

VBODA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
April 3, 1987
Blacksburg High School

The meeting was called to order by President Lambert at 5:45 P.M. The following members were present: Scott Lambert, Steve King, Diana Love, Jim Hines, Wayne Powell, Vince Tornello, Carl Bly, Sid Berg, Dan Schoemmell, and Debbie Myers.

Jim Hines presented the treasures report.

1. MEDALS AND PLAQUES: Scott Lambert presented the price increases for the medals and plaques. In addition the board discussed the difference in cost of the emblems for the plaques. After some discussion the board decided to keep the present emblems for the plaques with the price of the small plaque increasing to \$30 and of the large plaque to \$80. The medals will increase from \$1.50 to \$1.65. This is effective for the 1987-'88 school year.
2. PHOTOGRAPHER CONTRACTS: The board reviewed two proposals from photographers for the marching band festival. The proposals were from Music Photo International and CBS Studio's. After reviewing the two offers it was decided that CBS Studio's would receive the contract for 1987-88.
3. VMEA CONFERENCE TAPES 1987: At this time only one performing group has submitted a tape. *comedic*
4. SHARON HOOSE COMMISSION: Carl Bly reported on the Floyd Worley commission. The piece is an 8-9 minute overture and will be premiered by the 1988 All Virginia Band. The cost is \$2000 for score only and should be finished by the end of January 1988. The board discussed the cost of having parts copied (not to go over \$750). Dan Schoemmell is to check with Shenandoah about the computer copyist. Carl Bly is to get the signed contract for the commissioned piece.
5. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERSHIP: A past VBODA president, who had left the field of music education and now has returned, requested that he be permitted to attend the executive board meetings. A procedural change was made by the board in November which required that past presidents should attend at least one meeting a year to remain on the executive board. After the request was discussed at great length it was decided by the board that past president active and retired who remain in the field of music education may continue to serve on the board if they meet the attendance requirement. Those that leave the field of music education should not be permitted to continue serving on the board.
6. PHIL FULLER SERVICE AWARD: Dan Schoemmell is to head the committee to set criteria for the Fuller Service Award. Ideas for the criteria are to be submitted to Dan Schoemmell. The final criteria will be accepted by the board with Phil Fuller's

approval. The criteria and a nomination form is to be published in the fall issue of the VMEA NOTES. The board will select the recipient of the award from those nominated.

7. ALL STATE EVENTS:

- a. Auditions: Steve King presented a report on the 1987 tryouts. He expressed concern over the problem of securing adjudicators at the event. He had several directors refuse to help with the auditions. In order to help eliminate this problem the board recommended that a letter be sent to the principal of any director who refuses to help with auditions in the future. JMU has offered to host the 1988 All-State auditions. The board asked that if possible the event be confined to fewer buildings on campus. Also there was some concern over the shortage of guides.
- b. 1987-88 All-State Site-Housing: Vince Tornello offered to host the event if housing is done commercially. He expressed his concern with the housing. He proposed that a form be mailed to the principal stating the student that is eligible to participate in All Virginia. The director is to be responsible for housing and the host, host school, and local school district only responsible for the student during rehearsals and the concert. Copy of same form to also be sent to the director to insure their return.

8. DISTRICT PROBLEMS:

- a. Communication: Scott Lambert expressed his concern over the lack of communication of District Chairmen in returning forms or other requested information.
- b. Combined Groups for Festival: Scott Lambert expressed the concern of some members as to the eligibility of combined groups for festival. The board felt that this should be clarified for the membership as follows: Student members of the group must be regular performing members of that organization; the group should meet on a regular basis and not combine for festival only; the group must be sponsored under the guidelines of the school district. If a group combines for the sole purpose of going to festival, then it must go for comments only. The intent is to prevent students from being denied participation at festival.
- c. Photocopies of Scores: Scott Lambert received a letter from the District III chairman concerning the use of photocopied scores. Lambert is to write MENC for clarification of the use of photocopies.
- d. Financial Forms: Lambert reported that only 1 district had turned in their festival financial forms in on time. The board expressed their concern over the two week time limit stating that many times final bills are not received until the end of the month. Lambert acknowledged this concern and said he would discuss the matter with Betty Tabor. Lambert stated that all forms should be turned in six weeks after the event. Solo and Ensemble forms are to be turned in by the end of the school year.
- e. MENC Membership: Lambert stated that there has been a problem

with individuals stating that they are MENC members when they are not. It is important that all districts check the membership cards(not just numbers) at district events. It was suggested that a place be added onto the financial forms for a xerox copy of the membership card instead of listing the card number.

9. MANUAL REPORT: Sid Berg presented an update on the status of the manual contract with Instrumentalist. (Copyright is being secured; size of manual not finalized - band music or guide anthology size). The board approved sending Wayne Powell to Instrumentalist to oversee the printing of the manual. Expenses will be paid by VBODA. Berg stated that out of print music and pop selections will be listed and made available for rental at a nominal fee (\$25-\$30) from the manual editor. The board felt this was a reasonable request. ADMINISTRATIVE HANDBOOK: All minutes to be compiled for corrections so that the rough draft can be reviewed at the June board meeting. The final draft will be ready for the fall. A copy of all forms will be in section I. *10/11/11*
10. Sightreading Committee: Dan Schoemmell recommended that the sightreading selection committee for festival be composed of active/practicing band directors (2 high school, 1 middle school, 1 string person). Powell seconded.
11. MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL: Vince Tornello presented results of the marching band survey. The board recommended that the procedures of this report be followed for the next two years before changes are made. This is to be presented to the membership for approval.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Love, Secretary