Saskatchewan Chapter

May 8, 1986
Although President Verla Jean Forsyth did not submit a written report, she gave the following information in a letter to National President, Morna-June Morrow:

The Saskatchewan Chapter was formed during the summer of 1985 as a result of an Introductory Course taught by Doreen Hall and Phoebe Voigts in Saskatoon. Due to unforeseen circumstances, she was unable to pursue the formal organization of the Saskatchewan Chapter and looks "forward to being a part of the Canadian Orff scene next year.

April 12, 1987
A verbal report was given by National President Donna Otto-Spence to the National Executive during meetings in Winnipeg.
Donna Otto-Spence has not heard from the Saskatchewan Chapter. Judy Sills heard from George Charpentier. Verla Jean Forsyth, the President, is ill. Dr. Nancy Brown at the University of Saskatchewan in Regina is interested in a chapter.
Betty Ann Arscott is the Treasurer. The National sent her money but the cheque was never cashed. The Chapter has a bank account. The formal work for forming a chapter has never been done. The Chapter was formed in the summer of 1985, but at the May 1986 conference, a letter from Verla Jean Forsyth indicated it existed in name only. Donna will look into the situation. Judy will phone George Charpentier and advise Donna if she receives any information.

March 17, 1988
President Collette Bischoff presented her report. The Chapter now has 48 members. Last August, Diane Shieron gave an Introductory Course. Ruth Wiwchar gave a workshop in October, and there have been two sharing sessions. Judy Sills will give a Level I course in the summer.

March 29, 1990
Collette Bischoff presented her report. The Chapter presently has 65-70 members. Two newsletters a year; is a non-profit organization; completed a constitution; will become a group member of the Saskatchewan Music Educators' Association; apply for cultural arts grant - may submit a budget and get funding. Discussion: how accepted as a non-profit organization as opposed to the CARL ORFF CANADA umbrella? The Chapter is centralized in Saskatoon, but Regina and Moose Jaw members are on the executive. December meeting done by phone. For Federal Sales Tax exemption, the SOC can use number on national membership, only if used to promote "knowledge of . . . ". Sweatshirts are exempt from provincial sales tax.

Chapter President's Report to National Executive
Sept. 1, 1990 - April 1, 1992
The Saskatchewan Orff Chapter presently has 21 members representing various regions of the province. The executive members are from Regina, Saskatoon, and Moose Jaw which entails considerable travelling for meetings.

Past workshops have featured:
- Sept. 1990 - Linda Rubin (creative movement) in Saskatoon.
- Feb. 1991 - Jos Wuytack in Regina. This was a Saskatchewan Music Educators workshop.
- Sept. 1991 - Alice Olsen in Saskatoon. This was co-sponsored with Collier's Music House.

A newsletter is published twice yearly.

A level one course was held through the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon in July 1991 taught by Judy Sills with Colette Bischoff teaching the recorder component. A level one course will be held in summer 1992 at the University of Regina with Judy Sills. In Saskatoon, Colette Bischoff will be teaching an introduction to Orff short course for the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation.

We have recently become a member organization of the Saskatchewan Music Educators Association and receive considerable financial support from this organization. Our special projects have been to produce a handbook for future executive members with detailed job descriptions and to design and sell chapter sweatshirts.

Respectfully submitted by
Beverly Unverricht
President of the Saskatchewan Orff Chapter

Chapter Report 1994-1996

Membership 51
Workshops 2
Newsletter 2 issues
Meetings A.G.M October
Exec. 2

Communication with Other chapters
Excellent
Regularly receiving minutes/notices from other chapters

Communication with National
Excellent
Sense of communication enhanced as a result of attending National Conference meetings - very valuable

Communication with other organizations
SMEA
Music for Young Children

Levels Courses
University of Regina 2 weeks Level I
Sask. Teachers' Federation, Saskatoon 5 days
Introductory
Special Projects
redid chapter banner

Scholarships
Saskatchewan Orff Chapter must attend Sask. Orff Level Courses

Suggestions & Concerns
Pairing of adjoining Chapters, especially smaller ones - keep regular contact and share information
Keep in contact with provincial organizations for funding and workshop support, hiring of clinicians.

