

# iaje WISCONSIN *NEWS*

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## President's Message

**T**his is just a short letter to get a bit of immediate business taken care of. As noted elsewhere in the letter, our annual meeting is to take place at the state music conference in Madison on Friday, October 30, in the Mendota Room of the Wisconsin Trade Center (the tall green building that can be seen from the lobby of the Marriott — about a block and a half away). The primary matter under consideration will be a project proposed by Karen Johnson, our president-elect, with suggestions by the other officers at a meeting we had last month. The basic plan is this: Starting in the fall of 1999, the IAJE will hold an annual IAJE clinic day. There may be a single clinic at a single site, or there may be a number of clinics at a number of different sites. We are canvassing the college and university jazz educators to see what interest there might be around the state. A few possible examples: perhaps the jazz faculty at UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse would all like to be involved. They could pool their efforts to offer a morning or afternoon of clinics in several different jazz areas. Perhaps UW-Superior or UW-Platteville would like to join this effort. Maybe on the other side of the state jazz educators from Lawrence University, UW-Green Bay, St. Norbert and UW-Oshkosh are all interested. In the south, maybe UW-Whitewater, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Parkside and Marquette University want to get one going. Maybe UW-Stevens Point wants to go in with the northeastern group, or the western group (sorry for leaving a few colleges and university campuses out of these hypothetical cases). A decision would be made as to where the clinic(s) would be held and what sorts of clinics would be offered. The location might be on a college or university campus, or, maybe better, at a "neutral" high school site. The idea is not to offer any more jazz festivals. Not only are most public school programs not able to prepare for performance as early as we envision the clinic taking place—probably early October, but there are plenty of jazz festivals already held in the state. Clinics for directors would also be appropriate. All clinics would be sponsored by IAJE, not by individual schools.

As mentioned, I have already sent letters to the college and university directors to find out their interest in such a project. The response has been very positive. At present we are still trying to get a feel for how much interest there might be for such an idea. We will discuss the matter further at our meeting. Feel free to bring your ideas and suggestions. If you have any other items you feel should be on the agenda, please let me or one of the other officers know.

**Kurt Dietrich, IAJE-WI President**

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## Booth at Convention (NOT!)

**I** am very unhappy to report that unlike at some recent state conferences, IAJE will not have a booth in the display area this year. This is a result of some sort of foul-up somewhere. Although I'm not sure I am to blame, I am willing to take the fall. Information for "exhibitors" goes out sometime in the spring or summer. It does not go directly from the WMEA, but rather from some other agency that is in charge of the whole exhibition area. Last year Karyn Quinn, past-president, sent me looking in the right direction to find out that we did already have a booth reserved, although it took a long time to track down who knew what. I feel reasonably certain that I got no information about the booth this year, nor did Tom Busch, our secretary-treasurer, who might also have been sent the information. By the time we inquired in Madison in September, we were way too late to get a space. We were already 40th on the waiting list! The IAJE will be sending us, however, a banner to display wherever and whenever we can at the conference. Steps have been taken to ensure that this problem doesn't happen again.

**Kurt Dietrich**

# Jazz Events at the State Music Conference

Wednesday evening (October 28)

- 8:00 p.m. **Jazz Concert** (Pulaski High School, UW-Platteville)

Thursday (October 29)

- 9:00 a.m. **Eau Claire Memorial High School Jazz Ensemble**
- Morning (*check final schedule for exact time and place*):  
**Dean Sorenson, “A Practical Approach to Teaching  
Beginning Jazz Ensemble in the Classroom”**

Friday (October 30)

- 8:00 p.m. **State Honors Jazz Ensemble and Vocal Jazz Concert**

## **IAJE-WI ANNUAL MEETING**

**12:15 -1:15 p.m., Friday, October 30**

**MENDOTA ROOM**

**WISCONSIN TRADE CENTER**

(tall green building that can be seen from the lobby of the Marriott – about a block and a half away)

***All members are urged to attend this meeting.***

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