

## **FSMTA District IX Report**

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### **District officers (through January 2009)**

Duncan MacMillan, President; Mary Holmes, Treasurer; Theo Boylen, Recording Secretary

**2009 District Business Meeting** was held on Jan 24, 2009 at the Quorum Hotel in Tampa from 10:00 am to 12:00. District officers and Local Presidents read annual reports. District Concerto Contest Chairpersons for last year and the upcoming cycle reported on results from last year and preparations for the upcoming event and distributed materials not already available on line at the FSMTA website.

***District Officer Reports:*** Duncan MacMillan President; Theo Boylen, Secretary; Mary Holmes Treasurer; Karen Pasquarello, 2008 Concerto Competition Chair; Theo Boylen, 2009 Concerto Competition Chair

### ***Local Association Presidents' Report highlights:***

***Mid-State MTA:*** 38 members, 7 student activities (recitals/judged events) in 2008, 8 teacher activities (meetings, workshops, socials, recitals) in 2008, special project launch of website [www.msmta.org](http://www.msmta.org)

***Ridge MTA*** (submitted by email): 25 members, 5 prospects; 5 business meetings; incorporation meeting to be held in March 2009; 4 presentations (workshops, concerts); Multi Piano festival; student day; Fundraiser - McDonalds Pianothons in May and December; Honorary State Certification awarded to retired member Janyce Watt.

***St Petersburg MTA:*** 24 members; monthly student recitals and teachers meetings (incl. workshop/programs); Children's Concert Fundraiser, Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008 featuring narration/music of Peter and the Wolf and Babar the Elephant; Ensemble Music Festival in February; annual Chopin Competition co-hosted with UPMTA; Student day in April; Honors recital at end of the school year

***Tampa MTA*** is run by executive board; ad hoc meetings and events

***Upper Pinellas MTA:*** 30 members; monthly meetings with special programs presentations; Community Outreach recital in Sept.; "Essentially Etudes" Student Festival in Nov; Ensemble Music Festival in January 2009; Junior Artist Competition in February; Early Music Festival in connection with Clearwater Early Music Festival each spring; quarterly student recitals; Master class with Christopher Johnston in March 2008; Student Day each April, Chopin Competition each April.

### ***Current Business***

1) ***Election of New District Officers.*** A nominating committee was unable to be convened prior to the business meeting, therefore, local association presidents returned to each local to request/solicit volunteers to immediately fill the district officer positions for 2009-11. Local presidents are to report volunteers to the district president by Saturday, Jan. 31 after which time local associations will be given a roster of new officers to approve.

2) Compilation of Local Association views on *timing of State Conference*

**2009 Convention Survey results**

Local associations in District IX did not express a strong preference for a summer conference versus fall. SPMTA members, however, expressed concern over cost of lodging and would prefer that – regardless of when the conference is held - that it be in association with a university or college willing to offer on-campus housing for less cost than a typical hotel or resort.