

VBODA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
April 8, 1995 10:00am
Gar-Field Senior High School, Woodbridge, VA

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Stan Schoonover at 10:06 am

District Roll Call [McKenzie] The following Districts were represented

I	V	IX
II	VI	X
III	VII	XI
IV	VIII	XII

Voting Procedure [Schoonover] All voting was done by MENC card. There are 3 types of motions - Constitutional, requiring a 2/3 majority at the meeting, followed by a 2/3 majority by mail ballot; Administrative - requiring a simple majority at the meeting, followed by a 2/3 majority by mail ballot; and procedural - requiring a simple majority at the meeting.

Minutes of the last general meeting - published in notes There were no changes and they stood approved as reported.

Recognitions [Schoonover]

- Thanks to those who made the VMEA conference a success; including, performers, clinicians, presenters, room chairs and others.
- Congratulations to Laura Thomas of the Charlottesville HS Chamber Orchestra and Stan Schoonover of the Robinson Secondary School Symphonic Band for representing the Commonwealth of Virginia at the 1994 Midwest Band and Orchestra conference.
- Thanks to Gar-Field Senior High School (Melinda McKenzie, Mike Trowbridge and Dave Jakes) for hosting the 1995 All-Virginia event.
- 4 bands represented Virginia in the Bands of America Concert Band Festival. These bands included: Fairfax H.S., McLean H.S., W.T. Woodson H.S., and Lake Braddock H.S.

Treasurer's Report [Mike Kirby] The treasurer's report shows a balance of \$53,637.19 as of April 1st, 1995. The report stood as read.

Old Business [Schoonover] Report on the mail ballot from last spring 1994. The following three motions passed by a 2/3 majority:

1. Motion to accept the Manual Restructuring Committee's recommended administrative handbook changes found on pg. 1 of the report. It is found in Section I, pg 3, Section 4; is titled "Duties of the Manual Committee" and reads as follows:
 - a. insert "Distribution Manager" between "...Assistant Manual Editor," and "and any other..."
 - b. delete the rest of the statement beginning with "...each three years...and Orchestras." Replace with "and distribution of Music Manual and Administrative Handbook."
 - c. replace "any other specialized editor" with "Distribution Manager." Replace "Music

reviewers

shall..." with "Music Review Committee shall..."

d. replace "Editor" with "Committee"

e. delete section e. (Constitutional Change) PASSED.

2. Motion to accept the Manual Restructuring Committee recommended Administrative Handbook changes found on page 1 of the report in Section II, page 5, section 8, a-3: To replace "no later than February 15...ensemble music" with "in sufficient time to allow for grading procedures." (Administrative Change) PASSED.

3. VBODA will change the rating of a II-II-I on stage with a I in sight-reading with a final rating of I to a final rating of II. (Administrative Change) PASSED.

As per Stan Schoonover's memo to all middle school and high school band directors, the revision in festival ratings will take effect September 1, 1995

Band Business [Schoonover]

All-State audition materials [Mike Bellenger for John Casagrande] The music was selected and will be taken from the same materials as this year.

[Schoonover]The All-Virginia prepared materials will be published in "Notes" and will also be mailed to the membership.

District Survey [Schoonover] We are now reaching the end of the 3-year trial period and must soon decide whether to accept or reject the use of prepared music at the auditions. We will conduct a survey through District reps about members opinions concerning the use of a prepared selection in All-VA auditions. A vote will occur in the spring 1996 meeting to either adopt or reject the new system. We will then send out a mail ballot if necessary.

VBODA Marching Festival Dates

October 21, 1995	VBODA Central and West
October 28, 1995	VBODA Northeast and Southeast

IAJE Jazz Ensemble at Conference [Schoonover] The IAJE sponsors an All-Virginia Jazz Ensemble every year which is co-sponsored by VMEA and VBODA. It has come to our attention that currently the IAJE has passed a motion allowing only IAJE member schools to participate in this event.

MOTION [Bly] Second [Schoemmel] That VBODA continue to co-sponsor the IAJE All-State Jazz performance at conference only if students from all VBODA member schools are eligible. MOTION PASSED.