Chapter President’s Report to National Executive
May 6, 1998

Chapter Successes
• Increasing membership currently at 45
• Fall workshop with Bob de Frece was very well attended and enjoyed and valued by all who attended
• Spring Fling with talented local presenters: Jennifer Encinas-Veszi, Phoebe Voigts & Sheryl Salen was well attended
• Continued financial stability with support from SMEA
• Increased awareness in advocacy
• Level I with Diane Shieron and Intro Course with Collette Bischoff on track for 1998
• Excellent talented and committed executive
• New logo & letterhead
• Fall Workshop October 3, 1998 will feature Joe Berarducci!!
• Two local Orff groups were invited to perform at Prairie Spirit in 1998, although both were unable to attend because of lack of administrative support; Collette Bischoff’s Georges Vanier Orff Ensemble & Marlene Hinz & Shelley Derosiers’ Dr. A. E. Perry/Henry Janzen Orff Ensemble
• Continue to offer Saskatchewan Scholarship to attend Levels courses
• Continue to contribute to the Gunild Keetman Scholarship

Regular Events
• Fall Workshop with Major Presenter in October
• Spring Fling with local presenters in March

Chapter Concerns
• Lack of administrative support
• School boards not looking at proper criteria when hiring Music Specialist

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• Ostinato Liaison: Pat Kelly 306-249-0111 email: pat.kelly@sk.sympatico.ca

Issues for Clarification
• Ostinato liaison report What do you need? How often? Is there a format or a form to follow?

Help Wanted

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Dubé

President, Saskatchewan Chapter

2005-2006 President’s Report
Membership
• 48 members as of March 31, 2006

Workshop Activities
• October 1, 2005 – Judy Sills in Saskatoon, SK
• April 1, 2006 – Orff Children’s Day – If You’re Not from the Prairie, featuring Marlene Hinz, Sharon Meredith and Sophia Yannitsos

Orff Level Courses
• Level I – August 8 – 18, 2006 – Janie Fries, University of Regina (almost full already)
• Discussion with University of Sask., Saskatoon regarding night class for fall 2006

Chapter Successes
• continued contribution to Gunild Keetman Scholarship as well as our own provincial scholarship (Carol Petrie Memorial Scholarship)
• Level courses provided within the province. Wonderful support at the University of Regina – discussion around offering a course each year, alternating Levels I and II. Meetings at the University of Saskatchewan positive
• striving to communicate with non-members who have attended workshops or taken levels courses in the past – creation of a data base/phone tree
• using University of Regina facilities for our Children’s Day
• a thorough web-site that promotes our Chapter and its activities

New Ventures
• Fall, 2005 publication of Music, Fun and Song: A Collection of Elementary Music Resources by our Chapter as a centennial project and fundraiser
  • Fall, 2007 workshop being replaced by Orff clinicians Randy Delelles and Jeff Kriske at SMC in November, which we are promoting.

Chapter Concerns
• Low turnout at workshops, losing money. Poorly attended Children’s Day is causing us to rethink whether we will offer this yearly. We have already eliminated our spring workshop due to lack of attendance.
• Difficulty filling executive. We have no vice-president as of this time.
• Geographically challenged – executive meeting mileage expenses are high

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Mooney
President, Sask. Chapter

DATE: November 2004 REPORTER: Catherine West
CHAPTER: Saskatchewan

CONTACT: Lynne Driedger-Enns

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SUCCESSES:
Fall workshop Diane Shieron was very successful.
Colette Bishoff will present a workshop in March.
Children's Day will be under the leadership of Sophia Yannitsos, Marlene Hinz & Sharon Meredith May.

NEW VENTURES:
Chapter members are planning to put together a publication of materials for Saskatchewan's centennial in 2005. I suggested they talk to Bruce Grant about making this a serious publication. The idea is that the book will work partly as a fund-raiser, but also as a good project in its own right.
The treasurer is hoping to find more grant money and would appreciate knowing of any other chapters that are successful and what strategies they use. The Saskatchewan Music Education Association currently gives some money when they lose money on a specific event - usually no more than $250.

