff and Kodaly colleagues, the inauguration and continuing professional contributions to TEACHING MUSIC magazine of the Society for General Music of the Music Educators National Conference, and the inclusion of general music sessions at our own statewide MENC affiliate, the Indiana Music Educators Association, we are now in a position, where the very purpose and mission of the Indiana General Music Educators Association is being duplicated.

Without the continuing dedication and leadership of our very own members, we would not be in this very unique position: the opportunity to dissolve our organization and allow the Indiana Music Educators Association, through the Society for General Music, to continue with the important work that was begun by our members in 1966.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a motion that has been approved by the IGMEA Executive Board. According to our bylaws, it is necessary for a majority of our current dues-paying members to approve this motion. Please read it carefully, and then, indicate your vote on the registration form. If you are a 2006 Active dues-paying member or a past officer of the IGMEA, your vote will be counted. The results will be reported at our Fall Workshop Business/Luncheon Meeting on Saturday, September 29, 2007.

Once again, our workshop will be held in Tippecanoe County in West Lafayette at Happy Hollow Elementary School. Randy Leazenby, music teacher at Happy Hollow Elementary School in the West Lafayette School Corporation, will be our host. Our topic for this workshop will be “Tricks of the Trade: Great Ideas To Use In Our Classrooms.” Again, we will have 3 concurrent sessions featuring 3 clinicians, who are experienced music educators, who are sure to give us many relevant and useful ideas for teaching this year.

Our exhibitors will be our music business friends: Marla’s Music, Dave’s Music Den, JW Pepper, Macmillan Publishing and Silver Burdett Publishing. We have built a lot of time into the schedule for you to visit the exhibits and purchase or order your “Circle the State with Song” music or other materials.

You want to attend this year’s workshop. Please return your registration form with appropriate fees to Gary Meek by September 15th. Lunch will be from Panera’s with a sandwich assortment or salad.

Wishing you a wonderful school year!

Yours in song,

Cecil Shoemaker, acting president 2007, past president (2001-2003)
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