

SCASTA Newsletter

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Secretary/Treasurer?

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS !

- * Vote on revised By-Laws and Constitution enclosed
- * Vote for Secretary/Treasurer

A stamped postcard is attached for your convenience. Everyone's vote is needed! Please return the postcard no later than September 4, 2004.

- * New Web Site ! Visit your website at www.scasta.org
 - * Teacher of the Year Awards
 - * Regional Representatives Needed
 - * Fall Meeting is Saturday, September 11, 2004
 - * Please update your contact information with ASTA and renew lapsed memberships.
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Updated By-Laws and Constitution

Please review the attached, revised By-Laws. Original text is crossed out and the new, suggested text is underlined. Please notice in particular Article IV, Section II and Section III. Expanding the board will create more opportunities for member participation. Other revisions update our terminology which coincides with the national's constitution.

Secretary/Treasurer

Since Sandie Goldie, our previous secretary/treasurer, is now President-Elect, a new secretary/treasurer needs to be elected. Margaret Selby has agreed to be a candidate. You are invited to enter a write-in candidate on the enclosed postcard also.

Margaret Selby is entering her second year as the orchestra director at Dutch Fork Middle School in Lexington/Richland School District 5 where she has taught since 1999. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Music Education and her Master's degree in Music Performance from the University of South Carolina where she was a student of Dr. Robert Jesselson. A native of Lexington, SC, Mrs. Selby began playing the cello in the fifth grade in her public school orchestra program and continues to play in the Columbia area.

Mrs. Selby has also taught at CrossRoads Middle School (a sixth grade school) and five elementary schools within the school district. She began teaching at CRMS with an enrollment of 100 students and two years later, more than 175 students were enrolled. She currently instructs 7th and 8th grade orchestra classes and co-conducts the District 5 Honors Middle School Orchestra. Her orchestras have participated in the SCMEA Orchestra Festivals and other festivals in the southeast, earning superior ratings. She is a member of SCMEA and ASTA with NSOA.

Mrs. Selby lives in Columbia, SC with her husband Chris. She enjoys running, cooking, and playing with their cats, Abby and Max, and their dog, Sera.

New Website

Our new president Andrew Levin has designed a website for our chapter including very useful links. Be sure to visit the site at www.scasta.org for news and contact information.

Teacher of the Year Awards

This year our chapter will present two awards to outstanding teachers in our state. One will be for a studio teacher and one for a school teacher. Start thinking of deserving candidates and watch for details coming soon on the state website and future newsletters.

Regional Representatives

Showcase your region of the state by gathering performance and teaching activities from your colleagues and submitting information to the newsletter. A representative is needed for each of the 4 regions:

Region I – Up-State East (Spartanburg, Union, Laurens and York)

Region II – Up-State West (Greenville, Anderson, Oconee and Pickens)

Region III – Midlands (Aiken, Richland and Lexington)

Region IV – Lowcountry (Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester, Horry, Georgetown, Florence, Orangeburg, Kershaw, Sumter, Beaufort, and Darlington)

Recommend yourself or a colleague on the attached postcard.

Fall Meeting

SCASTA meeting will follow the 2:00 SCMEA Orchestra Division meeting at the USC Columbia String Project building on Saturday, September 11, 2004

- **Voting results for the By-Laws and Secretary/Treasurer will be announced.**
- **Learn about your chapters' new activities and see how you can become more involved.**

Update Your Contact Information

If any of your contact information has changed since you last renewed your membership with ASTA/NSOA, please contact the national office with the correct information. Some mail (snail and email) has been returned and you want to receive all the latest information our chapter can offer you!