

VBODA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Richmond Marriott
November 17, 1989

President King called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm. He stated that the order of business would be Orchestra Business, General Business, and then Band business. He described the three different voting classifications, and reminded the membership that voting would be by name badge.

Roll Call:

District I - John Easley, 21 members present: sightread B/SO
District II - John Hamilton, 12 members present: sightread
B/SO

District III - Steve Barton, 12 members present: sightread B

District IV - Bill Gibson, 10 members present: sightread B

District V - Alan Shull, 12 members present: sightread B/SO

District VI - Diana Love, 16 members present: sightread B/SO

District VII - Doug Armstrong, 4 members present: sightread B

District VIII - Jon Hargis, 7 members present: sightread B/FO-
SO

District IX - George Sims, 11 members present: sightread B/SO

District X - Linda Gammon, 5 members present: sightread B/FO-
SO

District XI - Jeff Seffens, 12 members present: sightread
B/FO-SO

District XII - Richard Sanger, 6 members present: sightread
B/FO-SO

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Jim Hines, and President King directed the membership to look in the latest issue of NOTES for the minutes of the last meeting.

Information on the BLUE RIDGE BAND CLINIC and the ALL EASTERN INSTRUMENTAL CLINIC at the ARMED FORCES SCHOOL OF MUSIC was also presented to the membership.

ALL-VIRGINIA BAND AND ORCHESTRA

Auditions will be at JMU on the last Saturday in February

1990 event held in conjunction with MENC. We will adjust rehearsal schedule to accommodate a Saturday performance. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday and will be held at George Mason University. John Cassagrande (Woodson HS) is the chairman of the event. Hotel information will hopefully be provided through NOTES magazine. The concert will be on Saturday, March 31 at 2:00pm. in Washington, D.C. Orchestra conductor is Marvin Rabin, Band conductor is James Croft. Opportunities will be available for everyone to attend the National Convention.

1991- All-State : Robert E. Lee HS in Augusta County
Staughton, VA
Orchestra Conductor: Gerald Doan
Band Conductor: Tony Maiello

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating - The current officers term expires June 30, 1990.
The following slate of officers was adopted by
the membership:

President-elect : Dwight Leonard
Gary Markham

Secretary : Max Hahn
Alan Shull

Percussion - Will present a report at the April meeting

Ballot - Both motions PASSED with a 2/3 majority.
motions were stated as follows:

All elementary bands and orchestras comprised of
students through the sixth grade, performing at District
Festival be allowed the option of not sight reading ,
and preparing a warm-up and two concert selections.

The Executive Board recommends that we change the
Constitution to clarify the three different categories
of voting. (Article 6, Amendments,pg.2) The decision
as to whether the change is Administrative Handbook,
Procedural or Constitutional rests with the Executive
Board.

CONSTITUTIONAL: 2/3 majority first vote, 2/3
majority by mail ballot.

ADMINISTRATIVE HANDBOOK: simple majority-first
vote, 2/3 majority by mail ballot.

PROCEDURAL: simple majority-one vote only.

ORCHESTRA BUSINESS

Motion made by Mildred Berryman, District 4, second by Laura
Parker, District 2, THAT THIS RULE BE ADDED TO THE
ADMINISTRATIVE HANDBOOK: ALL AUDITIONING SCHOOLS BE ALLOWED
TO SEND ONE STUDENT EVEN IF NONE ARE ACCEPTED BY THE AUDITION
PROCESS TO THE REGIONAL/DISTRICT ORCHESTRA.

Discussion followed, and it was determined that this is a
District/Regional problem and should be handled at that
level.

Motion made by Mildred Berryman, District 4, and seconded by Laura Parker, District 2, THAT 9TH GRADE STUDENTS WHO HAVE QUALIFIED BY PLAYING IN SENIOR REGIONAL/DISTRICT ORCHESTRAS BE ALLOWED TO AUDITION FOR ALL-STATE.

This is an Administrative Handbook change. Motion passed by a simple majority. THIS WILL GO TO A MAIL BALLOT FOR THE SECOND VOTE.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

President King encouraged event chairmen to turn forms in in a timely fashion. A reminder that the monies from hosting/chairing a VMEA sponsored event MUST be run through a school account and CANNOT be held over to another year. If there is still confusion about how to host a VMEA sponsored event, your District chairman and President Charlotte Collins have a handbook on how to run these events.

VMEA TASK FORCE

VMEA presented a packet of information to you on this topic in your conference registration. The VBODA membership voted UNANIMOUSLY to have VMEA hire a lobbyist to make our voices heard on the matters of the Middle School restructuring and Diploma requirements.

SERVICE AWARDS

President King presented Service Award plaques to Jay Megaw and Bernie Lucas for the outstanding service they have provided VBODA. (These were to be presented at last years All-State event)

MANUAL

Wayne Powell has the supplemental music lists prepared for your pick up after the meeting today. Only those schools paying the manual fee are entitled to the supplement. Supplements which are not picked up will be mailed to the school. The NO-PAY NO-PLAY rule is going to be enforced for those of you who have still not paid your manual fee. District chairmen have a list of those schools which have paid their fees.

