

CALL FOR PAPERS
North Central MENC Conference
Lincoln, Nebraska, November 16-18, 2006

The Nebraska Music Educators Association will sponsor the North Central Region MENC Conference including a session to disseminate the results of excellent research at its annual conference in Lincoln, Nebraska, November 16-18, 2006. Researchers whose reports are selected will be required to prepare a presentation of their research and to be available during the presentation sessions to discuss their work with interested music educators. The presentations will be a part of a larger Research Symposium focusing on current and future trends in music and music education research featuring a keynote speaker and several panel discussions led by senior researchers to provide professional career/research mentoring to junior collegiate faculty members.

Participants will be required to furnish 10 copies of a complete report, one to be collected for MENC Archives and the remainder to be available for distribution at the presentation sessions, and 100 copies of a one-to-two-page report summary. Participants also may be asked to respond to post-convention inquiries about their work, which could include requests for full copies of their reports. Possibilities for publication of conference proceedings are being considered. In addition to traditional poster presentation format, PowerPoint presentation format will be available.

Those who wish to submit a report for consideration should comply with the following:

1. Papers submitted for presentation must conform to the Code of Ethics published regularly in the *Journal of Research in Music Education* (The Code is also available at www.menc.org); in that (a) papers should not have been presented at another major conference; (b) if the data have been presented in whole or substantive part in any forum or at previous research sessions, a statement specifying particulars of the above must be included with the submission; and (c) the paper may have been submitted for publication but must not appear in print prior to the convention.
2. Papers presented at conferences other than regional or national MENC-sponsored conferences will be considered if the audience was substantially different (e.g., a state meeting or a university symposium). A statement specifying particulars of presentation must be included with the submission.
3. The research may be of any type, but a simple review of literature normally will not be considered. Manuscript style of articles representing descriptive or experimental studies must conform to the most recent edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. Authors of other types of studies may submit manuscripts that conform to the most recent edition of either *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* (Turabian) or *The Chicago Manual of Style*.
4. Only electronic submissions will be considered. Submit a file containing the full copy of your report, including an abstract not to exceed 250 words with no title page. The full report should contain no clues as to author identity or institutional affiliation. *In the body of the e-mail, please include the following information;* (a) the author's or authors' names, (b) current position(s) and institutional affiliation(s), (c) mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address (submitter only), (d) the report's title, (e) the abstract, (f) specifications of prior presentation as per Items 1 and 2 above, and (g) if accepted, preference for traditional or PowerPoint presentation format. The full report with abstract should not exceed 6000 words in length. Give your file a brief, descriptive name, but do not use author names. Send the file as an attachment in Word Document (.doc) or Portable document (.pdf). *Other formats will not be accepted.* Incomplete submissions (e.g., projects in progress, reports without abstracts, requested information not present in the body of the e-mail, etc.) will be rejected.
5. Correspondence will be sent only to the submitter, and only by e-mail. The submitter should send the manuscript from the e-mail address he or she wishes to use for correspondence. *You will be notified of receipt of the manuscript and the reviewers' decision exclusively by e-mail.* A printed letter of acceptance will be mailed to all authors who request one, however.
6. Send submissions to Neal H. Schnoor, Research Sessions Program Chair, at schnoor@unk.edu. Please use this e-mail address for all correspondence. *Hard-copy submissions will not be accepted.*
7. *Submissions must be received by 11:59 p.m. Central Daylight Savings Time, July 7, 2006.* Extensions will not be granted. If you have not received confirmation of your manuscript by July 14, please notify Neal Schnoor at the above e-mail address.
8. A panel of qualified reviewers will screen all submissions.
9. All participants must be members of MENC and registered for the 2006 Nebraska Music Educators Conference.
10. Applicants will be notified of the reviewers' decision by September 1, 2006.