

President's address Feb 1, 2008

1. Introductions of members present

2. Sheila Zinke explained in brief the background of the ND ACDA Auditions for the regional conferences for students a very worthy effort

**Annual State Conference: what it entails
Surround the State in Song festivals**

3. Questions

Sheila Childs brought up how valuable the conference is for "reconnecting" with fellow professionals and learning how to improve their skills and knowledge.

Kathy Enervold: the literature and the experience for the younger students helps create a connection through the years into the high school level

Great appreciation for Celia and Rob for the Chorister issue. The pictures were wonderful and the articles instructive.

Large Group Session: Joann Miller and Deb Wald

1. Steering committee chairs will be asking for specific people to perform specific duties

2. Need: people to host rooms for the presenters to make sure that the rooms are ready

3. Rebecca: Immersion day – can members register at any time for this? Yes – on line is best

4. A free ticket is available for the chaperones who are signed up for the Wednesday concert of Chanticleer. Check with Charlotte: char@charlottemo.com

5. Deb Wald: described the inspiration for having the convention at Fargo.

New Frontiers:

The Division is not making hotel arrangements for the student participants and chaperones this year.

The Division is also not assigning chaperones to students based on the recommendation of the National Office.

6. Needs:

Deb presented a list of coordinator positions and supervisors jobs that need to be filled

Motel/Bus coordinators for each hotel are needed

Doublewood: Sheila Zinke will be coordinator

**Memorial Union Chaperone Coordinator: Leesa Levy
Sheila Childs is handling the registration in Walsh for the
Jazz Choir**

7. Chaperone situation was discussed. Updated information on each chaperone needed daily.

8. Clarification to other state memberships about the chaperone registration form – to put down the name of the actual person who is going to be chaperoning that child – on the form.

9. Once the children arrive on campus in the morning, they are together and occupied for the remainder of the day (until 5:00). The teachers do not have to escort them to meals. The children are transported by bus from the hotel to the rehearsal hall on campus.

Rebecca Raber and Immersion Day

1. A variety of speakers are going to present discussions on various topics that are relevant to teachers at all levels and numbers of years in service.

2. This is a great day to invite "future teachers" or non-ACDA members to come to. The cost for students is \$40, for non members (and current members) is \$80.

3. Please turn in your materials to Rebecca ASAP.

4. The afternoon of Immersion Day is spent with Chanticleer presenting workshops to small groups. At 5:00 is a session on voice care for the singer followed by the concert at 8:00 and a reception for those who have paid for the day after the concert

Buttonholes: Jeff Mueller

1. Members and college students needed to man the registration table. Three hour blocks of time per person.

2. Encourage each other to attend the convention: a wealth of information and materials will be available.

3. Certain choir directors from across the country have been contacted to be available for 15 minute one-on-one sessions with individual members. Sign up for a time slot with:

Phil Mattson

James Physlie

Anton Armstrong

Kevin Meidl

**Axel
Henry Rouleck
Hilary Apfelstadt
And many more
Weston Noble
Joseph**

Find out about Judith Willoby as a director.

Vendors Booths:

Pride of Dakota exhibit?? Would they be charged the fee?

Facilities

1. The group had a significant reduced price on the use of the facilities from NDSU

2. Help is needed

1:00 on Immersion day 10 people needed to help set up the honor choir rooms

Thursday: one half hour before each session begins, someone needs to check each room to make sure that the materials needed for the presenters are ready and functioning

Saturday, 10 people needed to move the risers to the loading dock

Spiritual Traditions: Mike Weber

1. Mike and Tom Porter are coordinating the session at the NC convention. Many ethnic groups and performances are scheduled for Trinity Lutheran in Moorhead. Friday night at 8:00. Shuttle buses will be running

2. Audience participation will be included

3. The program is divided into three sections with different groups for each section. Reading and music are interspersed.

4. Ushers and greeters are needed

5. Friday night after the concert a crew is needed to tear down the performance area

6. The program is open to the public, free of charge.