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VBODA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 19, 1988  
Norfolk, Virginia

President King called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm. He thanked all room chairmen, presidors, and performing groups for their participation at this year's conference.

President King introduced the VBODA Executive Board Officers, and encouraged members to call if they have problems or concerns.

MINUTES:

Minutes from VBODA meetings will no longer be published in "NOTES" magazine. The "President's Letter" section of "NOTES" will highlight significant items from the meetings. Copies of the formal minutes will be sent to District Chairmen.

MEETING STRUCTURE :

This meetings business was conducted as follows- Orchestra Business, Orchestra/Band Business and Band Business. Voting was done by show of membership card.

ROLL CALL

- District I : Ken Lipscomb (12 members present  
Band sightread only
- District II : Dwight Leonard (11 members present)  
Band and Orchestra sightread
- District III : Max Hahn ( 5 members present)  
no answer on sightreading
- District IV : Bill Gibson (5 members present)  
Band and Orchestra sightread
- District V : Allan Shull ( 14 members present)  
Band (3 sets) and Orchestra sightread
- District VI : Robert Wall ( 5 members present)  
Band and Orchestra sightread
- District VII : Bob Priest (7 members present)  
Band sightread only
- District VIII : Jonathan Hargis (6 members present)  
Band and Orchestra sightread
- District IX : no representative

- District X : Dan Kosko (5 members present)  
Band and Orchestra sightread  
(orchestra combines with District XII  
only need one set for that Festival)
- District XI : Geoffrey Seffens (10 members present)  
Band and Orchestra sightread
- District XII : Rima Vesilind (5 members present)  
Band sightread (see orchestra note in  
District X)

ARMED FORCES CLINIC :

Captain Dwayne DeVoe brought us information on the 33rd Annual All-Eastern Band and Instrumental Clinic to be held on April 13, 14, and 15, 1989, at the Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Norfolk, Va.

For further information, contact:

Armed Forces School of Music, NAB,  
Little Creek, Norfolk, VA 23521  
(804) 464-7501/7502

ORCHESTRA CONCERNS :

Suggested by Jeraldine Herbeson (District 8), that there be more activities for strings at Conference.

Question by Diane Chapman (District 8), as to who puts the date for Regional Festival on the calendar. President King suggested either calling your District chairman or String Representative - Dan Lind.

TREASURER REPORT :

Copies of report are available at meeting. Our books have been audited and are in order.

FINANCIAL REPORTS :

Many financial reports are still missing from events held last year. It is requested that you file these in a timely fashion. Principals of host schools, who did not turn in financial reports, will be contacted. District Chairmen are encouraged to contact those people.

Question asked by Holladay Sanderson (District 11), to please clarify WHO gets copies of the financial reports. President King stated that if that information wasn't clear on the forms, to please contact him .

District Chairmen are asked to turn in list of your Districts Event dates for the year. VMEA has purchased liability insurance for these events, and needs to know specific and detailed dates.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES :

a. Sightreading committee:

members - Diana Love, chairperson

Wayne Powell (District 8)  
Jonathan Hargis (District 8)  
Bob Wall (District 6)  
John Casagrande (District 11)  
Max Hahn (District 3)  
Dan Kosko (District 10)  
Debbie Trowbridge (District 9)  
Mike Trowbridge (District 9)  
Deb Myers (District 11)  
Dan Lind (District 5)

Committee met and chose possibilities. Will give choices to Sid Berg, who will make the final selection and send the information to Marshall Harris.

b. Festival adjudication sheet:

Carl Bly, (District 11), chairman  
Bly sent various rating sheets to committee members for input. The committee's decision was to continue using the MENC Form, but include a special comments sheet.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDED TO INCLUDE A SPECIAL COMMENTS SHEET TO BE USED BY THE ADJUDICATOR AT FESTIVAL TO GIVE PERSONAL COMMENTS TO THE DIRECTOR. THIS FORM SHALL BE PLACED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND GIVEN DIRECTLY TO THE DIRECTOR.

