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SWIBA Directors:

Welcome back to the 2009/2010 school year, and a special welcome to all of our new directors to our district. I hope that you have enjoyed your summer and are energized for the upcoming school year.

### In this mailing you will find:

- The directory information form – please return to Pam Ryan at Lewis Central
- SWIBA Honor Band information – both MS and HS
  - Please take note of the change concerning registration, as this is now done online at [www.swiba.org](http://www.swiba.org). All IBA and SWIBA dues must be paid to participate in this event. If you have questions, please contact Patti Bekkerus for MS at Denison, or Jarrod O'Donnell for HS at Atlantic.
- SWIBA Calendar of Events – consider placing this next to your IHSMA dates
- IBA Registration card
- IBA Deadlines for Registration

**Our Annual Fall Meeting:** will be held on September 14, 2009 at *Dusty's in Griswold*.

- 5:30 p.m. – Registration and Social Time
- 6:30 p.m. – Buffet dinner is served at a cost of \$10.00 per person
- 7:00 p.m. – start of SWIBA business meeting

**New Directors and the Fall Meeting:** SWIBA would like to welcome directors new to our district. Your dinner will be courtesy of SWIBA. Please use this as an incentive to join us and get invaluable networking and honor band information at our first meeting for 2009/2010!

**Annual SWIBA dues:** During registration at the Fall Meeting (5:30-6:30 p.m.), you may pay Bob Hoffman, SWIBA Treasurer for your annual SWIBA dues of \$15.00, and also for your meal. Retired and Student membership is \$10.00.

**IBA Membership:** Deadline for this is September 15, please see attached form. These are sent to Steve Cook, Secretary for IBA.

**Participation in SWIBA events:** A reminder, that in order for your students to participate in SWIBA sponsored events, you must be a paid member of both IBA and SWIBA. SWIBA and IBA dues must be paid by the date of the first event you plan to attend.

**Use the web!** [www.swiba.org](http://www.swiba.org), [www.ihmsa.org](http://www.ihmsa.org), and [www.bandmasters.org](http://www.bandmasters.org) are great resources for you to get answers to questions, deadlines, the SWIBA Forum, and other important information concerning you and opportunities for your students. Please feel free to check out the updates to these sites frequently.

Please RSVP for the SWIBA Fall Meeting dinner by Thursday, September 10 to my email below, so Dusty's can have an accurate count for our meal together. Thank you for allowing SWIBA to be a reference and resource for your teaching this year! I look forward to seeing you on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Dusty's!

In the name of music and kids,

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