

June, 2011 Board Report  
 FSMTA Non- Competitive Events  
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Since the last board meeting in June in November, I have worked with Amy Turon in placing the entire Student Activities Handbook on the web. All members may access the handbook by entering their name and member number on the login page. Then you may download and print all of what you need for the year. Only the introduction to the Handbook is open to the public. The yearly tests and sight-reading material is only available to membership chairmen. You will login the same way as above. At the time of this writing ALL material is available to download. However, the next series of tests must be uploaded to replace the current set.

The 2010 FSMTA DSD Statistical Report was completed and a copy has been submitted to FSMTA President Marc Hebda. There were 328 more students this year that attended Student Day than in 2010. However, at the time of this writing, Vero Beach, Treasure Coast and Manatee locals have not sent in their reports so these numbers could change.

We had discussed revising the Piano portion of the Handbook at the last board meeting in November. However, I postponed it since getting the Handbook online has taken priority and our Theory Chairman, Dr. Valentin Mihai Bogdan, has accepted a teaching job in another state.

As you will read in the Assistant/Certificates Report 7B you will see that we are in need of putting together a checklist or small handbook with Student Day Chairmen procedures. I have found that many of the chairmen have not really read the handbook and therefore just rely on hearsay as to what is what. Example- some do not know and have been told erroneously when to apply gold seals, have only given state medals to those who have gotten honors in everything when they only have to make achievement in written and theory tests, have refused to give state medals to their students because they thought they didn't really deserve them or thought they were redundant because they had already gotten a medal from the local association, and the list goes on. In my opinion, I think that giving a state medal in lieu of the old State Student Day is no longer necessary. The generation of students who would have attended State Student Day has grown up and moved on. This newer generation of students has no recollection of it. Several local chairmen have complained that they already give medals and when they finally get the State medals, school has already finished and then they have to be mailed. One chairman, this week, said they still have a stack of five-year medals that they give out. She had assumed that these were issued by the state. This has also put an unnecessary burden on the certificates chair. If we choose to keep state medals then we need to have one person perform that job. Perhaps this person could replace the Student Handbook Distribution chair since this job is no longer needed now that we no longer print the Student Activities Handbooks.

### **7a Apprentice Judging - Carmen Cuenca NCTM, FSCTM**

No report.

### **7b and 7c filed separately**

### **7d Student Handbook Distribution – Bettina Flory NCTM**

At the time of this writing only two handbooks are left. After they are sold you may only obtain the Student Activities Handbook online by logging in and downloading it as you need it.

### **7e Theory - Dr. Valentin Mihai Bogdan**

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