Motion second by Dwight Leonard (District 2)

Discussion:

Additional time needed for judge to complete this form. Dan Kosko (District 10), said there would be enough time for the judge to complete this form as the next group prepares to enter the stage.

Question called by Scott Lambert (District 7)

Motion passed This is in effect for this year 1988-89.

It must be a separate piece of paper. Remember to include it and envelopes in the judging packets.

c. Honor Band Medal

Bale Company is designing one. Presentation of designs will be available at the April meeting.

Question by Jeraldine Herbeson (District 8), as to why there were no Honor Orchestras. President King clarified what an Honor Band was, and welcomes any ideas from Orchestra directors on how to have an Honor Orchestra.

d. Administrative Handbook Updates

Diana Love presented the following changes to the Administrative Handbook -

1. Penalty for use of unauthorized photocopies at Festival. Penalty to be performance for comment only and a letter sent to the principal of that school by the Instrumental Representative. (add to page 16)
2. Policy for weather cancellations and postponements. Add to page 6 under dates of events. Cross reference.
3. Hosts of VBODA events to receive no fee or financial assistance for hosting. Add to page 7 under chairman/hosts.
4. Explanation as to why orchestras are in regions and procedures for refining areas to be grouped. Add to page 24 under structure of orchestras.
5. The host of four high school regional orchestras will be given VMEA information by the String Representative on the executive board and will be invited to attend the VBODA Executive Council meeting each Fall.
6. The VBODA President may appoint an Executive Council which will consist of the VMEA District Instrumental Representatives, VBODA Executive Board, and the four high school Regional Orchestra Chairmen. The board Council will meet in the Fall of each year in conjunction with the VMEA Council of Review. This Is a MANUAL CHANGE.

The executive Board recommends that a statement of clarification be added to the Handbook (Pg.6 Dates of events) that any cancellations, delays or postpone,events, due to inclement weather, will be decided on by the chairman of the event in consultation with the President of VBODA.

The Executive Board recommends that under #3 in Marching Band, change "host fees" to "site fees"

The Executive Board recommends that the title "String Representative" be added to the VBODA Executive Board.

Motion second by Bob Priest District 7 Question called by Scott Lambert (District 7)

Motion passed

MANUAL REPORT :

Sid Berg asked if the Executive Board would present the report on the Manual, and he would supply the clarification, if needed. Scott Lambert (District 7 -past-president) gave the report and the following recommendation :

Sid Berg be empowered to begin compilation of the

addenda of new Band and Orchestra works, which is to be ready for publication by September of 1989.

-this addenda will be published yearly, it will be 3-hole punched and will be a cumulative list of music reviewed and graded

Motion second by Vince Tornello (District 5)  
Discussion - Will it include Solo and Ensemble literature as well ? Sid Berg - YES.  
Question Called - Motion PASSED 52/12.

Wayne Powell (District 8 ) asked for a point of clarification on the manual fees. The next \$30.00 manual fee goes toward the next manual. Fees previously paid go to all addenda for the next four years.

The Executive Board recommends that the manual editor be paid \$1,000.00 yearly for the addenda and the assistant manual editor be paid \$350.00 annually.

Motion second by Bill Gibson (District 4)  
Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A poll was taken to see if the membership wanted to have the pricing included in future manuals and addenda. The majority says NOT to continue to include the pricing.

Wayne Powell (District 8/Asst. Manual Editor) will send bills to each school for the \$30.00 manual fee.

#### ALL-STATE BAND AND ORCHESTRA :

Auditions will be held the last Saturday in February at James Madison University.

Event will be held March 31, April 1,2, 1989 at John S. Battle High School in Bristol. Scott Lambert is host. Scott said that commercial housing would not be a problem, and that Tri-Cities Airport is only 25 minutes from Battle H.S.

Conductors- Chris Izzo, Band  
Sam Adler, Orchestra

#### SECOND ALL-STATE BAND :

King explained that the second vote (MAIL VOTE) did NOT pass. He explained which mailing list was used, and suggested you contact your District Chairman if, in the future, you don't receive an important mailing.

