



September 10, 2009

Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year!! School year, that is. I trust your studios are up and running well. Summer was a great time of renewal, but now it's time to think about South Carolina NATS! That means, Fall Workshop and Spring Auditions.

The Fall Workshop will be held this year on the campus of Coastal Carolina University, just minutes from Myrtle Beach on Saturday, October 17. Our clinician will be Barbara Hill-Moore from the Meadows School of the Arts at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. If you have a student you would like to sing on the Master Class, please submit the name to me as soon as you can along with their repertoire. The Business Meeting will be a very important one as we have much to discuss. Fees to be paid at this time will be for lunch (\$9.00), workshop fee (\$10.00) and State Dues (\$15.00). **State dues must be paid by January 1 in order for your students to participate in the Spring Auditions.** We will strictly enforce this due date. State Dues can also be paid on-line through PayPal. For more information go to the SCNATS website and look for the PayPal logo. If you choose to mail your dues rather than use PayPal send your check to Loretta Haskell, treasurer, SCNATS, P.O. Box 21962, Charleston, SC 29413.

Please make every effort to attend the workshop for there is much to discuss in the business meeting. There have been recommendations for changes in auditions from the National Office and we need to discuss those. Also, I have news to share from the Mid-Atlantic Regional officers meeting.

Spring Auditions will be held March 12-13 at The University of South Carolina in Columbia. Friday, March 12 will be for College Students, and Saturday, March 13 will be for High Schools students and Continuing Ed. If you will recall, at the Spring meeting we voted to move all Continuing Ed to Saturday. Dr. Tina Milhorn Stallard, our new vice-president, will be in charge of the auditions.

NATSAA auditions will be held at Columbia College on March 11th beginning at 6:00 PM. Applications may be found on the NATS website and are due in the National office by Nov. 13, 2009. Applicants are available at: http://nats.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=66&Itemid=72 and <http://www.scnats.org/announcements/announcements.asp>. For more information or assistance please contact SC NATS Governor, James Beaumier Jamesb3@darlington.sc.us.

I look forward to our workshop for a time of learning and fellowship!

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