

VBODA Executive Board Meeting  
Thursday, November 19, 1998  
The Homestead

Call to Order [Joe Tornello] The meeting was called to order at 10:06am. Members in attendance were Joe Tornello, Linda Gammon, Wayne Powell, Vince Tornello, Sid Berg, Ken Rudd, Mike Kirby, Dan Lind, Dan Schoemmell, Steve King, Stan Schoonover, Diana Love, Scott Lambert, Dwight Leonard, Jack Elgin, Dan Kosko and Melinda McKenzie.

Minutes from last meeting [McKenzie] Correction to last minutes Steve King was left off the list of members in attendance. Minutes accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report [Kirby]

Manual	\$14,077.79
Medals	\$30,743.13
General	\$8,005.49
All-VA	\$5,617.56
Marching	\$1,609.81
Technology	\$3,701.21
Total	\$63,754.99

Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Conference Report [J. Tornello]

Any input for future sessions should be given to Joe Tornello.

We need to thank Linda Gammon, Mary Wagner, and Moe Turrentine for their work on the conference.

VMEA Report [Scott Lambert]

Moe Turrentine has done an incredible job in his new position with VMEA.

Committee Reports

Marching Band [Ken Rudd]

Marching Band Festival recaps were given out. 103 bands applied with 101 actually performing. 42 bands received superior ratings.

Finances: We received \$1,850.00 in late fees. We will probably receive about \$11,000 profit after all the bills are paid. There are concerns that we are making too much money.

[J. Tornello] We do need to add some more T-shirts for next year.

[K. Rudd] We ought to get out of the T-shirt business and turn it over to the host.

A suggestion was made that we take some of the profits and purchase plaques for those bands who earn a superior rating.

[J. Tornello] Those would cost about \$40 each.

[Rudd] I need to take Amhearst County High School off the checking account so that I won't have to send out 1099's.

[V. Tornello] It's VMEA policy that the checking account be kept under the school's name.

[Rudd] You'll have to send out 1099's.

[J. Tornello] It will be up to the individual to deal with that.

[J. Tornello] Why is the Virginia Beach financial report not in?

[D. Leonard] We have received the money from the site but not the bills.

[Elgin] There has been a question about whether groups can enter for comments only.

[V. Tornello] It is based on concert festival rules. Yes they can enter for comments only.

[Elgin] Can we put comments only on the application?

[J. Tornello] We need to get back to the finance question. What about the plaques?

[Schoonover] Everyone pays the same amount to enter the festival. Why should only the superior ratings receive a plaque.

[V. Tornello] Why not just reduce the entry fee instead of hassle with the plaques?

[Schoonover] Can we put off the discussion of lowering the entry fees until after the manual is printed?

[Love] Why not just cut the entry to \$75. It will still give us a cushion.

MOTION [Schoonover] SECOND [Gammon] to change the entry fee to \$75.00. PASSED.

[J. Tornello] We need to arrange sites for next year.

[Rudd] We need to insist that Site hosts send in a financial proposal.

[V. Tornello] We should make up a contract and go for bids.

[J. Tornello] asks Ken Rudd to draw up a contract for hosting the event.

### All-Virginia Auditions [J. Elgin]

We are good to go at JMU. The violin room will be changed because some of the old rooms don't exist anymore.

[Dan Lind] Are we going to get a good set of walkie-talkies?

[J. Tornello] Should we look into buying a set?

[V. Tornello] That's an awfully expensive purchase.

[J. Tornello] Let's leave it up to the host to borrow them.

[Elgin] Gary Fagan will provide the sight-reading for \$500. Garwood Whaley will do the percussion sight-reading.

[Kosko] How do we notify someone if an eligible player will not be attending the auditions?

[J. Elgin] They are to commit at the event. If there are changes after that the District Chair will take care of it.

### String Business [Lind]

The Virginia Beach issue does not seem to be a hot issue right now. Mary Wagner has informed me that Tony Maiello has had his Mahler scores returned from the All-State event yet. Davidson Burgess will follow up. If they are not found we will have to replace them.

[J. Tornello] Did we ever receive a financial report for All-Virginia?

[V. Tornello] Yes but it came very late.

### Manual Report [Schoonover]

Stan passed out the CD and the updates to the administrative handbook.

[Schoonover] Don't sort unless you want a specific set of info.

The CD cost \$4000 for 1000 copies. This is much less than it would have cost to do a hard copy. We do not want to release this CD for sale this year. Next year when it is dual platform we should definitely market it.

[Sid Berg] I would like to send a copy of the CD to the publishers that have contributed.

[Schoonover] We would need to wait until the next printing. There are still some glitches. When you print something you can only print 12 records at a time. The CD is copyrighted.

[Sid Berg] Are you considering talking to Band World?

[Schoonover] Yes. We also need to take advantage of the VMEA website for the handbook.

Wayne Powell is working on the VBODA website.

[Schoonover] We will be doing a new printing of the manual.

[W. Powell] In January of 2000 it will be time to pay the new manual fees.

[Schoonover] There will be one book and one CD per fee not per person.

[Sid Berg] has graded 400 solos and ensembles.

### Old Business Redistricting

[Love] There were not many sites in the old District 6 that could host events. Only Blacksburg, Lynchburg and Roanoke. Now the new District 15 will not be able to make it due to the small number of schools that have the facilities to host events. We need to make a recommendation to vote against the 16 district proposal.

[J. Tornello] The problem is that the sections did not have the opportunity to review the proposal.

[Schoonover] We need a timeline for the next time.

### Fuller Award

This year's Fuller Award will go to Nicholas Riccardo.

[Sid Berg] I would like to nominate Greg Barnes for the next Fuller Award.

### Middle School Awards

Linda Gammon asked that someone else chair this committee because she has been too busy with the conference. Wayne Powell volunteers.

### NEW BUSINESS

[Sid Berg] Should we put some of the money in the medal account into another account?

MOTION [Sid Berg] SECOND [Wayne Powell] to move \$10,000 from the medals account into the manual account and \$5,000 into the All-Virginia account. PASSED.

[V. Tornello] Can we put the money in an account that will make us more money?

[Mike Kirby] We could put the \$5,000 in a money market and the \$10,000 in a CD.

## All-Virginia sites/Conductors

1999 Site: Woodside H.S., Jonathon Hargis - Host  
Symphonic Band Conductor - Jim Croft  
Concert Band Conductor - Gary Smith  
Orchestra Conductor - Don Schleicher

2000 Site: Charlottesville H.S., Vince Tornello - Host  
Symphonic Band Conductor - Lowell Graham  
Concert Band Conductor - TBA  
Orchestra Conductor - David Hoose

[Schoemmell] Can we wait and see how the second band does at All-Va before we hire a conductor for next year?

[J. Tornello] Yes.

## Sid Berg Award

MOTION [V. Tornello SECOND [Schoemmell] to award the JMU Music Dept. for service to VBODA and All-Virginia. MOTION PASSED.

## Other

Should we propose not to use Harris Music for sight-reading this year?

[Kosko] Do we have a contract with Harris?

[Lambert] We should use Pepper and get a contract with them.

[J. Tornello] We should have one person in charge - Wayne Powell.

[Sid] You will need to set up an arrangement with Pepper to supply sample scores.

Kosko will talk to Pepper regarding:

- Sight-reading
- Sample scores
- setting up an account

Wayne will be the distributor

[Schoonover] You are putting the sight-reading committee in an embarrassing position because Harris supplied the scores for the committee.

MOTION [Schoonover] SECOND [Lambert] that Dan Kosko and Wayne Powell resolve the problems with the sight-reading issue. PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted by

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