The Executive Board recommends that \$1,000 be paid to the Manual editor and \$350 to the Assistant Manual editor for the next two years.

Second by Betty Schmidt. Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Executive Board recommends that a statement be included in the Administrative Handbook to say that if a work appears graded differently in two selective music lists, that the most RECENT manual be used for the correct grading of that piece.

Seconded by Bill Gibson. Motion PASSED.

President King reminded the membership that the use of photocopied scores requires a letter from the music PUBLISHER, not the music dealer ! FAX machines are wonderful for this purpose.

FULLER/SERVICE AWARDS

Nominations for these two awards are due to President King by January 15, 1990. Page 48 in the Administrative Handbook lists the criteria for these awards. Please provide written rationale in support of your nomination.

HONOR BANDS

President King recognized the Honor Bands and their Directors. Please see the last issue of NOTES for a complete listing.

ADMINISTRATIVE HANDBOOK CHANGES

Changes have been given to Jay Megaw to type. Updated pages will be sent to you through your District Chairman.

BUS SPEED LIMIT

A letter voicing VBODA's concern on this matter was sent to the proper authority. A draft of this letter can be obtained from your District Chairman.

REDISTRICTING

This issue has been resolved. It will only affect Districts 10, 11, and 12. Further details can be obtained through your last issue of NOTES.

CONFERENCE DATE COMMITTEE

Carl Bly is part of the committee that is studying the feasibility of changing the In-Service Conference dates to another time of year. Give him and VMEA your input on this matter.

OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion made by Steve Conley, District 3, second by David Hartley, District 3, THAT AT EACH VMEA IN-SERVICE CONFERENCE A COMMUNITY BAND OR ORCHESTRA BE SELECTED TO PERFORM. Motion

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. This will be forwarded to the conference planning committee.

Motion made by Mildred Berryman, District 4, second by Laura Parker, District 4, that section VII, pg. 25, item 5 letter B, be changed to read as follows: STUDENTS MUST REGISTER ON TIME AND ATTEND EVERY REHEARSAL IN ITS ENTIRETY. ONLY THE EVENT CHAIRMAN MAY EXCUSE A STUDENT FROM A DISTRICT/REGIONAL ACTIVITY. This is an Administrative Handbook change. Motion PASSED by a simple majority. This motion will go to a mail ballot for the second vote.

Motion by Stan Schoonover, District 10, second by Carl J. Bianchi, District 12, THAT VBODA PRESENT WOODEN PLAQUES, NOT CERTIFICATES, TO THE BANDS AND ORCHESTRAS THAT PERFORM IN CONCERT OR CLINIC AT THE VMEA CONFERENCE. FURTHER MOVE THAT THE VBODA SECRETARY WRITE A LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRINCIPAL, DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSON, AND/OR DEAN OF THE SELECTED ORGANIZATIONS. This is a procedural change. Motion PASSED. This will go into effect for the 1990-91 Conference year.

BAND BUSINESS

MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL

The Executive Board recommends that the Marching Band Festival continue with 3 sites. Second by Stan Schoonover This is a procedural change. Motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Executive Board recommends redrawing the boundary lines for the three sites of the Marching Band Festival after looking at the participation from the last three years. Second by Don Williams. This is a procedural change. Motion PASSED.

The Executive Board recommends making the ratings in Marching Band Festival correspond to Concert Festival. (ie. I-V) Second by John Cassagrande. This is an Administrative Handbook change. Motion PASSED by a simple majority, will go to a mail ballot for the second vote.

Motion by Jonathan Hargis, District 8, second by Douglas Gruill, District 8, FOR THE CREATION OF A 5-A CLASS AT THE VBODA STATE MARCHING FESTIVAL. BANDS WITH A COMBINED MEMBERSHIP OF WINDS AND PERCUSSION OVER 120 WOULD BE PLACED IN THE 5-A CLASS. Motion FAILED.

Motion by Stan Schoonover, District 10, second by Carl J. Bianchi, District 12, THAT ALL TIMING PENALTIES BE REMOVED FROM THE MARCHING FESTIVAL, AND THAT THE TIMING AND PENALTIES JUDGE NOT BE HIRED. Motion FAILED.

Motion by Lisa Wheeler, District 3, second by Kim Baugh, District 3, THAT 6TH GRADE BAND STUDENTS WHO HAVE AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF PLAYING EXPERIENCE BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL-DISTRICT BAND AUDITIONS. Motion FAILED.

Motion by Herbert Edwards, District 9, second by George Sims, District 9, THAT BANDS BE SCHEDULED FOR CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL BY SIZE, SMALLEST FIRST LARGEST LAST ,WITHIN THE GRADE LEVEL. Motion FAILED.

Motion by George Sadler, District 1, second by Ken Lipscomb, THAT BANDS APPEAR AT MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL IN ORDER OF NUMBER OF WINDS AND PERCUSSION AND SIZE CLASSIFICATION BE DONE AWAY WITH. ORDER SHOULD BE FROM SMALLEST TO LARGEST. This is an Administrative Handbook change. Motion PASSED by a simple majority and will go to a mail ballot for the second vote.

Motion to adjourn by Conley, second by Baugh. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Debra K. Myers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "D" and "M".

Debra K. Myers
Secretary