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EDITOR'S NOTES

I am pleased to announce that the *Bulletin* now has a full complement of members on the Advisory Board. Mark Campbell has graciously agreed to return for another term. Mark has a long history with the Council, dating back to his doctoral student days when he served as editorial assistant to the *Bulletin* under the editorship of Marilyn Zimmerman. The *Bulletin* has benefited from his dedication over the years.

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I welcome David Elliott, professor of music and music education at the Steinhardt School of Music at New York University. Dr. Elliott's contribution to scholarship in the philosophy of music education, coupled with his considerable experience as editor and reviewer for several music education journals, makes him a highly sought-after reviewer. I am grateful that he agreed to add the *Bulletin* to his many professional commitments.

In this issue you will find a variety of research topics, evidence to me that our profession currently investigates a broad range of questions and populations of interest. If the intent of research is to have a useful impact on teaching practice in and out of school, is the current breadth of research topics serving us well? My own view is that broadening the definition of music education beyond P-20 students is a sign of a maturing profession. But I also wonder whether the research community would be better served by identifying and concentrating on some central issues. Are we diluting our effectiveness as a whole by pursuing questions based on idiosyncratic, albeit deeply felt, curiosities? Or is such diversity also a sign of a maturing profession?

In any case, in this issue you will find research by Debra Hedden and by Jessica Napoles focused on preservice teacher education students; an article by Joshua Reynolds studying in-service teachers; an article on middle school band students by Lisa Martin and a study of adult community band members by Roger Mantie.

As servers in restaurants say these days, "Enjoy."

Dr. Eve Harwood
Interim Editor

Postscript. As this issue was going to press I learned that a valued Advisory Board member (2008–2011) Dr. Anne Lowe, passed away on March 5, 2012 after a long battle with cancer. Dr. Lowe had a distinguished career as music education professor and Dean of Education (2000–2007) at l'Université de Moncton in New Brunswick, Canada. She will be missed by her many friends and colleagues.