

VBODA Executive Board Meeting  
Ramada Inn - Newport News  
Tabb H.S.

April 4, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. at the Ramada Inn. The following members were present: Carl Bly, Scott Lambert, Steve King, James Page, Debbie Myers, Vincent Tornello, Sidney Berg and Wayne Powell.

Jim Page presented the treasurers report. He noted some problems still exist with schools that have not paid manual fees.

Bly indicated that candidates for VBODA office would be introduced at the meeting.

#### Old Business

Lambert reported that Francis McBeth would be unable to accept the Sharon Hoose Commission.

Jim Page suggested a proposal for funding of the Hoose commission be submitted to the Virginia fine arts commission. Floyd Werle will be contacted regarding the commission. Page will draft the proposal to the fine arts commission.

The VMEA convention will be held in Roanoke November 21-22, 1986. Lambert will issue another request for performing groups. Lambert indicated that clinics will be presented by John Edmundson and James Houlik, consideration will be given to balancing performing groups geographically and band/orchestra.

VMEA will hold a general meeting of the membership at the 1986 conference.

Tornello inquired as to a check on non-members voting at meetings. It was determined, from sign-in, sheets that a very small percentage attending meetings were not members of VMEA.

Bly will ask those state marching band festival participants who did not receive a recap sheet to contact him.

Tornello will continue with the Honor Band plaques. Lambert will handle the paper work.

A second vote will be necessary on the two manual changes:

1. The change of State Marching Band Festival from a competition to a festival and
2. The hosting of A, AA and AAA, AAAA bands at single sites on two weekends.

Sites have been secured for next years Marching Band Festival: October 18  
William Byrd High School - West; October 25 - Lloyd Bird High School - East

Casagrande will be asked to amend his motion regarding the "inflexibility" of the Standards of Quality to the "inflexibility" of the Standards of Learning.

Lambert reported on the success of All-Virginia auditions. Only two students brought letters from principals. One student from Dinwiddie was permitted to register without a letter under the condition that the principal send a letter the next week. The letter was never received by Lambert. Bly requested that Lambert follow up with the principal regarding the situation.

Deb Myers indicated that fewer orchestra directors are coming to auditions. They are asking the band directors to cover, with documentation. The resulting problem is too few orchestra directors to cover the auditions. Orchestra directors will be advised of the problem at the general meeting.

JMU will be invited to host the 1987 All Virginia auditions

The membership will be asked to provide sites for the 1987 and later events.

Orchestra directors will be asked to suggest possible conductors for 1987 and future All-Virginia events.

Lambert indicated that communication needs to be improved with district instrumental chairman. He suggested that meetings be held with the chairmen twice a year to discuss problems.

Some discussion focused on clarification of the rules pertaining to district band and orchestra festival and solo and ensemble festival. Directors may need to be reminded that Grade I and II bands are not prohibited from sight reading. They simply follow Option II. Districts which lose rehearsal time from festival may not choose to reduce the number of selections to be prepared for District Band/Orchestra Festival. This decision lies solely with VBODA.

Lambert reported complaints regarding judges at All-Virginia auditions that do not follow the judging procedure as printed in the manual. This matter will be pointed out at the general meeting April 5 and at the next All-Virginia auditions directors meeting.

Recessed at 7:25 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at Tabb H.S. at 8:00 p.m.

Wayne Powell, State Marching Band Festival Chairman, reported on the status of the Festival. Sites and judges have been secured.

Powell asked for clarification of several points:

1. Lodging for judges. He was advised that lodging has been provided.
2. Do auxiliary judges give ratings in addition to band ratings or a part of the overall band ratings? The break down sheet will be reviewed.
3. Penalty for rule violation. (see motion below)
4. Classification changes deadline. Regulations stipulate that changes are permitted 10 days prior to the event if room is available.

Motion by Lambert, seconded by Tornello - If the Marching Band Festival format becomes a pure festival format, the board recommends that rule violations result in a bands rating being dropped one rating. Passed

### Manual

Sid Berg pointed out errors in the minutes of the December 6 Executive Board Meeting. He pointed out that the manual editors fee for the last manual was \$7,000.00 not \$6,000.00. The assistant manual editors fee was \$1,500.00 rather than \$2,500.00. Berg voluntarily requested that \$1,000.00 be taken from his fee and paid to Phil Fuller due to the amount of work incurred by Fuller. The total editors fees paid by VBODA remained the same.

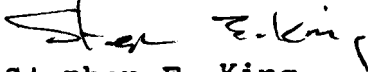
Berg also pointed out that he made a "vague" suggestion regarding increasing the cost of manuals to non-members. He made a "strong suggestion" that VBODA member fees be increased to \$50.00. After reviewing the manual fee balance, he reduced the suggestion to \$40.00. Two years ago he recommended an additional assessment of \$10.00.

Berg and members of the board discussed the publication of music graded between manual printings. After some discussion and explanation, Berg agreed to send the list of music graded since the last printing to Notes.

The remainder of the meeting consisted of a modification of the individual items in the Presidents Committee Report of January 3, 1986. A copy of the revised report is attached to these minutes. The revised report is to be presented to the membership as a recommendation from the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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VBODA Secretary