[Dwight Leonard] The Virginia chapter of IAJE is trying to build up their membership and they thought that this was a way to do it.

Orchestra Business [Mary Wagner] If any orchestra program intends to apply to perform at the 1995 VMEA conference, her address was published incorrectly in "Notes". The following is her corrected address:

Mary Wagner
String Rep
5833 Cove Landing Road
Burke, Virginia 22015

MOTION [Gail Barnes] SECOND [Laura Thomas] to appoint a committee to see into the feasibility of starting a Virginia Honors Orchestra similar to the Virginia Honor Band. MOTION PASSED.

[Schoonover] Mary Wagner will head the committee and bring a report to the next meeting in November. Anyone interested in this committee should contact Mary Wagner.

General Business [Schoonover]

50th Anniversary Band and Orchestra update [Ron Simmons] The majority of students selected for the 50th Anniversary Band and Orchestra were taken from the All-Virginia Band and Orchestra and their alternates. We have tried to get equal representation from all the Districts.

Conductors chosen for this event are:
Orchestra - Charles Peltz
Band - Col. Arnald Gabriel

VBODA voted to pay for students lunches as well as the transportation to and from rehearsals. The rehearsal site will Bath County High School. The conductors are paid for through VBODA, VMEA and other donations.

Carl Bly has received only one composition so far for the composition contest for this event

[Mary Wagner] letters will be sent out around May 1st to notify students of their selection to the 50th Anniversary groups. They need to send back their reply by May 31st.

VMEA News [Dr. Diana Love] We would like to have any suggestions that you would have in planning our next conference.

Goals 2000 has not been voted on by Virginia. Letters have been sent to the State Board of Education. Virginia is one of only two states that have not signed on to the "Goals 2000". S.O.L.'s have not been developed for Fine Arts. We must be persistent - letters make a difference.

Technology Liason Appointment [Schoonover] Scott Lambert has been appointed as a Technology Liason for VBODA. His role is to oversee the use of all of our VBODA technology and to make recommendations so that we can start updating and improvement of hardware and software. Scott has also been nominated for President-elect of VMEA. Elections for officers of VMEA will be done at the conference in November. If you cannot attend, the procedure for obtaining a mail ballot may be found in "Notes".

Call for Tapes and Applications for the VMEA Conference [Schoonover] due May 15th. Strings to Mary Wagner and Band to Stan Schoonover. Applications and proposals for clinics are due May 1st. Groups will be selected at the conference planning session in June.

Publication of Handbook and Manual [Dan Kosko] There will be two handbooks distributed per fee. Every M.S. and H.S. Principal will also receive a copy of the handbook with "Principal's Copy" printed on the cover. Each fall any changes that have been made will be inserted and there will be a new book every 4 years.

Manual Committee Changes [Schoonover] The Executive Board Recommended the adoption of the items included on the page titled "Manual Grading Committee" . This Committee, to be appointed by the President, is subject to approval by the Executive Board for a one year period. At the end of the trial year, adoption of the committee on a permanent basis will be decided. New appointment of members would then allow rotation on a yearly basis. Appointments will reflect the needs of the committee and geographical representation from the Commonwealth.

The Music Grading Committee will consist of not less than 4 members (2 Orchestra and 2 Band). Members of the manual committee will also be included on this committee.

- 1. The committee will meet three times a year: fall VMEA Conference, January in conjunction with the VMEA Executive Board and at the All-Virginia event.**
- 2. The committee will select the sight-reading music at the fall VMEA Conference to be used at that year's festival.**
- 3. The committee will review all music submitted by publishers or directors. Only those selections will be graded that are deemed suitable for inclusion in the music list.**
- 4. Directors submitting pieces to be graded will send them to the Manual Editor (check payable to VBODA) by the first Saturday in January in order to be used at that year's Festival. These pieces will be graded at the January meeting. Pieces submitted after the January deadline will be included in the next publication of the music list. The committee will be responsible for the procedures involved.**
- 5. The committee, with advice from Sidney Berg, Manual Editor, will develop criteria for grading music.**
- 6. The committee will be responsible for preparing the yearly supplement. Compatibility of future supplements with current publications must be insured.**
- 7. All expenses of the committee will be reimbursed following VBODA/VMEA guidelines.**
- 8. The committee will be assigned other duties deemed appropriate by the President or Executive Board.**

MOTION [Powell] SECOND [Gammon] to accept the adoption of items included on the page titles "Manual Grading Committee" MOTION PASSED.

