



NEWSLETTER - November 2014

Dear Members of CMFAA,

The Executive met on October 20, 2014 and I want to inform you of several new developments in our Association.

1. The first is the new Executive. The three-year term has expired and the new Executive is as follows:

John Hansen (Wolfville, NS) Past President	john.hansen@acadiu.ca
Mel Hurst (Toronto, ON) President	melvinhurst@gmail.com
Gregory Butler (Windsor, ON) Vice-President – Membership	gbutler@uwindsor.ca
Greg Caisley (Vancouver, BC) Secretary	gregcaisley@me.com
Ireneus Zuk (Montreal, QC) Treasurer	zuki@queensu.ca

I want to express our thanks to John Hansen for his leadership these past three years. We look forward to his wisdom as he moves into the Past President position. And speaking of wisdom, we are particularly grateful to Ireneus Zuk for agreeing to be our Treasurer! Ireneus has a long association with the Music Festival movement in Canada, and brings this experience and knowledge to our Executive.

2. Directory

A new Directory has been compiled. A hard copy will be mailed to each member of our Association. This should arrive in your mail around the second or third week of December. We are also mailing this Directory to all Music Festivals in Canada for which we have an address. The Executive felt that this was essential in order that our Membership be known and available to all Festivals.

3. New Members

All of our new members (approximately thirty-six) are included in the new Directory. We are very pleased to see so many fine musicians from across Canada stepping forward for membership. Their qualifications are excellent and they have received outstanding evaluations from the Festivals contacted. There are several applications still in progress whose names will appear in our next Newsletter. Note: Current members who are in arrears with their dues, and have not responded to the last reminder (sent this month), will be deleted from the Directory and from the Website.

4. New Website

We have a new website in the making! It should be ready to unveil and use by January 2015! It will have a completely new “look” and will be interactive. Additional information about our Association will be available on the site, and a new procedure for becoming an Adjudicator will take effect with the arrival of the new Website!

5. New Fiscal Year

There has been some ambiguity in our fiscal year and this will change immediately as of January 2015. Our new fiscal year will run from January 1 until December 31 of each calendar year. The membership dues for each year will need to be received by February 15 of each year. This will also facilitate receiving Income Tax receipts in time.

6. CMFAA National Scholarship

Each year the CMFAA offers a prize to the National Music Festival for the Chamber Ensemble that places first. We congratulate the winning ensemble from the Nationals this past August. They are the Forza Quartet from BC. We can look forward to seeing their picture on our new Website in January!

I believe this brings all of us up to date on the activities of our association. You can see that we are moving forward to meet the current needs of the membership, and to fulfil our role in supporting the Music Festivals across Canada. As always, please feel free to contact the Executive with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Best wishes for the coming Season which is always filled with music !

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. J. Hurst". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Melvin James Hurst