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All those who wish to be considered for conducting at the Indianapolis Convention should notify me of their interest. You may do this through e-mail (wmoody4250@att.net), by regular mail, or by phoning me (803-787-6540). Please do so before October 1, 2011, because the conductor selection process begins on that date. *Because it is a good introduction to the Members and Associate Members, new members are always invited to conduct.* The conductors of the performing bands choose guest conductors from the compiled list of those who are interested. Almost all who want to conduct are chosen, but there are usually a few more requests than available opportunities.

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It is always with sorrow that I report the death of friends and colleagues. A memorial account is set up in the ABA Foundation: ABA Foundation, Myron Welch, Treasurer, 2110 Abbie Ct., Coralville, IA 52241.

**CHARLES "CHUCK" CAMPBELL, July 30, 2011
BRUCE DINKINS, June 22, 2011**

Mary Barker passed away on April 2, 2011. Barbara Fendorf died on May 27th. I was also notified that Priscilla Jones has died.

The ABA 78th Annual Convention--The Convention begins Wednesday, February 29, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. with a Welcome Reception for the membership, spouses, and guests. There is a concert at 8:00 p.m. and the first business meeting is scheduled for Thursday morning, March 1st, at 8:30 a.m. There will be a reception for the Past Presidents and Board at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28th. The usual committee work will take up the day on Wednesday, February 29th.

Changes to the Directory:

Coulson, Scott has retired. sscoulson@gmail.com

Crain, Richard: (H) 936-271-1249

Ford, Ralph has retired. ralph@ralphfordmusic.com

Montgomery, Melvin: Carriage Inn, 2805 Lake Rd., Apt. 515, Huntsville, TX 77340 936-439-4130

Moore, Kenneth: kmoore6music@rogers.com

Shupe, Donald: don.shupe@gmail.com

Spevacek, Robert: 1040 E. Driftwood Dr.

Thornton, Paula 9247 Sunrise Breeze Circle (32256), Phone 352-214-3423

NEWSLETTER: We appreciate the years of service Bobby Francis gave to us as Editor of our Newsletter. Dick Clardy is the new editor and he needs to hear about the good (or bad) news in your life. Send your contribution as an e-mail (or attach it): dclardy@choicemusicevents.org. Or write to him: 10701 Upland Ave., Lubbock, TX 79424

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from Betsy and Scott:

As we begin to feel the first hints of autumn, it is time to bring you up to speed on the “going ons” of ABA. I am sure you are looking forward to the change of seasons. For those of us in Texas, that means no more 100 degree days, we are at 62 and counting. Not to mention the need for rain. Can we order up some rain dances?

Many of you have traveled, some have relocated, several have retired, and sadly we have lost a few members or spouses. **Please contact Bill Moody if you need to update any of your contact information.** This is very important since we are now using the world of technology to facilitate more and more of our business.

Perhaps the most important task for the President is the oversight of the convention. Having next year's convention in Indianapolis has been a blessing. The “hosts” Dan Bolin, Bob Grechesky, Tom Caneva, Jay Gephart, and Stephen Pratt are doing a fantastic job of creating an agenda that will be suitable for all of us. Rumor has it that there will be an Indy style race between the members of the Big Ten and those of the Big Twelve (if there are any left)!

One of the best deals of the “century” is the Hyatt hotel in downtown Indianapolis. Three weeks prior the ABA convention they will host the NFC Super Bowl team. Millions are being spent to remodel our hotel. You will not have to worry about the weather because the Hyatt is connected to major shopping and quality restaurants by a series of enclosed walkways. You will not have to go outside unless you want to. The rates are great and breakfasts are free. There are some great airfares available for the early shoppers. **DON'T WAIT!** You don't want to be left out. Make your plans soon.

Betsy and I are looking forward to seeing all of you in Indy. Great concerts, excursions, super eating choices and, as always, great visits with friends. **WE WANT TO SEE ALL OF YOU !!!!!**

HOSTS' MESSAGE

Dear ABA Colleagues. The Indiana ABA members are excited about hosting the 2012 convention in the “Crossroads of America.” We are pleased to welcome you to what promises to be a stellar experience both musically and socially. It is an honor to have you “Back Home Again in Indiana” for the first time in 30 years. The featured groups for this year's convention will include: The Butler University Wind Ensemble (Robert Grechesky), The Ball State University Wind Ensemble (Tom Caneva), The Purdue University Wind Ensemble (Jay Gephart), The Michigan State University Wind Symphony (Kevin Sedatole), The Indiana University Wind Ensemble (Steve Pratt) and The United States Army Field Band (Col. Tim Holtan). All concerts will be held in Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University. Charter buses will be provided for each concert.

The ABA Convention hotel is the Hyatt Regency in downtown Indianapolis. This is the same hotel that was used at the 1982 convention. It will be completely renovated prior to our convention. As you may know, Indianapolis is hosting the Super Bowl as a dry run for the ABA convention! The Hyatt is connected to numerous downtown Indianapolis restaurants and the Circle Centre Mall by sky bridges. There will be a link directly to the Hyatt's reservation website on the ABA convention website tab in the very near future. If you choose not to use the web link the phone number is 317-632-1234 or 1-800-325-3535. Be sure and ask for the ABA convention rate which is \$139 per night single and \$149 per night double.

Excursions will include a tour of the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway, home of the largest single day sporting event in the world. We have also arranged for visits to the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, The Indiana State Museum, The NCAA Hall of Fame, The Indianapolis Museum of Art, and the Indiana Historical Society. Many of these sites are within walking distance of our hotel. A shuttle bus will be available to assist you as needed.

We are looking forward to hosting the 78th ABA convention and sharing our Hoosier hospitality with you in 2012.