

# Candidates for IMEA Office

## Candidate for All-State Band Chair

**Mr. Chris Crandell** is currently the Director of Bands at Indianola High School. Mr. Crandell is a native of Storm Lake, Iowa. He attended the University of South Dakota, in Vermillion, South Dakota and upon graduation he became the 7-12 Director of Bands and Head Baseball Coach at Wall Lake View Auburn Community Schools, in Lake View, Iowa.

Mr. Crandell served as the Indianola 9-12 Associate Director of Bands in 1998-1999, and was named Director of Bands at Indianola High School in 2000. His duties include Director of the “Pride of Indianola” Marching Band, Jazz One and Jazz III, Small Ensembles, Purple Pep Band, Lessons, Co-Conductor of the Concert Band and Co-Conductor of the Symphony Band. Chris is a guest clinician and adjudicator throughout the Midwest, in the field of Jazz, Marching and Concert Bands.

Mr. Crandell is married to Alisa (Hecht) Crandell, a clarinetist, also from Storm Lake. They currently reside in West Des Moines, Iowa. Alisa is a Human Resources Manager at John Deere Des Moines Works in Ankeny, Iowa. Mr. Crandell has two great children, Nicholas Robert Crandell, 7-years old and Mallory Lou Ann, 3 and ½, thus becoming the newest members of the “Pride of Indianola” Band family. Nick and Mallory love “Daddy’s Band!” Nick has performed as a “human prop” in two “PRIDE” of Indianola Marching Band shows and will appear this fall in “Star Wars”. His credits include: Scooby-Doo (2007) and Poor Jud Fry (2008).

Chris is the son of the late Martin L. Crandell, a music educator in Iowa (Marcus & Storm Lake) for thirty years and current IBA Historian, Cheryl A. Crandell. In his spare time, Chris enjoys being a daddy, golfing, hunting, fishing, baseball, traveling, biking, listening to jazz music and enjoying time with family and friends.

## Candidate for Northeast Iowa Area Chair

**S. Daniel Galyen** is the Director of Marching and Symphonic Bands at the University of Northern Iowa. Prior to his appointment at UNI, he served as the Director of Bands at Bridgewater College (VA) and Northside High School (VA). Galyen holds degrees in music education from Virginia Tech and Syracuse University, and a Ph.D. in music education with a concentration in wind conducting from the University of Florida. He has published articles in *The Instrumentalist*, *Research Perspectives in Music Education*, *Update: Applications of Research in Music Education*, and *The Music Educators Journal*. Galyen has presented at state and national music conferences, and is also active as a guest conductor, clinician, and drill designer.

### **Candidate for Southeast Iowa Area Chair**

**Teresa Thostenson** received a BA in Music Education from Clarke College in Dubuque. Her 29 years of teaching include K-12 vocal/general music in the Bennett and Hedrick Community School Districts and presently K-6 General Music in the Ottumwa Community School District.

I believe that more than ever it has become important for music teachers to help support each other and stay informed on state education issues. Being the southeast representative will allow me to put those beliefs into action.

### **Candidate for CMENC Chair**

#### **Mark Babcock**

Mark A. Babcock, a native of Iowa, received a Bachelor's degree in music education from Central College, Pella, Iowa. He holds a Master's degree in choral conducting and organ performance from Westminster Choir College - Princeton, New Jersey. While in Princeton, Mr. Babcock sang in the Westminster Choir which performs regularly with the New Jersey Symphony, the New York Philharmonic, and the Philadelphia Orchestra. He has worked with great musical leaders such as Joseph Flummerfelt, Joan Lippincott, Robert Shaw, and Riccardo Mutti. In addition, he has completed significant doctoral studies in organ and choral conducting at the University of Iowa.

Since his formal education, Mr. Babcock has taught vocal music at Union Middle and High Schools, La Porte City, Iowa, was the Director of Music/Organist at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, taught at Kirkwood Community College and directed the Cedar Rapids Symphony children's chorus, the Discovery Chorus.

Currently, Mr. Babcock, Associate Professor of Music, is in his eleventh year of teaching at Central College. He is the Chair of the Music Department and the Director of Choral Activities. As the director of the Central College A Cappella Choir, he led the choir on a prestigious tour of Italy in the spring of 2009. His duties at Central include private organ instruction; courses in church music, music education and music theory; and choral conducting.

Mr. Babcock is active in the church music and music education fields. Most recently he has been the Dean of the Central Iowa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, the chair for the AGO Region VI Convention to be held in June of 2011, the Organist and Director of Fine Arts at St. John's Lutheran Church in Des Moines and assisted with Cantemus, one of the Heartland Youth Choirs. He currently provides consultation, festival leadership and music training in a variety of settings and is the

Organist/Choirmaster at St. Mark Lutheran in West Des Moines. He was honored by Iowa State University as the 2005 “Organist of Iowa” recitalist.

### **Candidate for CMENC Chair**

#### **David A. Johnson**

David A. Johnson is Chair of the Division of Fine Arts and coordinator for the Music Department. Johnson is in his tenth year at Iowa Wesleyan College where he teaches instrumental music education courses, conducting, arranging and directs the IWC Chamber Band, IWC Big Band and percussion ensembles. He is a regular performer with the Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra, Southeast Iowa Band, and the IWC Choral program and the Mt. Pleasant Chorale. Johnson has been faculty advisor for the IWC Collegiate MENC chapter during his tenure at Iowa Wesleyan, twice receiving chapter growth awards from MENC (2004 and 2008).

Dr. Johnson holds the Doctor of Education, from the University of Louisville, MA, in music education from Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, and BA in music education, from Western Illinois University, in Macomb.

Dr. Johnson is member of the Music Educators National Conference (MENC/IMEA) and Iowa Music Educators Association (IMEA), American Bandmasters Association (ABMA/IBA), the Percussive Arts Society (PAS), and the College Music Society (CMS).