

# FUNDAMENTAL TONE

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American Guild of English Handbell Ringers

Atlantic Provinces, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

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## Summer Information Issue

This issue contains information about coming events in Area I and registration information where applicable.

Also included is a letter from Ed Henderson (Area I Representative to the National Board) and one from Karen Leonard (National President) and Beth Watson (National President-Elect) regarding proposed changes to AGEHR by-laws which will update the way the Guild is governed and how it does business. It is important that you read this information because all members will soon receive a ballot in the mail to approve or disapprove of the changes.

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Eleventh Annual  
Massachusetts Youth  
Spring Ring  
Worcester, MA  
Saturday, March 15, 2003

It's that time again! Hooray!!! **The Eleventh Annual Massachusetts Spring Ring!!!!** Don't miss out!!! A great day of ringing fun for kids from all over New England! Learn new music and techniques! Meet new friends and visit with old ones! Find other people who LOVE to play bells!

Registration packets will be available by request only. They will be mailed after January 1, 2003, to those who request a packet.

*Request your registration packet by one of the following methods:*

**Email:** jennieval@aol.com  
message line: MYSR Registration  
**US Mail:** Jennie Valentine, MYSR Registrar  
10 Chapaquoit Way  
East Sandwich, MA 02537  
**Phone:** 508-833-3709  
**Web Site:** [www.agehrarea1.org](http://www.agehrarea1.org)

*We need:* Your name, church or school name,  
Address to send the packet  
Evening phone number

The Registration packet will also be available on the Area I Website after January 1, 2003 for downloading.

**Don't wait—Request your registration packet now!!!**

# AGEHR, Area I, Inc.

Fall Reading Sessions 2002

## Southern – Saturday October 19, 9 AM – 3 PM

Spring Glen Church, UCC, Hamden, CT

Clinician: Rick Wood, Handbell Director at First Church, Bethlehem, CT

## Northern – Saturday October 26, 9 AM – 3 PM

Bristol Consolidated School, Pemaquid, ME

Clinician: Ray Cornils, Music Director at First Parish Church, Brunswick, ME

**Here is your opportunity to preview new music by ringing it. Jeffers Handbell Supply will be providing a packet of approximately 30 compositions. There will be various levels (2, 3, 4) and various numbers of octaves. The session will include some of the music for next year's area festival. You will notice that this year the two reading sessions are at the outer edges of Area I, so we hope to see some of you who haven't been able to attend many Area I events.**

**Who is invited?** Directors who would like to preview new music by ringing it and ringers who enjoy sightreading. Please note that this is a sightreading session, not a rehearsal.

**What to bring?** Gloves, a binder or music stand to support the music, a bag lunch (beverage will be provided). Bring your checkbook, since music will be available at a 10% discount at the end of the session.

**Registration:** Fill out the form and send it to the appropriate person with a fee of \$10 per person. You may register more than one person on the form. If you would be willing to bring bells and foam to be used at your session, please indicate that on the registration. You will be notified prior to the session if your equipment is needed.

Registration Form – Fall Reading Sessions 2002

Registration Deadline – September 29

We plan to attend the  Southern session Oct 19  Northern session Oct 26

We wish to register  people and are enclosing our check for \$  (\$10 per person)  
(Make checks payable to AGEHR Area I, Inc.)

We can bring  octaves of bells and/or  feet of foam.

Name  AGEHR membership #

(see mailing label)

Address

Phone number  E-Mail

## Fall Reading Sessions (continued)

### **Southern Session – Oct. 19 Spring Glen Church, UCC, Hamden, CT**

The church is a red brick structure. It is on the corner of Whitney Avenue and Glen Parkway (although it has a mailing address of Glen Parkway). If it had a Whitney Avenue number address, its number would be 1851. The parking lot entrance is on Whitney Avenue.

#### **From Wilbur Cross Parkway (CT Route 15):**

**From the South:** Take exit #61 and turn left onto Whitney Avenue. The Church is at the fourth traffic light on the left.

**From the North:** Take exit #61 and turn right onto Whitney Avenue. The Church is at the fourth traffic light on the left.

#### **From Interstate 91 (either from the North or South):**

**Take Exit #10** (Hamden/Cheshire - the “Mount Carmel Connector”). Take the first exit off of the Connector (Route 40) and turn left at the light at the end of the exit ramp. Turn left at the next light onto Hartford Turnpike, and at the next light (one block), turn right onto Dixwell Avenue. At the fourth light, turn left onto Whitney Avenue. The church will be on your left at the fifth traffic light.

#### **From Interstate 95:**

**From the North:** Cross the Quinnipiac River Bridge (also known as the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge) and immediately after crossing the bridge, bear right for the exit onto Interstate 91 North. Take Exit #3 off of Interstate 91 (Trumbull Street). \*\*Go through the light at the end of the ramp for two blocks to the next light at Whitney Avenue. Turn right and proceed about 3 1/2 miles. The church will be on your right immediately past a synagogue.

**From the South:** Follow Interstate 95 to New Haven and merge left onto Interstate 91 North. Once on Interstate 91, take exit #3 and follow the same instructions as above at the asterisk.

### **Northern Session – Oct. 26 Bristol Consolidated School, Pemaquid, ME**

**From the North:** Take Rte. 95 south to Exit 28, Rte.9/Rte.126 Gardiner/Litchfield. Turn left onto Lewiston Rd, Rte. 126. Go east for 3.5 miles and turn right to continue on Rte. 126. Bear right onto Rte. 27 south. In 16 miles turn left onto Rte. 1 in Wiscasset and follow the directions below.