CHANGES:

CONCERNS:
Finances are always very tight - a real stress when planning workshops. Some lose money and the chapter operates with little to no money in the bank at any given time.
Jeff Kriske and Randy DeLelles are booked for fall 2006; this will be a very expensive undertaking for the chapter. Lynne asked about whether other chapters shared big name clinicians with provincial music education associations so I was able to fill her in on about several chapters that are doing just that. Currently there is competition between the two groups because their fall workshops are scheduled close to each other, and teachers usually attend only one; a co-sponsorship would address this and encourage more active collaboration on other initiatives.

COMMENTS RE: NATIONAL BUSINESS
There are varying opinions in the chapter about the course for generalists. The trend in rural Saskatchewan is for classroom teachers to deliver their own music, and the chapter does not want to be seen to encourage the trend. However, they do want to support the very real need that these teachers have for upgrading their skills. Lynne was pleased to hear that the national organization shares this concern in a major way, and that the generalist course would never lead to a qualification as an Orff specialist.
SUGGESTED NATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND ACTION:
Could we ask the Salzburg people and/or Jos Wuytack how they feel about generalist teachers teaching Orff?
Lynn is concerned about the results-based American model of education influencing the direction of education in Canada. We need to cherish and respect the slow development of "long thinking" in our students and not get on the results driven bandwagon. She has no particular suggestion re: an action at this time, but wishes to raise awareness of this very critical issue.

April 2006

DATE: April 2006 REPORTER: Catherine West
CHAPTER: Sask. CONTACT: Shelly Mooney 306-726-2047

ANNOUNCEMENTS: We’re still here!

SUCCESSES: national and provincial scholarship contributions; levels courses offered yearly; improving communication with previous workshop attendees and levels course students (creation of a data base); close relationship with U of Regina, using their facilities for Children’s Day in April; promoting our chapter and activities online with our website

NEW VENTURES: publication of Music, Fun and Song: A Collection of Elementary Music Resources by our chapter as a 2005 Centennial project and fundraiser

CHANGES: SMC conference will have headliner Orff clinicians which we will promote, instead of having our own fall workshop

CONCERNS: low turnout at workshops, losing money; difficultly filling executive positions (no vice-president at this time); the challenges of geography causes high mileage costs at executive meetings

COMMENTS RE: NATIONAL BUSINESS

SUGGESTED NATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND ACTION:
I don’t really have any suggestions right now as I am still feeling my way as President. I am very excited about the opportunities that will come, and the knowledge I will glean from the meetings next week.

November 2006
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our Centennial book entitled *Music, Fun and Song* are almost all gone, but we still have a few to sell!

SUCCESSES:
We now have a full executive as of our annual general meeting this past weekend—no more vacant positions.

NEW VENTURES:
Our fall workshop was replaced by a special day at the Sask. Music Conference that was dedicated to Orff, hosted by our chapter. Randy Delelles and Jeff Kriske did a complete Saturday workshop this past weekend in Saskatoon to over 60 participants. Not only Orff people attended: it was open to anyone with a membership to Carl Orff Canada, Sask. Music Educators Association, Sask. Choral Federation, or Sask. Band Association. So far responses have been very positive. The only negatives we have heard is that the cost is higher as part of SMC versus our fall workshop.

CHANGES (personal or professional):
none

CONCERNS (personal or professional):
None at this time

COMMENTS RE NATIONAL BUSINESS:
None

SUGGESTED NATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:
None

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:
None

OTHER:
Something brought up our executive meeting was the monetary expense of sending a representative to national meetings and conferences. Amounts we have allocated in the past do not cover the expense of attending the conference; essentially it just covers a flight. If our chapter is short on funds in the future, is there money available from Nationals to help us send representation to meetings so that the person in this volunteer position does not have to shoulder the expense? Also, we discussed the need to send more than one person; this would be too expensive for us for sure.

April 2007
ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Spring Fling May 12 Regina – Dr. Hal Kacanek – the “digeridude” (coordinated with the University of Regina’s Arts Conference to save costs)
Debra Giebelhaus-Maloney booked for Sept. 22 - Regina
Children’s Day – Spring 08 in Regina (repeat of this year)
Catherine West booked for fall 08 in Saskatoon
Only a few of our Centennial games book left! Get yours soon!

SUCCESSES:
Children’s Day held March 10 in Saskatoon (Tembu and the Lion) with Richard Dube, Pat Kelly and Sheryl Salen (registrations a little low, but a very successful day!)

