After much deliberation MENC has announced a biennial conference for this coming March 25-27, 2010 in Anaheim, California. The focus of the conference will be research in music education and music teacher education. It appears that the conference will be much like those in the past but will be aimed at music education researchers (This one is planned for us folks!) All the SRIGs will meet. For more details go to the MENC website at www.menc.org and click on events at the top. There you will find the registration form for the conference as well as hotel information. The History SRIG has an outstanding program planned. See below.

**MENC Biennial Conference in March**

Our History SRIG will tentatively meet at 1:00 to 2:45 on Friday, March 26. This is the latest information I have and I assume that the time and day will not be changed. There is only one SRIG meeting at the same time, the one for Children with Exceptionalities. We will have a panel discussion on types of historical research featuring well known historical researchers Terese Volk Tuohey, Philip Hash and Jere Humphreys. There will also be three papers presented by Bill Lee, George McDow and doctoral student Mark Waymire. At the meeting we will elect our new chair-elect (see bios of the nominees in this newsletter) and announce the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award as well as vote on a few minor by-laws changes. Jere Humphreys will update us on the revision of the *New Grove Dictionary of American Music* and we will also receive an update on the new issue of the *Journal of Historical Research in Music Education*. Our committees have done a great deal of work on this and it looks like an excellent program. I would urge you to make plans to be there.
Nominees for Chair-Elect of the History SRIG (in alphabetical order)

This individual will assume the role of Chair of the SRIG after our current Chair-elect, Dr. Patrick Jones, finishes his term in 2012. The election will take place at the SRIG meeting in Anaheim.

**Dr. Shelly Cooper**
Shelly Cooper has been a music educator for 27 years. At the University of Arizona, she teaches music education courses, is the area coordinator, and the Desert Skies Symposium director. Cooper is the book review editor for the *JHRME*, a *General Music Today* editorial board member and serves as the History SRIG Western Division Chair. She served as Arizona CMENC Collegiate Chair, Secretary/Treasurer of the Arizona Collegiate Music Educators and co-webmaster for the Arizona State University MENC Founders Project and President's Project. She is published in the *JRME*, the *JHRME*, *General Music Today* and *The New Grove Dictionary of American Music, 2nd ed.*

**Dr. Patti Tolbert**
Patti Tolbert started her teaching career as a middle school/high school band director before moving into higher education. She is the music education coordinator at Georgia College where she teaches courses at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. Additionally, she is an active percussionist, performing in orchestras throughout the Southeast. Dr. Tolbert holds the DMA degree in music education from the University of Georgia. She has presented several sessions at the Georgia Music Educators Association conferences as well as at MENC national conferences. She continues to do extensive research on the certification of music teachers. She was awarded a Teaching Excellence Award at Georgia College in 2006-2007. Patti is the webmaster for the MENC History SRIG.

Since MENC has changed their conference structure it is necessary to slightly change the History SRIG bylaws. Look for these and some other small proposed changes to be sent to you prior to the meeting in Anaheim. There will be a few minutes to discuss the proposed bylaw changes before we vote on them at the meeting.

Be sure to visit our website hosted by Georgia State College where you can find photos on the candidates and lots of other interesting information.

http://www2.gcsu.edu/srig/