

VBODA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

APRIL 6, 1995

DAYS INN POTOMAC MILLS

1:00pm

Call to Order [Stan Schoonover]

President Stan Schoonover called the meeting to order at 1:12pm. Members present were: Stan Schoonover, Ron Simmons, Carl Bly, Linda Gammon, Sidney Berg, Scott Lambert, Diana Love, Vince Tornello, Dan Schoemmell, Wayne Powell, Jack Elgin, Mike Kirby, Dwight Leonard and Mary Wagner.

Approval of Minutes from last meeting [Schoonover]

Correction: (November 17 Executive Board Minutes) Manual fee was \$5.00 and then was raised to \$10.00. Corrected.

Treasurer's Report [Mike Kirby]

Manual	\$9,369.26
All-Virginia . .	\$24,141.27
General	\$8,398.97
Medals	\$11,727.69
Marching Band	-0-
Total	\$53,637.19

Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Committee Reports

Marching Band [Jack Elgin]

.still need to speak to Bob Priest about the site for next year.

October 21st Pulaski and Charlottesville
October 28th North Stafford and Princess Anne

.we will be sending around an adjusted Guard sheet for the board's perusal.

All-Virginia Prepared Music [Stan Schoonover] The committee met to select the third year of music and in every case possible the selections are being drawn from the same materials that were used this year unless those materials are out of print or cannot be found. We had trouble with Tuba and Low Clarinets in the past as these were T.O.P. I have asked that the list be published in "Notes" twice.

We will need to discuss how to approach the end of the trial period. This will be under new business.

All-State Auditions [Ron Simmons] Thank you to everyone who helped at All-State and especially to Mary Wagner for running the string section of the auditions. Next year I would include another listing of the prepared music on the All-Virginia mailing just to ensure that everyone has the correct music.

Suggestions:

[Schoonover] That there be an appointment of a technology person

[McKenzie] that the student audition registrations are given to the host of the All-State event and that there are addresses and phone numbers on these sheets

[Love] send out a score sheet with the All-Virginia mailing

[Schoemmel] In the future we will need someone to be available with keys at the auditions. Now with George Megaw no longer there it was difficult to get some doors opened

50th Anniversary [Simmons] The band ended up having 84 total students. The way it stands now, every District has 7 students in the group. Everyone on the list qualified to audition for All-State.

Mary will be putting together the string players for the Orchestra. We need some advice on how to handle choosing the alternates. Strings are being pulled from each of the regions.

[Schoonover] VBODA has said that we want "fair" representation between Districts in the 50th Anniversary Band and Orchestra but not necessarily "equal".

[Bly] The quality of the group should be our first priority.

Manual Report [Sid Berg]

passed out the 1995 additions for band and orchestra

Administrative Handbook [Schoonover/Kosko] The handbook will be ready for distribution at the November Conference. It will be done in a three-ring binder format. We plan to eventually make the forms available on a disk.

We will also be sending a copy to each principal and music supervisor.

String Business [Mary Wagner] No report

Goals 2000 [Love] The State Board of Education still has not voted. There is an insert being put in the All-Virginia concert program about Goals 2000. We are one of only two states that have not signed on to Goals 2000.

[Love] Will be attending a conference in Colorado to study Block Scheduling options.

[Gammon] How are we going to handle students who are not in the program all year long?

[Schoemmel] We should publish a position about "Block Scheduling"

[Schoonover] This should come from VMEA

Conference tapes for performing groups are due **May 15th**. Clinic proposals are due **May 1st**.

Orchestra tapes should be sent to:

Mary Wagner
5833 Cove Landing Road
Burke, Virginia 22015

***Note:** Mary's address is incorrect in "Notes"

New Business [Stan Schoonover]

MOTION [Schoonover] The Executive Board recommends that we form a **Manual Grading Committee** on a one year trial basis for the purpose of dealing with all issues of the manual but primarily the grading of music.
SECOND [Simmons] **MOTION PASSED.**

Manual Grading Committee:

This Committee to be appointed by the president, 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 sightreading music at the fall VMEA Conference to be used at that year's District 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, 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.

Discussion:

[Berg] What if there is not enough music to be graded? That would be a wasted expense.

[Gammon] We still have to pick sight-reading music for Festival.

[Berg] Would like the people on the committee to serve on it on a continuing basis.

[Schoonover] They might be on a two-year rotation

[Berg] Would you continue to allow other people to participate in the grading of the music? It is a big job to get all of it together for the grading.

[Schoonover] Maybe you should bring the materials so that the membership can look and see what has been graded. This committee will also choose the sight-reading for District Festival.

[Schoonover] The breakdown of the committee should be: Middle School, High School, String, Manual Editor, Distribution Manager and an alternate.

[Gammon] Last April we decided on two string and two band for the committee.

[Lambert] We should consider geographical representation on this committee.