NEW VENTURES:
Attempting to put our newsletter on our website so it can be accessed by anyone. Some difficulty with format, as a result we are slow getting it out to members (still haven’t put out the winter newsletter).

CHANGES (personal or professional):
Due to low attendance, we are looking at holding Children’s Day only every two years, with a Spring Fling workshop on the alternate year (we will hold Children’s Day on the year with the National Conference, which means we will have Children’s Day next year, but not the year after.)

CONCERNS (personal or professional):
Low attendance at workshops; using email to save mailing costs, but not all people seem to be getting our information.
Trouble with webmaster getting things on in a timely manner.

COMMENTS RE NATIONAL BUSINESS:
National powerpoint – some confusion as to the purpose of the powerpoint – we are instructed to have one person from our Chapter designated for it, but we are unsure as to what the position description will entail. People are hesitant to say they’ll do it when they do not know what it is they are agreeing to do. Are we to provide input as to the feeling/direction of the powerpoint?

SUGGESTED NATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:
I can’t think of any at this time.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:
None

OTHER:
Thanks for your hard work!

November 2007
ANNOUNCEMENTS: We were very excited to have our National president, Debra Giebelhaus-Maloney, in Saskatoon this October for a workshop. Less than a month later, she was back promoting Orff at the Sask. Music Conference in Regina as a key presenter there.

SUCCESSES: Level II offered (for only the second time in Saskatchewan!) this summer at the U of Regina, with the highest number of participants in a levels course across Canada!

NEW VENTURES: none at this time. We are hoping that a Children’s Group from Sask. will be selected to perform at Nationals in Edmonton.

CHANGES (personal or professional): our new executive will have co-presidents for the year 2007-2008, which is a new undertaking for us. It will function as a transition year, with the following year being the completion of the term for the new president, instead of a two-year term.

CONCERNS (personal or professional): Attendance at workshops is always a concern for us. We are concerned about a vicious cycle: can we afford to continue to offer valuable PD for our members when they don’t attend? Can we afford not to offer PD opportunities (if we can’t afford it) – would this be the end of our chapter if we did not hold regular workshops? We are also unsure how many of our executive we can afford to send to the National executive meetings, yet we wish to have representation there, since they are a valuable learning experience.

COMMENTS RE NATIONAL BUSINESS: we are interested in finding out more about the direction of the national powerpoint, and what the role of the chapter rep will entail.

SUGGESTED NATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: None that we can think of at this time.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:

OTHER: Kudos to the national executive for the timely reminders for deadlines and responsibilities. Our liaison has wonderful patience but also serves to gently prod us when it is needed. She is (as well as the entire national executive are) a fabulous mentor and a joy to work with! We appreciate all of your time and effort to keep this organization running smoothly!

April 2008
ANNOUNCEMENTS:
We are pleased that a Sask. Children’s performing group will be at Encore!

SUCCESES:
We have had two successful workshops this school year: Debra Giebelhaus-Maloney in Saskatoon in Sept. and Children’s Day in Regina this March (with Sask. clinicians Richard Dube, Pat Kelly, and Sheryl Salen.)

NEW VENTURES:
Instead of sending out a printed newsletter, we are now using the format of an online blog. We are working with co-presidents this year.

CHANGES (personal or professional):
We now have the technology to switch from videotape to DVD (of our workshops and Children’s Day.)

CONCERNS (personal or professional):
Numbers attending events, particularly Children’s Day (in order to cover costs incurred.)

COMMENTS RE NATIONAL BUSINESS:
Your executive has been terrific!

SUGGESTED NATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:
A proposal brought to our executive table was to ask if people could possibly purchase more than one year’s membership. The suggestion was perhaps a 5 year possibility?
Date: November 6, 2008  Chapter: Saskatchewan
National Executive Reporter: Joan Linklater  Chapter Contact: Joel Swaan
Chapter Contact: __________________________

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Workshops in Saskatoon in March and September ’09
Children’s Day Spring 2010 in Regina – The Legend of Qu’Appelle Valley with Shelly Mooney

SUCCESES:
Very successful “Once Upon an (Orff) Time” workshop in Regina this fall with Catherine West.
Level 1 course offered in Regina in Summer ’08

NEW VENTURES:
We will be putting a coupon on our Blog for workshop registrations, both to encourage Blog usage, but also as a hook to get more registrants.

