

Dear Virginia NATS Colleagues,

I have spent some time getting acquainted with the vanats.org website and preparing for student registrations. I have purged the old student applications and reset the dates so that you may begin registering your students. Unless you are leaving the country and must do your registrations this week, I would ask that you wait until November 1, so that I can be certain I haven't made a grave error somewhere. I don't know whether I have ftp rights, but will post additional updates as I learn how.

Welcome to new and returning members: Lisa Burrs, Amy Rakowczyk, Laura Mann, and Jim Smith-Parham. I have entered a partial profile for each of you on the website, which you may complete and edit. The site should email you your password; if it doesn't, email me and I will send it to you.

The Spring 2010 NATS Virginia District Conference and Auditions will be held at Virginia Commonwealth University on March 5 & 6. Our host will be Kenneth Wood. The NATSAA auditions will be held the previous evening (Thursday, March 4, 2010). I expect to keep the scheduling of categories on the same days as last year. I'll send more detailed information later. I have created a new email account that is nearly the same as Dorothy's from last year; mine is vanatsvp@verizon.net.

I am excited by this opportunity to be of service to the district, and not a little frightened. I am terrible at email. I do try to check it annually, but sometimes that just isn't enough. I am most easily reached by phone at 540.333.2544. If you need a timely reply, that may be your best approach.

I hope to see you all November 1 at GMU for Dr. Scott McCoy's presentation on Teaching the Male Voice.

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