

PMEA State Conference

- Keynote speakers
- Workshop sessions
- Concerts
- Exhibits
- Meetings

<http://www.pmea.net/pmea-annual-in-service-conference/>

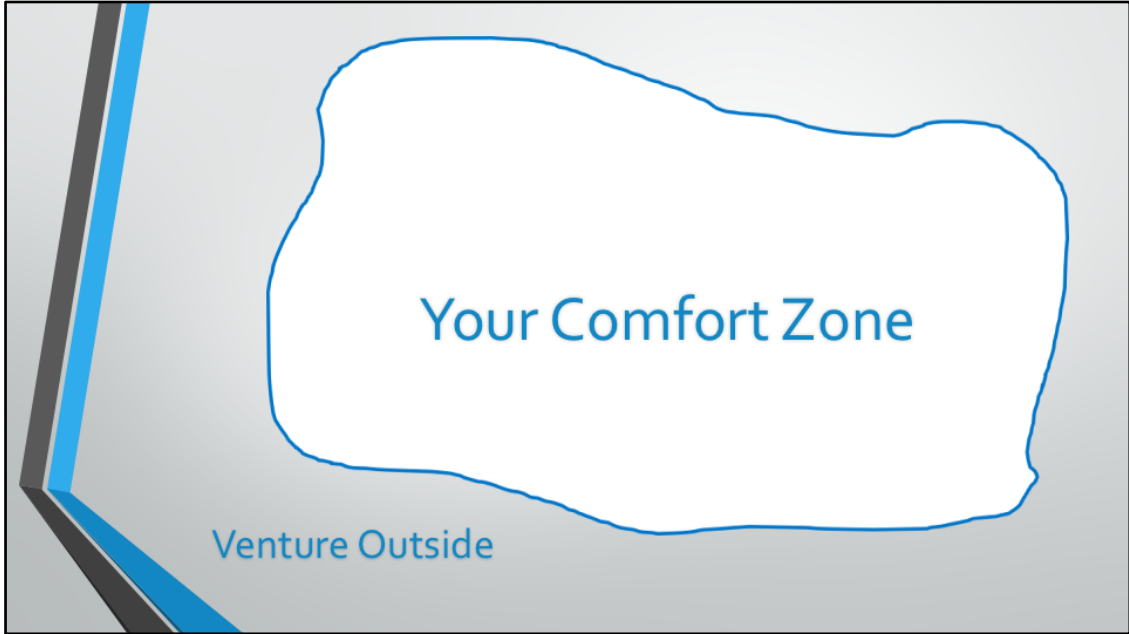


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- Being a teacher... like a lawyer or doctor, you have a “practice” – professional development for life!
- PMEA Annual Spring Conference: April 19-22 in Erie, PA.
- PCMEA/Collegiate Member: Early – \$30; Regular – \$35; On-site – \$45
- Keynotes 2017: Tim Lautzenheiser and Scott Sheehan
- Workshop sessions: chronological and by subject strand in *PMEA News*; alphabetical in handout
- Concerts: “state-of-the-art” models selected by blind auditions
- Exhibits: corporate sponsors/vendors, everything from instrument dealers, publishers, band uniforms and choir robe reps, and equipment manufacturers to colleges/universities and summer programs
- Meetings: PCMEA Thursday 10:30am and Friday 11:15am



Professional Networking Opportunities

- Connecting with colleagues
- Introductions and first impressions
- Business cards and “branding”
- Data collection and follow-up

<https://paulkfoxusc.wordpress.com/2016/04/04/networking-niceties/>



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Refer to networking niceties blog-post (second-to-last link on business card) and handout:

1. Resist remaining in your “comfort zone” – sit with people who have never met before
2. Go to sessions outside your major instrument/voice and favorite topics
3. Try to stay at/near the hotel where the conference is being held: Sheraton Bayfront, Courtyard Marriott
4. Practice the skills of professional networking: “connecting,” “introducing,” “branding,” “collecting data,” and “following-up”
5. Be outgoing, not timid, and “press the flesh” (keep your ears on for possible future job openings)
6. Attend general sessions/keynote speeches
7. Do not hop around from session to session
8. Sample at least one panel discussion, reading workshop, technology session
9. Expect to lose sleep: attend early morning events and late night concerts and receptions
10. Have fun at your first conference

Additional Resources

- Articles and blog-posts
- Websites
- PCMEA/seminar handouts
- Conference handouts

<https://paulfoxusc.wordpress.com/becoming-a-music-educator/>



“Everything you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask...”
Last link on business card: “becoming a music educator”