CHANGES (personal or professional):
New board of directors: Said goodbye to Kathy Reid (Treasurer); Michelle Phair (Merchandise), Denise Morestad (Publicity); welcomed Stephanie Stephanson-Pexa (Treasurer), Marlene Hinz (Merchandise), Aileen Peters (Publicity); Shelly Mooney moved from Co-President to Past President; Joel Swaan from Co-President to President

CONCERNS (personal or professional):
Our vice-president, Sylvia Yam, recently passed away in China after suffering a stroke. She was an integral part of our organization, and this will be a difficult position to fill.

COMMENTS RE NATIONAL BUSINESS:
None at this time.

SUGGESTED NATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:
None at this time.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:
None at this time.

OTHER:
None at this time.
ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Fall Classic 2009 on September 26 with Joan Linklater in Saskatoon
Children’s Day Spring 2010 on March 20 in Saskatoon (changed from Regina) – The Legend of Qu’Appelle Valley with Shelly Mooney
Fall Classic 2010 in Regina planned, presenter TBA
This fall marks our 20th Anniversary as provincial chapter. We are planning on having a celebration to coincide with our Fall Classic ’09 which will include a reception at the location of the first AGM in September 1989. All former SK Chapter board members will be invited to register for and attend Fall Classic, and then stay for reception.

SUCCESSSES:
- Spent a half-day exploring the Margaret Murray adaptations of the Orff-Keetman Music for Children series (which, unfortunately we felt were more in-depth and worthwhile than the Canadian Doreen Hall versions)
- Spent a half-day with a choreographer/movement coach who is very familiar with Keetman’s work and with movement for children.

NEW VENTURES:
We had a quilt donated to us by Kathy Reid (value of $1000) which we will be raffling off 1000 tickets at $5. Draw will be held May 2, 2010. (Pictures will be on the blog).
The Saskatchewan Music Educators’ Association (SMEA) has been positively pressuring us to have a representative on their board to act as a liaison. We are a member group of theirs, and when they plan their annual Fall Conference, they want to ensure we are represented (they brought us Jeff and Randy a few years ago). Our newest (though returning) board member, Marlene Hinz, has agreed to fill this position, as she lives in Regina where the conference will be held Fall 2009. Will be purchasing commemorative coffee mugs (est. 1989) for sale in conjunction with our Fall Classic

CHANGES (personal or professional):
Reminder that Joel is getting married August 8th 😊

CONCERNS (personal or professional):
With a very “new” board, we had a few stumbles on our Spring workshop (Joel included), but we feel very confident about having our future mapped out the way it is presently.

COMMENTS RE NATIONAL BUSINESS: None at this time.

SUGGESTED NATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: None at this time.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS: None at this time.

OTHER: None at this time.
**November 2009**

**Date:** November 27, 2009

**Chapter:** Saskatchewan Chapter

**National Executive Reporter:** Beryl Peters

**Chapter Contact:** Marlene Hinz – President

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
- Upcoming Children’s Day – March 20, 2010 - Regina.
- Upcoming Fall Classic – Sept. 25, 2010 – Sue Harvie in Regina.
- Orff Level 1 Course to be taught at the U of R - August 2010

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**SUCCESSES:**
- Fall Classic – ’09 - Joan Linklater attended by 30 members.
- Celebration of 20th Anniversary of our Chapter.
- We have 48 members.

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**NEW VENTURES:**
- Fundraiser: we are selling tickets on a beautiful quilt “Bach, Beethoven and the Boys” created by one of our members.
- We are creating an “Excellence in Teaching Award” in remembrance of one of our members who recently passed away.

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**CHANGES (personal or professional):**
- We have begun the process of amending our existing constitution and by-laws.
- New executive in place as of our fall AGM – all positions are filled.

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**CONCERNS (personal or professional):**
- Our membership numbers seem to be down somewhat from previous years. We are not sure if this is a sign of the economic times, cost of membership or reluctance to join more than one professional organization. We will continue to work on advocacy and active recruitment of members.

