

Candidate for Region VI Representative: Kathy Hummel



Biography:

Kathy Hummel teaches music to children ages 2 through 14 at Brickton Montessori School in Chicago, IL. She has a B.M., M.M. and Orff Certification. Kathy has served as Program Chair, Vice-President, President, and Past President of Greater Chicago AOSA and as Treasurer for the AOSA Professional Development Conference in Milwaukee.

CANDIDATE FORUM

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

I see the role of Orff Schulwerk as the primary approach to music education because Orff Schulwerk addresses multiple learning styles, and fosters creativity, cooperative learning, leadership development and higher order thinking skills while teaching music literacy. Orff Schulwerk allows our students to become creators of music, not just performers.

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

I am organized, dependable, dedicated, conscientious, and detail oriented. I communicate well, lead by example, and enjoy working collaboratively with others. I believe my leadership strengths will aid me in fulfilling the duties of Region Representative.

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 oversees the work of AOSA, provides professional development, serves the membership, and promotes Orff Schulwerk. As a Regional Representative, I would serve as a liaison between the local chapters and the NBT, serve as a resource to the local chapters, provide support to existing and provisional chapters, and promote Orff Schulwerk and the mission of AOSA.

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

I see AOSA continuing to grow and reach teachers, continuing to provide training and programs, encouraging research into the effectiveness of Orff Schulwerk as a teaching process, and reaching out to Music Education programs in Colleges and Universities.