#### RECOGNITION OF HONOR BANDS:

A list of the Honor Bands for 1987-88 was read. A complete listing is attached to these minutes.

#### PHIL FULLER AWARD :

President King encouraged members to check the Administrative Handbook for the criteria for this award, and to submit nominations to him by January 15, 1989. The nomination must be in writing.

REDISTRICTING :

A decision on this matter will be made at the January VMEA meeting.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS :

Motion: Whereas the State Board of Education in Virginia has adopted a one unit High School graduation requirement in the Fine and Performing Arts and, whereas this prerequisite for High School graduation will become effective in 1992; Be it resolved that, beginning with the Fall term 1992, all colleges and universities in the Commonwealth require one unit in the Fine and Performing Arts for admission.

Stan Schoonover (District 10) made a motion to endorse this resolution.

Second by Dan Lind (District 5)

Motion PASSED.

VMEA NOTES :

Vernon Burnsed (VA TECH) is the new editor of "NOTES" magazine. Dan Schoemell (District 5) is the Instrumental Section Representative. Dan said we need to send letters voicing our concerns for inclusion in this magazine. The new management truly wants your input. They are also asking for photographs for the front cover.

VMEA TREASURER :

Gerald Granderson will no longer be treasurer for VMEA. The VMEA Board is soliciting nominations for this opening. Send information to Charlotte Collins, president of VMEA, or to Dan Schoemell. The new treasurer will be named in January. Schoemell reminded us that the treasurer is a VOTING member of the VMEA Executive Board.

ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS :

President King brought our attention to the ARTS SCHOLARSHIP, application deadline and audition process. Cheryl Gardner, Associate Director of Arts in the State Department of Education, can supply you with further information.

SHENANDOAH TAPES :

Shenandoah Wind Ensemble has recorded music of two publishers (mostly grade 4), to sell for \$3.00. This is a service they are providing, and are not making money off of this endeavor. See Dan Schoemell (District 5) if interested.

MOTIONS:

Motion made by Sandra Pait (District 8), that a grade II ensemble sightread an easier level grade I selection than a grade III ensemble.

Motion second by Jonathan Hargis (District 8).

Motion PASSED

This is a PROCEDURAL CHANGE

Motion made by Doug Armstrong (District 7), that a second All-State Band be established per recommendations presented to the membership at the April 1988 VBODA meeting. This is to take effect for the 1989-90 school term.

Motion second by Scott Lambert (District 7).

Motion passed by a 2/3 majority.

This is a MANUAL CHANGE and requires a second vote.

\* President King interjected that this may be an area of concern that members would like to write on for the "Notes" magazine.\*

Motion made by Jonathan Hargis (District 8), that 6th grade students be permitted to try out for District Band.

(Rational -- VMEA participation policy does not limit a student due to grade level as to which District events they may participate in. 6th graders may do Solo and Ensemble and District Festival, why not District Band??)

Motion second by Wayne Powell (District 8).

Motion was DEFEATED.

#### OTHER BUSINESS :

Holladay Sanderson (District 11), voiced a concern for her Band colleagues, who were not able to attend the Conference because of Marching Band commitments. She would like us to examine the timing of the Conference.

Scott Lambert (District 7), said he has previously brought this to the attention of VMEA, only to be "shot down". He said we must have representation on the VMEA Board. (Like in the Treasurer opening !)

Rima Vesilind (District 12), suggested we split Band/Orchestra from the Conference, and hold our own. Dan Schoemmel (District 5), said there is no way we could support our own Conference, unless we pay "big bucks".

#### MARCHING BAND :

The Executive Board recommends that Wayne Powell solicit members for questions or concerns on this year's Marching Band Festival. Powell will generate a survey and distribute to participating members. Powell will then organize a committee to meet and discuss the results of the survey. This committee will meet Friday of All-State weekend and report to the Executive Board.

Motion second by Carl Bly (District 11).

Motion PASSED unanimously.

It was suggested to add a videotape from the press as part of the scoresheet package for each Band.

Motion made by Vince Tornello (District 5) to adjourn the Meeting . Second by Carl Bly (District 11) .

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Respectfully submitted

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