

# NYSSMA® ELECTION INFORMATION

Elected Candidates to Hold Office Beginning January 1, 2025

## NYSSMA® Election 2024 Candidate Bios



**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**  
*Daryle Redmond*

As a dedicated music educator with nearly three decades of experience, I am honored to run for the position of Second Vice President of NYSSMA®.

I am currently the Director of Fine Arts in the North Syracuse Central School District where I have the privilege of serving students and families from diverse backgrounds and supporting the staff that works directly with them.

My involvement with NYSSMA® over the years has included roles such as AFC Percussion Coordinator, All-State Band Chair, Zone Representative, and All-State Adjudicator. These experiences have provided me with invaluable insights into the needs of our students, educators, and communities.

My goals for a second term are student and teacher centered:

1. Continue to improve communication through all levels of NYSSMA®
2. Continue to improve the operational systems for NYSSMA® Festivals and All-State
3. Continue to support diversity and equity

I am deeply committed to NYSSMA's mission and would be honored to continue serving as your Second Vice President. Together, we can inspire, educate, advocate, and provide opportunities for all students across New York State.



**THIRD VICE PRESIDENT**  
*Shelly Bauer*

I have a track record of leading organizations to excellent outcomes for all stakeholders. I was the founding Director of Arts for Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy Charter Schools where I built the program from the ground up. Recently I have stepped back into the classroom where I teach keyboards, drumming, Kodaly, and Orff instruments to maximize student engagement. At the Sojourner Truth School in Harlem, I teach 3k - 8th grade.

Forging partnerships is vital for the position of 3rd Vice President, since the primary goal of this position is to lead Summer Conference. My goal is to lead with a new vision. Organizations from urban centers around the state are underutilized as a resource that can serve our membership, students, and affiliates in innovative ways. I can foster this for NYSSMA® because as a New York City educator, I've previously spearheaded collaborations with Jazz at Lincoln Center, Manhattan School of Music, Juilliard, MET Opera, and the New York Philharmonic, for my students.

I have already initiated meetings with some of the aforementioned institutions. As we vote this year, I am not just asking for your vote, but actively seeking your input as we reimagine the Summer Conference together! Thank you.



**THIRD VICE PRESIDENT**  
*Holly McCoy*

Holly McCoy is the Band Director at Henninger HS in Syracuse. With 27 years of teaching experience, Holly is also the Treasurer of NYSBDA, a NYSSMA® affiliate, and dedicates herself to meeting, learning and networking with music educators from across the country.

At the beginning of my career, NYSSMA® had the professionals that provided both guidance and confidence for myself and my young musicians. I was, and still am, drawn to the vision of NYSSMA® and how it has delivered performance opportunities for young musicians and how it offers professional development and networking for the teachers of New York. I am proud to be a part of an association whose members take steps forward to better reflect our profession and future of our students statewide. It is extremely important to continue the conversations we have had as educators regarding the challenges and successes of belonging, equity, diversity, and representation in music education. If elected, I would look forward to continuing my collaboration with the associations and committees involved in bringing back the NYSSMA® Summer Conference. I will also bring in my experiences and expertise as an educator and presenter to assist in NYSSMA's commitment and vision to advocate and continue to progress music education for New York State's students and teachers.



**ZONE 5 REPRESENTATIVE**  
*Ashley Trudell*

I first wish to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve Zone 5 for the past three years. Thank you, Mr. Faunce, for the nomination for a second term. During the past three years I've served the organization in various roles including Winter Conference Assistant On-Site Coordinator, NYSSMA<sup>®</sup> adjudicator, and most importantly, Zone Rep. My goal for the next term is to offer more performance opportunities for Zone 5 students and to advocate for the teachers locally and in Albany. I will keep working with amazing county associations to help however I can and will continue my promise to serve Zone 5 by being accessible virtually or in person, communicate festival information clearly, and to deliver all NYSSMA/NAfME business in a timely fashion. Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve the organization and the region. I look forward to three more years of wonderful musical experiences in the North Country.



