

# Letter from the Editor

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Dear Readers,

Hello, and welcome to the first edition of the AIME journal. AIME (Active and Integrative Music Education) began as a conference idea, hoping to promote research and practitioner growth in music education, broadly conceived. The acronym grew from the 'Active' music making long promoted by Dr. Judy Bond, my predecessor as the Director of Music Education at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and a fellow AIME board member, and my own work with 'Integrative' music education, a push towards thinking of music teaching holistically – as opposed to the silos that have traditionally, and often unnecessarily, separated music teachers according to the ensemble they teach.

Our hope as an AIME board is to promote both a yearly conference (the last Saturday each January) and a resulting publication (each fall) that can include both research and active practice in music education in ways that benefit music teachers, current and future, in many ways. Whether you teach general music, choir, band, orchestra, or as is increasingly the case, in a combination of one or more of these areas, it is our sincere hope that AIME can help you find a place to share what you know and garner new knowledge from your fellow educators. The AIME conference and journal strives to be inclusive of practicing music educators who work in school classrooms, current music educators who have studios of private students, future music educators who are still in collegiate study at both the graduate and undergraduate level, retired music teachers who have so much still to contribute to our body of knowledge as a discipline, and current music educators in higher education, including music education professors, studio music professors, musicology and musicianship professors, conductors, accompanists, and music theory professors.

We hope in our endeavors to bring together and foster learning amongst all those engaged in the Active and Integrative practices of music education, now and in the years to come. We hope you enjoy this inaugural edition of our AIME journal, and we also hope to see you in Stevens Point the last Saturday in January!

All my Best,

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