

**KSNS President's Report
For February 17, 2012 KSC Board**

The Kodaly Society of Nova Scotia had another successful year, 2010-2011, providing two workshops and sponsoring a clinician at the NSMEA Conference for the professional development of our members. We also had a great start to our new year, 2011-2012, with an outstanding workshop in September presented by Denise Gagne and 2 sessions at the NSTU October conference presented by Maureen Dunn.

On Saturday, March 12, 2011, KSNS hosted "Hands-On Kodaly II" at John W McLeod School. This workshop featured "Time-tested and True Choral Treasures" and "Hands-On Kodaly" sessions led by our own executive. The second session featured materials and instructions for creating teaching and visual aids.

September, 2011 marked the 20th anniversary of the founding of KSNS. The KSNS executive was proud to host a potluck dinner honouring all the previous presidents of KSNS including Kaye Pottie, Riet Vink, Joyce Pierce, Martha Haley, Malcolm Bradley, Janet Gaskin, Pam Burton, Maureen Dunn and Faith Daley. We are very grateful for the work of these outstanding music educators!

On Saturday, September 24, 2011, KSNS hosted its annual fall workshop and AGM at John W McLeod School. Denise Gagne gave a full day's workshop with many musical and pedagogical highlights – including her developing use of technology in the classroom. We enjoyed a birthday cake to celebrate our 20th anniversary!

On Friday, October 28, 2011, Maureen Dunn gave 2 sessions at the annual NSTU Conference in Antigonish, NS: "So-mi, So what now?". These sessions reviewed a Kodaly-based sequence for P to 3 music curriculum and then looked ahead to how these skills could be further developed and challenged in Grades 4 to 6.

The KSNS Newsletter was published twice in 2011: the winter 2011 issue (Vol. 19, No. 1) and the fall 2011 issue (Vol. 19, No. 2). Marlene Nolet, editor, continues to find interesting articles of all kinds and keeps us in touch with professional development opportunities locally and across the country.

We are looking forward to hosting the KSC annual Board meetings and AGM in Halifax on February 17 and 18, 2012. Many thanks to the KSC Board members for volunteering to act as clinicians for our mini-conference "Music Made Together". We look forward to spending time with you – welcome to Halifax! Happy Birthday, KSNS!

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Grinstead, President