**From the South:** Take Rte. 95 North in Maine. Take Exit 22, US-1 to Coastal Route/ Brunswick/Bath. In 1.3 miles bear left on US-1 and stay on US-1 through Bath and Wiscasset to Newcastle, following the signs carefully. In Newcastle turn right onto Business Rte. 1. In the village of Damariscotta turn right after the First National Bank onto rte. 129/130. In about 3 miles rte. 129 and rte. 130 split. Stay left on rte. 130 for about 7 miles to the school. Another 5 minutes down the road is beautiful Pemaquid Point.

### **Southern Session – Oct. 19**

Mail registration to:

Susan Wilber

107 Robertson Drive

Hamden, Connecticut 06518

Phone: (203) 288-5847

E-mail: ctchair@agehrarea1.org

### **Northern Session – Oct. 26**

Mail registration to:

Bunny Stanley

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Somerville, ME 04348

Phone: (207) 549-5187

E-mail: mechair@agehrarea1.org

Deadline for registration – September 29

# *Proposed Changes to the National Guild*

*From Ed Henderson:*

August 1, 2002

Dear Fellow Area I Members,

During the past couple of years the National Board of Directors of AGEHR has been working diligently under the guidance of President Karen Leonard and President-Elect Beth Watson to update the way the Guild is governed and how it does business. I have been privileged to represent you through much of the process and am confident that we are moving in exactly the right direction.

In a few weeks you will be receiving a ballot in the mail giving you the opportunity to vote for changes in the Guild's by-laws. In an effort to explain what is happening you can read a letter from Karen and Beth following this article. It highlights the proposed changes and asks for your support.

If you have any questions on these issues please contact me so that we can discuss them.

This is a critical time in the Guild's history and I ask you to seriously consider supporting these changes. But *most important*, please exercise your right, as a member of the Guild, to vote.

Sincerely,  
Ed Henderson,  
Area I Representative to the National Board of Directors

*From Karen Leonard and Beth Watson:*

July 24, 2002

To: Members of AGEHR

From: Karen E. Leonard, President  
Beth Watson, President-Elect

Dear AGEHR colleagues:

Thank you to those who were available to participate in the Area Chairs' meeting at the National Director's Seminar. This letter is in response to questions that were raised at that meeting. It is our hope that this

outline will be of use to you in disseminating information to your Boards. Please feel free to share copies of this letter in its entirety through your newsletters. Electronic copies have been sent to your Area Reps.

## **IF the membership votes to approve proposed revisions in the AGEHR National bylaws...**

### **... what will the Areas gain by a direct working relationship with the Executive Director?**

1. a long-term relationship with the Executive Director
2. more power (will have more direct impact on organization)
3. financial advice
4. legal advice
5. Area Board governance management advice
6. membership support
7. event support resources
8. a link with day-to-day operations nationally
9. support for day-to-day operations on the Area level
10. improved communication with other Areas
11. an Executive Director fully in charge of Guild operations
12. a more cohesive AGEHR

### **... what will be familiar?**

1. Area Board governance (Area business as usual)
2. Area events
3. an annual meeting of Area Chairs
4. AGEHR mission statement
5. membership benefits
6. membership voting privileges, including elections and bylaws
7. entire membership elects President-elect

### **... what is new?**

1. an Executive Director fully accountable for all Guild operations
2. a direct working link to the Executive Director
3. direct Area representation to the Executive Director through Advisory Council
4. purpose of National Board – visioning body
5. size of National Board – seven elected members
6. entire voting membership elects the five at-large Board members

7. Executive Director manages all finances (no Finance Department Chair)
8. Executive Director appoints recording Secretary (no elected Secretary due to dramatic reduction in the amount of Board written documents)
9. Executive Director appoints committees and their Chairs

## *2003 Directors' Seminar*

Janet Van Valey will be The clinician for Director's Seminar Jan 31-Feb 1, 2003. I took her integrated musicianship track at Seminar in Des Moines this summer, and was impressed with her teaching.

More information coming at a later date.

Sue Chamberlin

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The Board appointed a nominating committee at the July 2002 meeting. That committee has been charged to begin now looking at candidates to be nominated for President-elect. Simultaneously, the membership will be receiving the bylaws revisions and a ballot to be returned within one month. The ballot will allow all voting members to select a new President-elect and vote on bylaw revisions.

If the by-laws revisions are approved, the nominating committee will propose a slate of eight candidates for five at-large Board positions and an additional election will be held.

If the bylaw revisions are not approved, the nominating committee will propose a slate of candidates according to the existing bylaws. The slate of candidates will be sent to the membership as soon as possible for voting. New officers will assume their duties upon election.

The Area Boards should proceed with their elections as prescribed in their bylaws.

Beth appreciates the opportunity to meet with the Area Chairs at Seminar. Karen and Beth are currently representing the Guild at the International Handbell Symposium in Busan, Korea. During the time they are out of the country, please feel free to contact Nancy Lutz or your Area Representative with any concerns.

The National Board of Directors is very excited about the possible new direction for our organization. **We covet your support in these endeavors.**

Sincerely,  
Karen and Beth

**Visit the Area I Web site at: [www.agehrarea1.org](http://www.agehrarea1.org)**





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If you would like to receive the Fundamental Tone by e-mail please send an e-mail to [editor@agehrarea1.org](mailto:editor@agehrarea1.org). The newsletter will be sent as an attachment in PDF format which can be read by Adobe Acrobat Reader, a free program available on the Web.

DIRECTORS – DON'T FORGET TO PASS THE WORD ALONG TO YOUR RINGERS!

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