

VBODA Executive Board Meeting
November 20, 1997 10:00am
The Homestead

Call to Order [Gammon] The meeting was called to order at 10:01am. Members in attendance were Joe Tornello, Linda Gammon, Wayne Powell, Mary Wagner, Carl Bly, Dwight Leonard, Vince Tornello, Sid Berg, Ken Rudd, Mike Kirby, Scott Lambert, Dan Schoemmell, Davidson Burgess, Stan Schoonover, Dan Kosko, Steve King and Melinda McKenzie.

Minutes from last meeting [McKenzie] Correction to last Executive minutes - Ricardo for Fuller Award, not Ricardi.

Treasurer's Report [Kirby] Medal profits went up about \$10,000 since our medal prices went up.

[Berg] What's the interest rate on our money-market?

[Burgess] The money-market is around 5% now.

[V. Tornello] See what your rate is because the VMEA money-market is about a 5.1% interest rate.

[Gammon] Please check on the money market rate and report back at the spring meeting.

[Lambert] What are we making on the medals?

[Gammon] We are making \$1.80 for medals and we are charging \$2.50 each. This is a three-year contract.

[Schoemmell] We should thank the members who started the medals account!

[V. Tornello] Are we keeping track of the past-presidents' attendance at meetings for voting rights?

[Gammon] I believe that everyone on the data-base is currently active.

[Schoemmell] The requirement is to attend one meeting per year in order to have voting rights. VMEA's intent was that the attendance remain constant. If they went out for more than a year, that was it.

[Gammon] We will ask for a clarification from VMEA.

Conference Needs [Gammon]

Presiders-plaques for groups - We are pretty well organized for the conference. If you are a presider, please pick up the VMEA plaques from the desk. There will also be certificates for the student groups.

We have had several suggestions for next year's conference.

[Lambert] Concerns about the conference were:

- Accessibility
- Cost to the membership

[Berg] Suggested that student groups not be housed at the conference hotel.

MOTION [Schoonover] **SECOND** [Bly] I move for a recommendation that student groups not be housed at the conference site. **MOTION PASSED.**

[Schoonover] Congratulations to those involved with conference planning. There were many neat things for both band and orchestra.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marching Band [Ken Rudd]

The judge's salaries were raised to \$400 because two sites had over 40 bands.

We earned between \$6,000 and \$7,000. We lost \$4,000 from the Potomac Site because we could not use the stadium.

Rudd passed out an itemized category report on what was spent - done on Quicken.

[Schoemmell] As long as there is a ledger from the school, the state department would approve.

MOTION [Berg] SECOND [Bly] I move that we accept the report with commendation. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION [Schoonover] SECOND [Leonard] that there be a deadline for applications and entry fees, a late-fee deadline and a no-entry deadline. The entry fee will be doubled if late. Any special performance time requests must be made by the 2nd deadline. There will be no changes made after the schedule is completed. MOTION PASSED.

[Bly] Is there a necessity to add a 5th site?

[J. Tornello] Should we follow the recommended boundaries in the manual?

[Schoemmell] If we add another site it should be on the 2nd weekend.

[Bly] Why don't we add another judging panel? One panel will do the A & AA and the other will do the AAA and AAAA.

[Schoonover] If we add a site, we need to move the Northeast site to Fairfax.

[V. Tornello] The majority of bands at the Northeast site are from the Northeast. It should be held there.

[Gammon] I don't know if we are ready for a 5th site. Maybe we ought to go another year and see how the deadlines work out.

[Rudd] Drawing for times is ridiculous. Scheduling should be done by postmarks.

[V. Tornello] The concern may come up about smaller bands having to have larger bands perform in their class.

[Schoonover] Every effort should be made to put people in their class.

MOTION [Rudd] Would like to add a 5th classification of 130 players or more. Groups would now be:

A	0 - 50
AA	51 - 70
AAA	71 - 95
AAAA	96 - 129
AAAAA	130 and above

MOTION PASSED!

MOTION [Rudd] Raise T-shirt cost to \$10.00 and give the host \$2.00 profit. This will help to boost T-shirt sales. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION [Bly] SECOND [Schoonover] Raise the site-coordinator and site host fee to \$250. MOTION PASSED.

[Lambert] What's wrong with the site host getting the same amount as the judge's?

[Rudd] That does not follow VMEA rules (ie. \$250 host honorarium).

[Gammon] We can bring it up to VMEA.

[Bly] VMEA needs to look at mileage.

MOTION [Lambert] SECOND [Kosko] to recommend to VMEA that the mileage rate be changed to the income tax rate of the federal government's allowance for income tax deduction. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION [Lambert] That the meal allowance be changed to \$32.00 per day. MOTION PASSED.

[King] Please consider long-term budget issues in VMEA and VBODA this boosts the mileage by a 3rd.

[V. Tornello] If this does not pass with VMEA we should still be able to up the expenses with the marching band festival because we can afford it and it is not a VMEA sponsored event.

