



Summer 2009

I hope you have enjoyed reading the Spring Score on our website. Our next scheduled publication is the Convention Bulletin/Fall Score – but we have important news that can't wait until October. In the Spring Score, VP/Certification Sue Steck-Turner gave us an update on the new certification renewal and reinstatement policies. There is more exciting news. In **“The New Face of Certification”** (attached to this message) Sue provides information on the very user-friendly changes to the national certification process. If you are not yet nationally certified, you must read Sue's article and get ready now for the changes coming in January.

Also attached is an updated file of all state and national certifications. Please open and check this file carefully. If you believe there is an error, please contact Sue right away. This list with corrections will be placed in the Convention Program Booklet.

The list of winners from the recent Torgrimson/Swanzy Competition is posted on the website and is also attached to this message so you can easily view (and print) it. Piano Rally Chair Teresa Thomason and VP/Rallies Jeanne Patterson deserve huge trophies for their expert planning and organization that made this event run so smoothly. Thank you, Jeanne and Teresa. We truly appreciate your hard work! And thanks also to Dr. Steele Moegle and LA Tech for welcoming us (approximately 150 students plus parents and teachers) to your campus.

Convention plans are looking great. Another e-newsletter will be sent to you in August with complete details, and you will be notified (soon!) when the Convention registration form is posted on the website. The Convention hotel (the Hilton Garden Inn, 2350 West Congress Street) is already accepting reservations. Call 337-291-1977 to reserve your room – and please don't wait too long. Rooms are going to go quickly.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

*RENEW YOUR LMTA/MTNA membership TODAY if you have not already done so. Click <https://members.mtna.org/joinrenew/default.aspx> to register on-line.

*Send Foundation Fund donations to MTNA with “Ernestine Durrett – Fellow” written on the memo line of your check.

*Reserve your hotel room for Convention.

*Renew your certification by July 1 to avoid a late fee.

*Open and read the attachments to this e-mail.

***HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

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