[Schoonover] We cannot promise that because we need our most qualified people on this committee.

[Schoonover] We do not need an assistant manual editor because we do not need a typist and that is how the position has functioned. We won't fill that position because it is not needed. For a year we will do this ~~for a year~~ ~~and we will be handling~~ the materials and the committee will handle the grading, letter writing and the return of the score.

[Leonard] The membership should be given a typed list of the motions before the meeting.

[Schoonover] Put a note in the handbook that this is for a 1 year trial basis. This will change in the handbook if it is kept after the trial.

MOTION [Leonard] SECOND [Gammon] to accept this in total MOTION PASSED.

MOTION [Schoonover] SECOND [Powell] Appointment of Scott Lambert as official technology liason for VBODA. He will be responsible for all matters of computer compatibility and future needs. MOTION PASSED.

[Tornello] that shall entail expenses being covered to travel if needed?

[Schoonover] Yes.

[Schoonover] Recommends the purchase of a 5th computer. 1 each for the manual committee, President-elect, President, Secretary and Treasurer.

[Wagner] Why does the string rep not get a computer? I still don't have microsoft on my computer.

MOTION [Schoemmel] SECOND [Elgin] We approve the purchase of hardware and software by VBODA as deemed necessary by the President and the Technology Liason not to exceed \$5,000. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION [Gammon] to raise the manual fee to \$40.00 from \$30.00 for the three year period and bill in January of 1996. MOTION PASSED.

[Schoonover] This still has to be approved by the membership

Publication Cycle:

- 1st year - Book
- 2nd year - Supplement
- 3rd year - Supplement
- 4th year - New Handbook and Manual

MOTION [Schoonover] SECOND [Simmons] to put VBODA in line with VMEA and compensate the treasurer

[Schoonover] Would like to have the treasurer responsible for collecting manual fees.

MOTION [Schoonover] to adopt the 4 year publication cycle SECOND [Simmons] MOTION PASSED

MOTION [LOVE] to still send two books with one supplement. MOTION PASSED

All-State Prepared Piece [Schoonover] we need to have some methodology in place for either adoption or rejection of the Prepared piece. We should take a vote or a survey at the District level to see if we will continue the process. Because this is really just a high school band issue, do we want the elementary, middle school, string and choral people to vote on it too?

[Lambert] Does the board have the authority to make the decision as to which direction we will go.

[Schoonover] We are talking about making a recommendation about how to evaluate the process. The mail ballot would have to take place after next April which means that everyone in the association can vote on it.

[Bly] Give a survey out at the registration table at District Band auditions.

[Schoemmel] Give the survey out at the District Band event.

MOTION [Schoemmel] SECOND [Bly] to have a survey out by District Band as to the District's opinion concerning the use of a prepared piece at All-Virginia auditions. MOTION PASSED.

All-State Jazz [Leonard] - They do not wish to allow any students to participate in the IAJE Jazz Band unless their school has a membership with IAJE.

MOTION [Schoonover] SECOND [Tornello] If it is not open to all VBODA member schools then it will no longer be sponsored by VBODA. MOTION PASSED.

[Schoonover] asks Dwight Leonard to relay this Motion to IAJE.

50th Anniversary Discussion

[Schoonover] some concerns about the costs to be incurred by participants. Should VBODA help cover costs?

[Schoemmel] Should Stan go to the next VMEA meeting and ask for help?

MOTION [Lambert] SECOND [Tornello] move that VBODA pay for any costs over and above lodging (the Homestead American Plan) for the Band and Orchestra once the students arrive which would include lunch and transportation to and from rehearsals. MOTION PASSED

Block Scheduling We need a policy for semester events - If students are taking 1 credit they are eligible.

[Schoemmel] Are they eligible in that organization in which they receive the credit or any organization?

[Schoonover] They must be a regular performing member.

[Schoonover] If a student is not enrolled in the fall semester but auditions for and makes the All-District Band and then decides not to enroll in the spring, they are not eligible for District Band.

[Schoonover] We do not yet have the director for All-VA Band for next year.

[Bly] We really need to make a new list of conductor candidates for All-Virginia.

MOTION [Tornello] Permission to proceed with Honor Band plaques. MOTION PASSED

[Tornello] If I am ordering sight-reading music for District Festival, can I order just a particular grade level or do I have to order a whole set.

[Love] You just order what you need.

Next Meeting - June 19th @ Charlottesville High School.

MOTION [Scott Lambert] SECOND [Simmons] move to pay mileage for 12 District Instrumental Reps. MOTION PASSED


[Simmons] We need another candidate for President Elect

Honor Bands [Tornello] there were 35 honor bands. Two directors received 10 year recognition plaques - Carl Bly and Ken Lipscomb.

The June meeting will be held @ Charlottesville High School with lunch @ 12:00noon.

Adjournment [Schoonover] The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm

Respectfully submitted by,


Melinda A. Mckenzie