

VBODA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 30, 1984
HOLIDAY INN-WATFRSIDE
NORFOLK, VA

ATTENDANCE: Carl Bly, Scotty Lambert, Steve King, Jim Page, Sidney Berg, Leo Imperial
Vincent Tornello, Dan Schoemmell, and Don Williams.

The meeting was called to order by President Bly at 5:45 pm.

Bly asked King to make notations of manual changes the next two years in a copy of the
Administrative Handbook.

Minutes of the June 19, 1984 Executive board meeting were read and approved with the
corrections for All-Virginia dates being: 1987 - Fairfax H.S.; 1988 - York H.S.?
Tabb H.S..

Herndon High School Band Cancellation

A discussion was held regarding the cancellation of the Herndon High School Band
performance at the convention. The director cited, among other things, expense
as a factor in the cancellation. President Bly and VMEA President Schoemmell
felt that this was not a legitimate cause for cancellation due to the director
Richard Bergmans' late efforts to secure housing. Bly will write a letter to
Bergman and his principal regarding Bergmans' conduct in this matter. VMEA
President Schoemmell was also asked to write on behalf of VMEA.

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurers report was presented. The November 27, 1984 balance: \$14,529.02

Treasurer Page will notify each District Instrumental Chairman regarding the beginning
of the \$30.00 manual fee cycle.

Bly was requested to write an article about the \$30.00 manual fee to be published in NOTFS

Bly presented bills for: 1) Executive Board meal, \$144.07, and 2) Conference participation
plaques, \$62.40.

Fees for VBODA sponsored clinicians was discussed. Clinicians may be reimbursed for mileage

Sidney Berg suggested the need for a tax exempt number for VBODA. Discussion was held
as to how VBODA handles its finances presently, after working with IRS.

MANUAL

Sidney Berg discussed the new manual. He noted many printing errors. The errors were
primarily the fault of the printer. The printer has agreed to reprint several pages.
Bly expressed the gratitude of the Board and the general membership for the tireless
efforts of Mr. Berg, Phil Fuller, Mitch Bender and Mr. Bergs' staff in the completion
of this manual.

Berg indicated that the music which has accumulated over the years as part of the manual
process will be donated to the Norfolk Public Library at a later date. The music
will eventually be available through the state libray system.

SIGHTREADING COMMITTEE

Jim Page reported that the sightreading committee was scheduled to meet the 1st week
of December.

CLARIFICATION OF FESTIVAL OPTIONS

Scott Lambert indicated that clarification was needed on page XVI, "2. Procedures - Selection of Options". Bly asked King to note the need for clarification in the next edition of the manual.

STATE MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL

Don Williams reported on the State Marching Band Festival. The festival showed a loss of \$255.49. The loss was attributed partly to increased cost of judges expenses. Berg suggested that judges be offered a flat fee plus meals and transportation based on coach air fare.

The Board recommended retaining the band classifications used for the past two years

It was suggested that the general admission ticket cost be increased to \$3.00 to help defray any loss.

The Board recommended that a bands performance be based on a participating bands score from the previous year. Bands with the highest score would appear last in their class. Order of appearance would then work backwards to the beginning of the class. Bands appearing for the first time or who have changed classes from the previous year, would have order of appearance determined by a draw.

The Board recommended that the President appoint a committee to set specific guidelines for operation, administration, and performance at the State Marching Band Festival. Vincent Tornello was asked to chair the committee. Others asked to serve would be Scott Lambert, Steve King, John Casagrande, Harold Ford, and Don Williams. Membership on the committee would be opened to the membership at the General Meeting. The committee would report at the April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The donation to the Tom Bailey Scholarship has yet to be made.

All-State Band / Orchestra

1. site and hosts: April 12-14, 1985, North Stafford HS, John Easley, Host; Ken Lipscomb, Chairman.
2. Conductors: John Paynter, band; Pamela Gearheart, Orchestra.
3. Audition site: VCU, February 23, 1985, John Savage, Host.

Virginia Music Camp Band

John Yeager will report on the attempts to establish a band as part of the Virginia Music Camp. Yeager will speak to the membership at the General Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Honor Band plaques will be presented at the General Meeting. Fifteen bands earned the award in 1983-84.

Dan Schoemell will discuss the petition being circulated by the VMEA Action Committee. The petition asks the State Board of Education to review the Fine Arts curriculum immediately, rather than wait two years, as planned.

Medals

A new medal contract has been signed with Dieges & Clust/ Bale. The contract was approved. King is to send a copy of the new medal price list to NOTES.

Districts Using A Wind Ensemble at District Band

Discussion was held regarding Districts X and XII using a wind ensemble as its top group at All-District Band. The Districts are to be cautioned to maintain the level of guest conductors for all groups. They are also to be reminded that only the students in the top band are eligible to audition for All-Virginia ensembles. Sufficient instrumentation must be provided in the top group to allow for the All-Virginia audition slots.

Use of Adult Pianist at District Festival

The request for elementary school orchestras to use an adult piano accompanist was to be referred to the manual, page XIV, "Eligibility".

Judges Association

Bly passed out information and explained the purpose of the National Federation of Music Adjudicators Association. The association is used frequently in the mid-west. Board members were encouraged to look into the association,

State Champions

King presented a concern for the misinformation several bands in Southwest Virginia have provided their communities with regard to being "State Champions" in their class at the State Marching Band Festival.

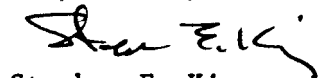
The Board recommended that a press release for the State Marching Band Festival be developed after each festival. The release is to emphasize the DIVISION ratings of each band. The Marching Band Festival Committee is to develop a policy for the news release.

State Concert Festival

Scott Lambert recommended the appointment of a committee to study the feasibility of establishing a state concert festival.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen E. King
Secretary