

From your Vice-President

Call for Nominations

As an Ohio Choral Directors Association member, it is time for you to take a moment and make nominations for consideration toward several region chairs on the OCDA Board of Directors, **President-elect**, and **Secretary**. We are also soliciting your nomination of a deserving colleague for the **Distinguished Service Award**. As Vice President, I am charged with chairing the Nominations Committee.

This spring we will **elect** Regional Chairpersons for **Northeast, Southwest, and South Central Regions**. According to the bylaws, each Regional Chairperson shall attend meetings of the Board of Directors, promote activities in his/her region related to OCDA, act as a coordinator for OCDA activities in his/her region, act as a liaison between his/her membership and the organization, promote the continuing recruitment of members and act as an advisor to the Nominating Committee in selecting a successor to his/her position.

Each nominee address of record must be in the region they are to serve. The **South Central Region** shall consist of Adams, Athens, Brown, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Madison, Meigs, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Union, and Vinton Counties; The **Southwest Region** of Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Greene, Hamilton, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby, and Warren Counties; and the **Northeast Region** of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Summit, Trumbull, and Wayne Counties

The **President-Elect** shall assist the President as requested. He/she shall become familiar with all functions of the organization and duties of the presidency; shall be responsible for the OCDA session at the OMEA state convention; shall exercise responsibility for membership; shall be responsible for programs of development of the organization, and shall develop a program of regional membership solicitation.

The **Secretary** shall work with the Executive Committee in keeping a complete and accurate record of all business meetings of the Association and all meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. At the conclusion of his/her term, the secretary shall update the Policies and Procedures Manual to reflect Board actions taken during his/her term.

Please send to V.P. Dara Gillis (dbgillis1@yahoo.com) your nominees for these positions by January 10, 2017. You may also self-nominate. I (Dara) will meet with the nominations committee and a ballot will be forthcoming for the membership vote in the spring.

The second point of this piece is to solicit nominees for the **OCDA Distinguished Service Award**. Below are the criteria and past recipients. Please send me your nomination, also by January 10, 2017 to dbgillis1@yahoo.com

Criteria for Nomination:

- The nominee must be a member in good standing of ACDA.
- Nominees should exemplify the following characteristics:
 - a high standard of musicianship.
 - a high standard of professionalism.
 - a record of service to choral music in Ohio.
 - a record of active service in OCDA.
- Nominees may come from any specialty, discipline, or teaching level within ACDA membership.
- Previous recipients of the award are excluded from further nominations.

Nominations should include the following information:

- Name of nominee
- Nominee's address (address, city, and zip)
- Nominee's phone and email address
- Nominee's areas of work: indicate Elementary, Middle/Junior High, Senior High, Two-year Colleges, College/University, Church, or Community
- Nominee's years of experience
- Statement in support of nominee
- Your name, phone number, and email

John Leman - 2001

John Drotleff - 2002

James Gallagher - 2004

Richard Wesp - 2005

B. Neil Davis - 2006

Richard Mathey - 2007

Hilary Apfelstadt - 2008

Maurice Casey - 2009

Craig Johnson-2010

Ernest Hisey-2011

Lucinda Hauck-2012

Tom Merril-2013

Gayle Walker- 2014

Wade Raridon- 2015

Eric Richardson- 2016