

**SOUTHWEST DISTRICT  
KBA REPORT  
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Greetings to KBA southwest band directors from Steven Lueth. I am the new KBA southwest Kansas representative for the KBA board this year. For those of you who are new to the area, I am the Director of Instrumental Activities at Barton Community College.

Some important dates and information that will be happening in the southwest district include the KMEA District I convention that will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> at Dodge City Middle School. Instrumental groups include the KMEA district junior high honor band and the KMEA district high school jazz band. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, the KMEA District II convention will be held at Dodge City High School. Please check the SWKMEA website ( <http://www.swkmea.org/> ) for all information about both conventions.

Our district has many music instructors who teach all areas of the K-12 music curriculum. I would highly encourage all of the veterans of the KMEA southwest district to make a personal contact with all new directors. As you well know, the first semester at a new music position can be stressful. Many new music instructors are new to our district and may not be aware of the wealth of expertise that is available to them.

Another item of information that is new this fall is the following from the KSHSAA: *All high school music head directors are required to complete the KSHSAA online rules meeting each year beginning 2014-15. The online meeting will be available for credit from August 20 until November 2. Instructions for how to log on and view the online meeting will be mailed to Athletic Directors by the first of August along with the Music manual. Schools with coaches failing to complete the online meeting by November 2 will be subject to a \$25 fine and their school will be listed in the Activities Journal.*

I would also like to highlight Tri-M. The Tri-M Music Honor Society is a NAFME program that recognizes outstanding music students in secondary level school (grades 6 through 12). Tri-M activities increase students' school and community involvement with music. Please refer to the KMEA website ( <http://www.ksmea.org/tri-m/index.php> ) for further information.

I hope that everyone has a great year and make music in your school!

Steven Lueth

KBA Southwest Representative