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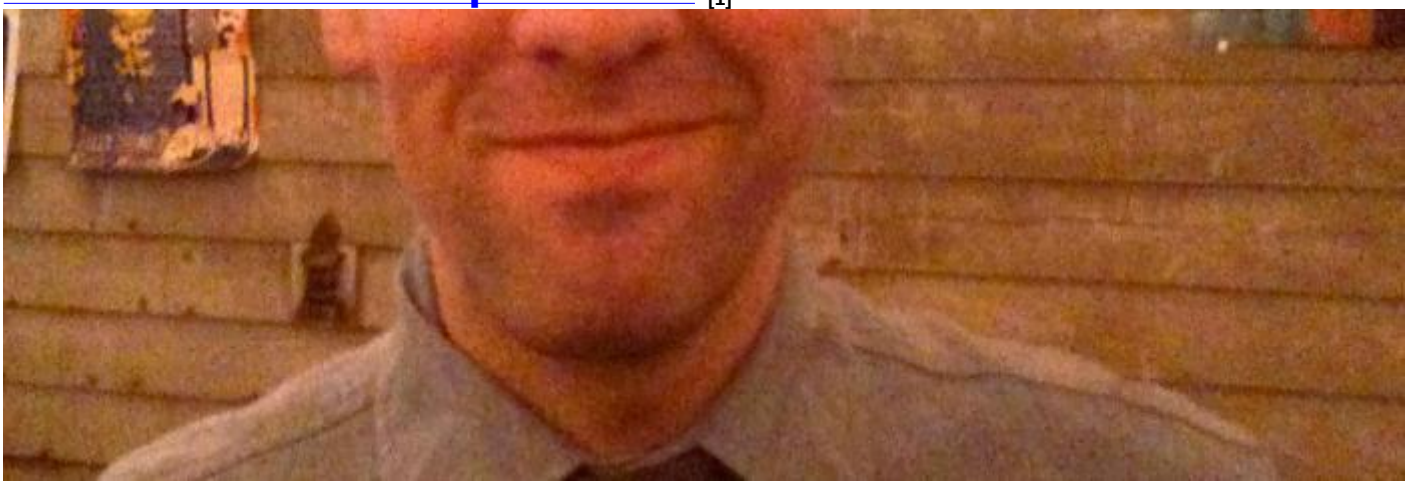

IBMA is pleased to announce that Joe Lurgio will join the IBMA Staff as the Member Services & Convention Services Director June 6.

Hailing from New England, most recently the Boston area, Lurgio has been surrounded by acoustic music since childhood. He was raised in Rhode Island by his singer/songwriter mother, and his uncle. At a young age, a drive to play all bluegrass instruments was ingrained in him, as well as a deep love and respect of acoustic music. He regularly attended monthly jam sessions and festivals along the Rhode Island/Connecticut border, learning bluegrass at a young age. Although he didn?t realize it at the time Joe says, "Playing and listening to the folks at those sessions turned bluegrass from a hobby into a way of life for me".

He graduated from Green Mountain College (VT) in 2002 with a degree in Environmental Science and has spent the last decade managing large scale engineering projects at a private firm. But Lurgio's passion for bluegrass has kept him up late into most nights working his second "job," promoting folk and bluegrass events in the Northeast. With ties to both the old and the new, he is very excited to bring his energy for bluegrass to work for the members of the IBMA. He brings a unique mix of skills including project management, event coordination/promotion, database management, IT skills, and the connections that come from being a musician himself and an active part of the bluegrass community.

?We?re thrilled to welcome Joe to the IBMA team,? said Executive Director Nancy Cardwell. ?In addition to his organizational and event management skills and his background with the music itself, he brings a high level of enthusiasm and positive energy to the staff. We?re all looking forward to working with him.?

Lurgio will be coordinating overall logistics for the World of Bluegrass and managing Member Services and databases, as well as acting as staff liaison with several other IBMA committees, and assisting with some Foundation for Bluegrass Music projects.

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