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**COMMENTS RE: NATIONAL BUSINESS:**

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**SUGGESTED NATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

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**SUGGESTED ACTIONS:**

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**OTHER:**

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April 2010
Chapter: Saskatchewan
National Executive Reporter: Beryl Peters
Chapter Contact: Marlene Hinz, Chapter President

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- Upcoming Fall Classic – Sept. 25, 2010 – Sue Harvie in Regina. “Let’s Carl the Whole Thing Orff”.
- Orff Level 1 Course to be taught at the U of R - August 2010. Course endorsed by Carl Orff Canada.
- Several of our executive members will be attending Unite 2010 in Winnipeg

SUCCESES:
- Children’s Day held on March 20th, 2010.
- Quilt raffle fundraiser very successful. We decided to do another fundraiser next year.
- We already have students registered for the Orff Level 1 course. One of our members is also teaching an introductory Orff course for the Sask. Teachers Federation earlier in the summer.
- Our membership is currently at 43 members.
- Our blog is an excellent tool to promote our organization, upcoming workshops and serve as a resource for our membership. It is current and pertinent.

NEW VENTURES:

CHANGES (personal or professional):
- We are continuing the process of amending and updating our existing constitution and by-laws.

CONCERNS (personal or professional):
- Our membership numbers seem to be down somewhat from previous years. We are not sure if this is a sign of the economic times, cost of membership or reluctance to join more than one professional organization. We will continue to work on advocacy and active recruitment of members. We are looking in to working with the SMC committee to try and have the Orff Chapter be a recognized member of the conference so our members do not have to join another organization to participate in the conference.

COMMENTS RE NATIONAL BUSINESS:

SUGGESTED NATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:

OTHER:
November 2010 (Teleconference)

Date: November 1, 2010  Chapter: Saskatchewan
National Executive Reporter: Beryl Peters
Chapter Contact: Marlene Hinz, Chapter President

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- Upcoming Spring Fling Workshop (March 26, 2011) will have an Aboriginal focus. It features three of our own executive members, Marilyn Dyck and Eileen Peters who will focus on Metis dance and Richard Dubé who will focus on Northern Spirit Flute making.
- Fall Classic Workshop – September 24th, 2011. Our clinician will be Sherryl Sewepagaham from Edmonton. Once again we will have an Aboriginal focus to compliment the Renewed Sask. Curriculum which has a focus on Aboriginal content.

SUCCESES:
- Children’s Day held on March 20th, 2010. We had a small number of participants but it was most successful.
- Fall Classic – Sept. 25th, 2010 with sue Harvie – “Let’s Carl the Whole Thing Orff”. A huge success with large numbers in attendance. As usual Sue was an absolute delight and pleasure to work with.
- Quilt raffle fundraiser very successful. We decided to do another fundraiser next year.
- We had 22 enthusiastic students registered for the Endorsed Orff Level 1 course at the U of R. One of our members is also taught an introductory Orff course for the Sask. Teachers Federation earlier in the summer.
- Our membership is currently at 43 members.
- Our blog is an excellent tool to promote our organization, upcoming workshops and serve as a resource for our membership. It is current and pertinent.

NEW VENTURES:
- We created an excellence in teaching award in recognition of a long time colleague who passed away last year. Members can nominate a colleague for this award. Information is posted on our blog site. Our first recipient was Richard Dubé a well respected music educator in our province as well as a current member on our present executive.

CHANGES (personal or professional):
- We are continuing the process of amending and updating our existing constitution and by-laws. We’ve passed our amended constitution at the AGM in September. We are very excited to see a document that more accurately reflects our current organization. Our next goal will be to update / create our own Policy and Procedures type document that will include job descriptions and timelines for our executive members.

CONCERNS (personal or professional):
- Our membership numbers seem to be down somewhat from previous years. We are not sure if this is a sign of the economic times, cost of membership or reluctance to join more than one professional organization. We will continue to work on advocacy and active recruitment of members. This is an area the organization must never let sit idle. Next year we have several positions on Executive that will need to be filled as members will be stepping down.
- We are looking in to working with the SMC committee to try and have the Orff Chapter be a recognized member of the provincial conference so our members do not have to join another organization to participate in the conference. So far this venture has not been really successful even though we have several members wearing hats for both professional organizations.