**ZONE 6 REPRESENTATIVE**  
*Jeanette Woodruff*

It has been an honor to represent the music educators and students from Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties on the NYSSMA<sup>®</sup> Executive Council as your Zone 6 Representative for the past three years. Over the next term as Zone Representative, I plan to continue to strengthen the channels of communication between the music educators in the zone and myself. It is important for the educators to know what is happening with NYSSMA<sup>®</sup> and opportunities that are available for their students. As students continue to have many options for activities in their lives, it is necessary for NYSSMA<sup>®</sup> to continue to work hard to get the word out of the many opportunities available for students and teachers. We need to get the students motivated for music early on, so they want to take part in the extra opportunities available to them. One of the biggest challenges for the districts in Zone 6 is filling vacant positions with qualified music educators. It is important for all of us to continue to encourage high school musicians to become music majors in college. We all need to work together to keep music education alive in our schools.

I look forward to representing Zone 6 for the next three years.



**ZONE 9 REPRESENTATIVE**  
*Timothy Hamblin*

As a teacher, NYSSMA<sup>®</sup> was an important component in the artistic development of my students. Particularly, the adjudications provided structure, and validity and opportunity. The festival season is an integral part of this organization and to the music programs in our zone and the 13 others. As Zone Rep that connection to our students and your local programs will be a primary focus serving in this role.

Advocacy was an important part of my teaching, directorship and will remain top on my list as zone representative. Through the lens of a Zone Rep, advocacy may look a bit different, but the primary principles of music education for all, highlighting successes and providing important data, are consistent.

I look forward to working with all of you and being the voice of Zone 9 on the Executive Council.

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**ZONE 10 REPRESENTATIVE**  
*Samantha McShane*

I am excited to once again run for Zone 10 representative. I believe my many years of experience within a classroom and NYSSMA® has well prepared me to continue in this position.

For over twenty years I have been a vocal and general music teacher at Chatham CSD. In my tenure I have held numerous leadership positions, including most recently, NYSSMA® Zone 10 representative. In these roles I have presented numerous professional development sessions and met to continue to advocate for the future of music education in our district, county and state.

In my tenure as a teacher and Zone Representative, I have hosted or run multiple NYSSMA® festivals, chaired ensembles, adjudicated and served on several NYSSMA® committees. Having served in many roles, I have a unique perspective representing the Zone from multiple points of view, including as a parent, and will continue to use this experience and my strong interpersonal skills to effectively and efficiently address concerns that may arise, and deliver information in a timely fashion.

Please vote for me to continue my service in Zone 10.



**ZONE 13 REPRESENTATIVE**  
*Michael Lee*

My name is Michael Lee and I am running for the position of Zone Representative for Zone 13, Nassau County. As a teacher, I see NYSSMA® as a wonderful way to get students involved and remain active in our music programs. I believe that our strength lies in our diversity and our ability to change with the needs of our communities and our students. Our communities are becoming more diverse, and I believe that as Zone Representative, I will be a voice for the needs of our county at the state level.

I have been teaching since 2000, starting off my career in Irvington UFSD, in Westchester County, before moving to Farmingdale School District, directing orchestras in the elementary schools and high school. I am currently the Director of Middle School and High School orchestras for the Jericho UFSD. Under my direction, my ensembles have received Superior ratings at Music in the Parks and Gold with Distinction at NYSSMA® Majors.

I have served as Chairperson for Division 3 and Division 5 for NMEA. I have been Vice President for NMEA Division 5. At the state level, I was All State Orchestra Chairperson for the years 2016 - 2017 and in 2023. I have been a member of the All State Orchestra selection committee. I pride myself for being an active judge, All State judge, and Majors adjudicator for NYSSMA®. For the past two seasons I have been an Assistant Zone Representative for Nassau

I look forward to participating on the NYSSMA® Executive Council to share the voices of our zone and to also learn from the other areas of our state. I hope that this opportunity will form meaningful relationships that will impact the future of this great organization. I feel confident that my qualifications, experiences, and dedication to music education will give Zone 13 the support and leadership that is valued and admired.

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