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# American Choral Directors Association

September 12, 1974

Dear Friends in ACDA:

It is with great pleasure that I write to you as the new Illinois State President. We have a fine, growing, exciting organization that is accomplishing much throughout our land. Our regional and national conventions have been outstanding. ACDA has greatly furthered the cause of choral music in America. Choral directors and choral enthusiasts are giving and receiving much from ACDA.

Please note the following dates for ACDA events:

- September 21 ACDA luncheon in connection with the Vocal-Choral Clinic at the University of Illinois. The luncheon will be held in the Levis Faculty Club following the morning session. \$3.00 per person. Dr. Harold Decker is our host. The guest choir at the luncheon will be the Barrington High School Choir, Phil Mark, director. The Barrington High Choir will be the clinic choir at 11:00 A.M. also. Dr. Decker and Dr. James McKelvey will lead a sight-reading session at 8:00 P.M. at Smith Hall the previous evening that will stress Christmas music for the church choir and for concert use. Plan to attend.
- January 23-25 IMEA All-State Convention - ACDA Reading Sessions
- February 15 Seventh Annual Illinois Invitational College Choir Festival Northern Illinois University, DeKalb - 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Dr. Elwood Smith, host and coordinator
- March 6-8 National ACDA Convention Park-Chase Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri

I am happy to announce that the following people have agreed to serve as district chairman for the next two years:

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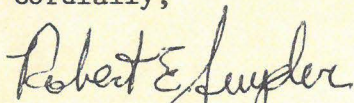
Up to this time, we have not had a state ACDA newsletter. Several states including Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin and California have these, and they have been received well by the members. I have contacted one of our district chairmen about assuming the responsibilities of being editor. I would appreciate some response from our Illinois members about how you feel about such a project. If you have ideas of what format this should take and what should be included, please write me your suggestions. I'm always interested in learning what others are doing. This seems one way in which we can help each other.

I would also like to sound out our members on the possibility of starting a one-day state convention. A number of other states have begun these with good success. While many of us are involved also in IMEA activities, it seems that it would be great to have an all-choral day with choirs being selected by a committee such as we do for regional and national conventions. Again, I solicit your reactions. If we begin now, we could make plans for a state convention next fall or early in the bi-centennial year.

On behalf of all of us in Illinois, I would like to express a sincere thank you to John Davis for the energies expended during his term as Illinois State President. John worked diligently as our president the past two years.

I am sure that you are all quite busy as the fall season begins. Hopefully you have returned from a refreshing summer and have entered a new year with vigor and energy. Please feel free to call on any of our district chairmen or Theodore Klinka, our Illinois vice-president, or myself, whenever we can be of assistance to you. And how about being a good neighbor, and enrolling a new member for ACDA?

Cordially,



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