MOTION [Rudd] SECOND [Lambert] I move that the site coordinator be a former or present VBODA band director. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION [Rudd] SECOND [Bly] I move that to increase the marching band chairman's honorarium to \$1,200. MOTION PASSED.

[Bly] There is an error in "Notes" which needs to be corrected. It was stated that Marching Festival is held on the 3rd and 4th Saturdays of October and it is supposed to be stated as the last two Saturdays in October.

[Schoemmell] I would like to see added to the Marching Band Festival announcer sheet, the selections to be played.

[J. Tornello] We have a concern regarding sites - the field is deteriorated at Princess Anne.

[Rudd] Sites are not set in stone. They are done year to year.

[J. Tornello] Is it appropriate for Ken to call and say that we are not happy with the site?

All-Virginia Auditions [Joe Tornello]

Everything is ready for the auditions. There will be no late registration.

Post cards will go out the first week of January and the turn around time will be one week to mail them back. The packet of student information will go to the District Reps to be distributed at the All-District meeting.

[Schoonover] We have told them in the past that if they are interested in playing english horns to bring their english horn because we don't have in each District an english horn chair.

[J. Tornello] The lap tops are not usable for the auditions.

[Schoonover] Do we want to stay with Mac or Windows? Do we want to look at a lease program?

[Gammon] Could the "Technology" people look into upgrading our computers?

[Schoemmell] Look into the possibility of a lease.

MOTION [Schoemmell] SECOND [Bly] That we upgrade our computer equipment not to exceed \$10,000. MOTION PASSED.

String Business [Mary Wagner]

Northern Virginia Regional voted to leave the event as is, not to split.

You will probably see a motion from the Southeast District 2 who wants to split into a District orchestra and a Region. The problem seems to be that Norfolk is not getting a lot of people into the orchestra and they are upset about that. District 2 boycotted the event this year in fact.

Manual Report/Directory [Stan Schoonover]

The CD version of the manual will be less flexible but you will still be able to see it in a variety of views.

[J. Tornello] Is there a grading committee? When do they meet?

[Schoonover] The committee includes David Vail, Robert Wall, Laura Thomas, Dan Kosko, Stan Schoonover, Linda Gammon, Sid Berg and Mary Wagner.

[J. Tornello] Do you charge for this?

[Schoonover] We do not charge for grading that is done this weekend.

VMEA News/SOL Update [Steve King] VMEA Learning Standards

[Bly] How much do we know about a requirement coming down from the State Department for an added History class.

[Schoemmel] It's already in!

Manual Cont'd

[Berg] has done so far, about 150 solos and ensembles. Stan and Dan have put many hours into this as well. They have tried to change the codes. I think it is important that we publish prices.

[Gammon] Stan do you have any response to the CD?

[Schoonover] We are investigating the cheapest place to get it made.

[V. Tornello] If a piece appears in the manual twice under two different grade levels, do we take the higher grade?

[Schoonover] Most recent listing which is usually the higher. If there is something not in the current book that appears in an older one we will take the grading from the older manual.

[Gammon] Stan, do you want to address the French Horns.....?

[Schoonover] I reprinted all of the french Horn solos in this new packet and we are instructing everyone to take the old list out of the notebook.

[Berg] Should we not send a pack of this to Max McGee?

OLD BUSINESS

Redistricting [Gammon]

District 14 is now 14A and B. There is already a re-districting committee which includes one orchestra person and Jack Elgin. It has been requested that we provide two members to be on that committee.

[Schoemmel] Ask in the General meeting for a volunteer.

Berg/Fuller Awards for 1998 [Gammon]

The Berg Award is being given to John Easley.

MOTION [Schoemmel] SECOND [Schoonover] that the Fuller Award be given to Paul Brown. MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

All-State Sites/conductors for 1998, 99 [Gammon/Wagner]

Dates for 1998 are April 2, 3 & 4 at Atlee HS

Conductors: Tony Maiello - Orchestra

Terry Austin - Band

Dates for 1999 are April 6/7 & 8
Jim Croft - Band
? ? ? ? ? - Orchestra

Sessions for 1998 Conference

[Schoemmell] Should we present a session on school law and teachers' rights?
[Gammon] This would be a good session for VMEA.

Elections [Gammon]

Elections for are new officers are during the conference please encourage people to vote.

Berg/Fuller Nominations 1999 [Gammon]

Start thinking about nominees for these awards.

Other [Gammon]

We had planned to review Dan Kosko's salary this year.

**MOTION [Schoonover] SECOND [Bly] to raise Kosko's fee to \$1,200.
MOTION PASSED**

MOTION [V. Tornello] to start a 15 and 20 year Honor Band recognition.

[Wagner] there is a major conflict with honors choir auditions and Regional Orchestra. This needs to be brought up at the January meeting.


ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Gammon] The general meeting is Friday at 5:00pm in the theatre.

Mid-West participant [Gammon] Congratulations to Roy Holder and the Lake Braddock Band. They will be performing at the Mid-West.

Adjournment [Gammon] The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,


Melinda A. McKenzie
VBODA Secretary