COMMENTS RE: NATIONAL BUSINESS: None at this time.
SUGGESTED NATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: None at this time.
SUGGESTED ACTIONS: None at this time.
OTHER:
April 29-May 1, 2011
ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- Fall Classic Workshop – September 24th, 2011. Our clinician will be Sherryl Sewepagaham from Edmonton. Once again we will have an Aboriginal focus to compliment the Renewed Sask. Curriculum which has a focus on Aboriginal content.
- We will NOT be offering any Levels courses this summer.

SUCCESSES:
- Spring Fling Workshop (March 26, 2011) with an Aboriginal focus, featured two of our own executive members, Marilyn Dyck who focused on Metis dance and Richard Dubé who focused on Northern Spirit Flute making.
- Fall Classic – Sept. 25th, 2010 with Sue Harvie – “Let’s Carl the Whole Thing Orff”. A huge success with large numbers in attendance. As usual Sue was an absolute delight and pleasure to work with.
- Flute and drum raffle fundraiser very successful.
- Our membership is currently at 43 members.
- Our blog is an excellent tool to promote our organization, upcoming workshops and serve as a resource for our membership. It is current and pertinent.

NEW VENTURES:
- We created an excellence in teaching award in recognition of a long time colleague. Our ‘trophy’ is a glockenspiel that has been engraved with the recipients names.

CHANGES (personal or professional):
- We are excited about using our recently amended constitution.
- Our next chapter goal is to update / create our own Policy and Procedures type document that will include job descriptions and timelines for our executive members.

CONCERNS (personal or professional):
None at this time.

COMMENTS RE: NATIONAL BUSINESS:
None at this time.

SUGGESTED NATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:
None at this time.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:
None at this time.

OTHER:
November 2011 (Skype)
Date: November 2011  Chapter: Saskatchewan
National Executive Reporter: Beryl Peters
Chapter Contact: Heather Lake

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- **Children's Day: March 3, 2012 (Saskatoon)**
  - Presenter: Shelley Mooney
  - Topic: Legend of the Qu'Appelle Valley
- **Fall Classic: September 29, 2012 (Regina)**
  - Presenter: Sherryl Sewepagaham from Edmonton
  - Focus: First Nations content

SUCCESES:
- 2011 Fall Classic in Saskatoon
  - Sherryl Sewepagaham, our original clinician, had to cancel last-minute due to a broken ankle. Fortunately, Calla Isaac from Winnipeg (who was planning to provide a workshop for us later next year) was able to fill in with an African Drumming workshop. Calla was a joy to work with and provided a strong pedagogical and Orff approach to drumming. Attendance was great, especially given the last-minute change, and feedback was very positive.
- 47 members (slightly up from last year)
- Executive compiled a Saskatchewan Orff Chapter Handbook which provides detailed job descriptions and timelines specific to our chapter as well as to the national organization. It’s already proven to be a helpful guide for current and incoming executive members.

NEW VENTURES:
- Interest in using online tools to aid with chapter operations (e.g. posting clips from workshops online (password protected, limited time, with permission from presenters and participants)

CHANGES (personal or professional):
- New executive members as of September 2011 AGM

CONCERNS (personal or professional): None at this time

COMMENTS RE NATIONAL BUSINESS: None at this time

SUGGESTED NATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: None at this time

SUGGESTED ACTIONS: None at this time

OTHER:

April 18-19, 2012
Date: April 2012  Chapter: Saskatchewan
National Executive Reporter: Beryl Peters
Chapter Contact: Heather Lake, Chapter President

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- Upcoming Fall Classic – September 29, 2012 – Sheryll Sewepagaham in Regina
- Orff level 1 scheduled to run August 7-17 in Regina. The course will be endorsed by Carl Orff Canada.
- Several of our executive members will be attending Re: Play 2012
SUCCESSES:
- Children’s Day held on March 3, 2012
- We are retaining our members (numbers aren’t going down).
- Our blog continues to be a great tool for promoting our organization and events. It has attracted new members and interest in our work.

NEW VENTURES:
- We have begun using social media tools to promote our organization. We hope this will boost membership and attendance at events.
- We are exploring the possibility of helping another chapter(s) co-host the 2016 National Conference. Our provincial population and membership are relatively small, but we have discussed some tasks that would (and would not) be within our means to handle.

