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IBMA's new Youth Council met by video-conference January 29 and elected **Andrew Rigney**, with The Rigneys, as chairperson. Current Youth Council members include: Casey Campbell, Danielle Yother, Frannie Digiovanni, Susannah Armstrong, Brandy Miller, Jacob Moore and Rigney. Katherine Coe is the IBMA staff liaison, and Danny Clark (International Bluegrass Music Museum, IBMA Board of Directors), Kim Fox (IBMA's Kids on Bluegrass, artist/songwriter), and Daniel Boner (ETSU Bluegrass Dept.) serve as consultants.

The group held its first organizational meeting last September during World of Bluegrass in Nashville. They are still working on the final version of a mission statement, but their goals so far include speaking collectively for the youth of IBMA, facilitating youth projects and industry mentoring opportunities, and working to share bluegrass music with more young people.

The Youth Council is currently working on ideas for World of Bluegrass 2013 in Raleigh—including a special track of events on Saturday, Sept. 28. Youth Council members are also researching ideas for an environmentally friendly, "green" focus to suggest to Wide Open Bluegrass Festival producers and the city of Raleigh.

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