

Candidate for Region V Representative: Veronica Schucker



Biography:

Veronica Schucker is an elementary music specialist in Niagara Falls, NY, teaching Pre-K – 6th grade, choirs and drama club. She is President of the Western New York Orff-Schulwerk Association (AOSA chapter) and Vice President of Membership for the Niagara County Music Educators Association. Veronica is certified through Level 3 of Orff-Schulwerk training and is Nationally Board Certified in Elementary Music.

CANDIDATE FORUM

1. What do you see as the role of Orff Schulwerk in music education today?

I can't see myself teaching anything but music, and further, I can't picture my classroom without Orff Process. It is inspiring and fulfilling to see children actively and creatively involved in music-making. I believe in the power of children influencing each other and an Orff music room is the ideal learning environment allowing children to perform for each other. Orff Schulwerk is really a forerunner to current educational trends providing students opportunities to work in cooperative groups and to become creative problem solvers.

2. What are your leadership strengths, and how do you think they would contribute to the work of AOSA and promoting Orff Schulwerk?

My leadership strengths include being able to see multiple sides of an issue and negotiate for creative solutions to potential conflicts. I am able to communicate ideas clearly, and I am committed to the success and growth of our organization. I look forward to using my organizational abilities and my musical knowledge to help AOSA grow in our global society.

3. What is the role of the National Board of Trustees as it relates to the general membership and how would you fulfill this role?

The National Board of Trustees exists to provide guidance and leadership for the general membership and local chapters. We are a strong organization but need to continue to be more noticeable by expanding our presence on social media and in national and state music organizations. I would work with other members of the National Board of Trustees to formulate policies, increase AOSA visibility, and encourage organizational growth.

4. What is your vision for AOSA and Orff Schulwerk in the future?

AOSA is alive and vibrant! My vision is for every student to have the opportunity to be in a creative Orff Schulwerk classroom with an instructor trained in the Schulwerk as well as equipment to bring the Schulwerk to life. We know that children learn by doing and that is at the heart of an Orff Schulwerk classroom. Children need a physical and emotional outlet and Orff Schulwerk provides just the right combination for our students.