CHANGES (personal or professional):
- None at this time.

CONCERNS (personal or professional):
- None at this time.

COMMENTS RE NATIONAL BUSINESS:
- None at this time.

SUGGESTED NATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:
- What is the status of online membership registration? Is it working? If so, how?

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:
- None at this time.

OTHER:

Date: November 4, 2012
Chapter Contact: Heather Lake

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- The SK Orff Chapter is excited to be co-hosting the 2016 conference in Saskatoon
- Spring Fling – March 23, 2013
  o Twirls and Trills: A Creative Dance and Choral Workshop for Teachers
- Fall Classic – September 28, 2013
  o Presenter: Pam Hetrick
  o Theme: World Music
SUCCESSES:

- 2013 Fall Classic with Sherryl Sewapagaham
  - The workshop was very relevant, fun, engaging, and well-received by participants.
- Membership is consistent

NEW VENTURES:

- We have begun offering online clips of workshops to participants, with permission from clinicians, to review activities presented.

CHANGES (personal or professional):

- The SK Orff Chapter is pleased to welcome two new executive members:
  - Lynn Pawelko (treasurer)
  - Stephanie Gogal (member at large and fundraising)
- The chapter also wants to extend its thanks to Stephanie Stefanson-Pexa and Nancy Sparling for their dedication during their many years of stellar service on the executive.

CONCERNS (personal or professional):

- None at this time

COMMENTS RE NATIONAL BUSINESS:

- Any available documents or guidelines regarding the planning of the national conference would be helpful as we embark on the exciting journey of co-hosting.

SUGGESTED NATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

- None at this time

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:

- None at this time

OTHER:

- None at this time

COC Chapter Presidents’ Meeting
Winnipeg, MB
Saturday, March 2, 2013

President’s Report
Prepared by Heather Lake, Chapter President

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We are excited to be working with an exceptional team from within SK and from our co-chairing neighbours in Lethbridge and Calgary to plan Bridges 2016, the 24th COC Conference!
• Spring Fling – March 23, 2013
  o Regina, SK
  o Twirls and Trills: A Creative Dance and Choral Workshop for Teachers
  o Presenters: Ann Kipling Brown, Ph.D. and Deborah Nelson

• Fall Classic – September 28, 2013
  o Saskatoon, SK
  o Presenter: Pam Hetrick
  o Theme: World Music

SUCCESSES:
• 2013 Fall Classic workshop in Regina with Sherryl Sewapagaham
  o The workshop was fun, engaging, and an exceptional resource for enriching
    Saskatchewan curricula.
• Membership is consistent

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CONCERNS (personal or professional):
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COMMENTS RE: NATIONAL BUSINESS:
• None at this time

SUGGESTED NATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:
• None at this time

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:
• None at this time

OTHER:
• Please refer to the 2016 Conference Update for additional information and questions.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Our current membership is 43 members. March 15, 2014 is our next Children’s Day titled The Ramayana – The Hindu story behind Diwali. It will take place in Regina. We will once again be offering an Orff Level 1 course at the U of R. We would like to thank Denise Morstad for her outstanding efforts to ensure that this course happens.

**SUCCESSES:** We had a successful Fall Classic Workshop in Saskatoon. We had 24 people register in advance for the workshop. Our workshop was called Music and Drumming from Around the World. The clinician was Pam Hetrick.

**NEW VENTURES:** We look forward to our Fall Classic workshop in September of 2014 with James Harding. The conference committee continues to work with both the Calgary and Lethbridge chapters on our upcoming national conference Bridges 2016.

**CHANGES (personal or professional):** In our annual AGM in September we welcomed several ‘new’ members to our executive. The updated list was sent out in an earlier e-mail.

**CONCERNS (personal or professional):** Our Vice-president position remains vacant as we work to find a suitable replacement for that role.

**COMMENTS RE NATIONAL BUSINESS:** We are currently working on our promotional video for the National Conference in 2016. It will be ready for viewing at the 2014 National conference.

**SUGGESTED NATIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:** None at this time.

**SUGGESTED ACTIONS:**

**OTHER:**