Dwight Leonard has been appointed as the chairperson of the manual grading committee.

Technology Needs [Schoonover]

MOTION [Schoemmel] SECOND [Armstrong] The Executive Board recommends the purchase of computer hardware and software by VBODA as deemed necessary by the President and the Technology Liason. Amount not to exceed \$5000. MOTION PASSED.

[Scott Lambert] We need a state directory made available to the membership. We need to have our computer systems networked so that when we have All-State auditions everything is on the same network. We need to be able to communicate by modem between officers and by fax.

[Barnes] I feel that the string rep really needs to have updated technology.

[Schoonover] We have already discussed updating the software of the string rep.

Slate of Officers for 1996-1998 [Ron Simmons]

String Representatives:	Mary Wagner Bob Spiers
Middle School Rep:	Dan Kosko Wayne Powell
Secretary:	Melinda McKenzie Holly Stevenson
President Elect:	Linda Gammon [vacancy]

[Schoonover] We need a nomination to fill the vacancy of President elect.

Manual Fee Increase [Schoonover]

MOTION [Bly] SECOND [Powell] The Executive Board recommends that the manual fee be set at \$40.00 for every three years. The current fee is \$30.00 for the same period. The fee would be collected beginning in January of 1996. MOTION PASSED. [Procedural]

[Lambert] The goal of the Board is to try and make the manual self sufficient.

50th Anniversary Band and Orchestra cost concerns [Schoonover]

MOTION [Love] SECOND [Bly] The Executive Board recommends that costs for the 50th Anniversary Band and Orchestra above transportation to the Homestead and the "American Plan" at the Homestead be absorbed by VBODA. This would include transportation to and from rehearsals, conductor's fees, and other amounts needed. MOTION PASSED.

Other Business [Schoonover]

The Dates for All-Virginia Band and Orchestra for 1996 are April 11, 12 and 13. The Site is Blacksburg High School, hosted by Diana Love.

Conductors are being secured in keeping with the list voted on last spring. Conductors for the 1997 and 1998 All-Virginia groups will be nominated at the November meeting at the Homestead.

Honor Bands [Schoonover] There are 35 bands that qualified for Honor Band status. This is the largest number ever to qualify.

Carl Bly and Ken Lipscomb have both qualified for the 10 year honor band director's awards.

Thank you to Vince Tornello for working on the Honor Band program

MOTION [John Ross] SECOND [Wayne Powell] The All-Virginia Band audition material published in "Notes" will include the exact edition. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION [John Ross] SECOND [Wayne Powell] All-Virginia Band audition material should not be from T.O.P. or P.O.P. books or editions. The selection committee will contact the publisher for this status. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION [John Ross] SECOND [Wayne Powell] All-Virginia audition material will include tempo marking suggestions when not included by the publisher. MOTION PASSED.

[Schoonover] For those schools on the block scheduling system, the Board has interpreted membership in either semester where the student is receiving 1 full credit for that semester as eligible for VBODA events both in the semester that they are enrolled and in the semester that they are not. VBODA will not investigate individual situations on the local level concerning student eligibility in block scheduling. The handbook says "regular performing member" and VBODA does not establish what regular performing members are.

[Zolman] Will a formal statement of policy come from the Executive Board concerning eligibility?

[Schoonover] It will be in my article in "Notes"

[Ed Saunders of the Board of Directors, Prince William Symphony] tickets offered to the membership for the Prince William Symphony Concert Sat. April 8.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:27am.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melinda A. McKenzie
VBODA Secretary