

**VBODA General Meeting
Friday, November 19, 1999
"The Homestead"**

Call to Order [Joe Tornello] The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm. Officers were introduced.

Roll Call:

District I	Ruth Kochenour
District II	Pat Burke
District III	Jim Stegner for Earl Shaffer
District IV	Rob Carroll
District V	Jim Warner
District VI	Jim Paxton for Mike Hand
District VII	Rick Galyean
District VIII	Doug Spruill
District IX	Beth Boivin
District X	Dan Helm
District XI	Denny Stokes
District XII	Marilyn Daggett
District XIII	Gary Fagan
District XIV	Paul Shoremount

Voting Procedure

Procedures were reviewed for voting and making motions

Minutes from last meeting [McKenzie] Minutes accepted as printed in "Notes".

Recognitions/Presentations [Joe Tornello]

- Recognized Dan Kosko and Frost Middle School Band for their performance today and wished them well when they perform at the Mid-West Convention.
- Recognized Sid Berg for his honorary doctorate from Shenandoah Conservatory.
- Recognized Melinda McKenzie, outgoing Secretary of VBODA, for 8 years of service to the organization.

Treasurer's Report [Kirby]

Manual	\$5,436.64
Medals	\$37,240.77
General	\$12,157.85
All-VA	\$8,504.15
Marching	\$2,761.34
Technology	\$5,095.46
Total	\$71,196.21

Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

[Carl Bly] Has the manual been paid?

[Mike Kirby] No. The total in our account will go down about \$20,000.00 after it is paid.

General Business [J. Tornello]

(Beeper Coffman) The theme for "Music in our Schools month" is "Make Music America 2000". They are going back to the folk tune as the basis which is going to make the World's Largest Concert very user friendly. If you have any ideas for "Music in our Schools Month" E-mail me with these ideas at: Beeper@intelos.net
March 9th is the date for the World's Largest Concert!

(Theresa Lee) representing the State Department of Education discussed the 1st draft of the SOL's. Theresa recognized Stan Schoonover, Mary Wagner, Terry Austin and others on committees working to put together these SOL's. The Fine Arts SOL will cover dance, theatre, visual arts and music.

Elections for 2000-2002 [Joe Tornello]

If you haven't already, please take time to vote for officers. We need to show strong numbers of people voting in order to justify doing it at conference.

President-Elect:	Jonathon Hargis Allen Hall
Secretary:	Jan Collins Doug Armstrong
MS Rep:	Wayne Powell (unopposed)
String Rep:	Martin Sunderland John Creger

You will be voting for VMEA also. Please support the VBODA candidate - Linda Gammon - for President-elect.

Manual Committee [Stan Schoonover] Hopefully you have gotten a book or a CD. The CD's actually work and they are dual platform MacIntosh/PC. If you read the instructions it will work. It is very user friendly. You can search, find, sort and print any way you want to. The disk also contains the VBODA directory. The hard copy of this is every piece of band and orchestra music that is on the CD along with book II of the solos and ensembles. Don't throw book I of the solos and ensembles away. The total cost for the printing of the materials and the pressing of the CD's comes to just slightly under \$15,000.00. Financially VBODA will be very healthy. If you want to buy extra CD's and have paid your manual fee already, an extra CD will cost you \$10.00. The manual fee that you will be paying this year is not for this document. This is the last piece of information that you will get that is covered by the fee that was paid 3 years ago. The next step is to see what we can and cannot put on the web. We will start marketing these CD's for sale to buyers outside of Virginia. We would like to generate enough net profits so that the manual becomes self sufficient. After the meeting Wayne Powell will be distributing the manuals and CD's to the District representatives. The manual grading committee will meet tomorrow at 2:00.

Manual Fees [Wayne Powell] You should have already received the new bill for Manual fees for the new cycle and they are due January 15th. If you have not previously paid a manual fee you will not receive a bill. You can either print one off of the VBODA web page or borrow one from someone and copy it. I will be putting the new payment lists on the web page. If the manual fees are not paid, groups will have to go for comments only at festival.

[Dan Kosko] When the mac or PC icons come up open that folder and there is a little file cabinet there . . . open the one that says solutions and that launches everything. The second thing is that the PC version . . . all the artwork stuff is not lined up as well in PC as it is in Mac but it still all works. Lastly, when you go to close the program it will not close . . . it says "this script is missing . . do you want to continue?". Just hit the continue button and it closes.

[Sid Berg] Continues to do solo and ensemble updates. There are some wonderful new solos. Many of these selections are not yet in the stores.

[Joe Tornello] Recognized the amount of that the manual committee has put in to do the grading and get the CD ready.

Sight-reading for District Festival [Joe Tornello] The company that is supplying us this year is Cramer music out of Manassas. The individual districts will be responsible for securing their sight-reading. If you have questions see your District Rep.

VMEA News [Joe Tornello]

VMEA has upped the amount of money that they are giving for All-Virginia from \$3,000 to \$6,000. That money goes to the operation of the event. This is not confirmed yet but there is a possibility that we may be able to run this event with no student fees. Students will be responsible for their meals and their housing but no participation fee.

[Scott Lambert] No report!

Conference Concerns [Joe Tornello]

If you have any information, suggestions, comments or concerns about the conference here, you need to get them to me so that I can get them to the VMEA.

Tapes for performance are due May 15th. Band tapes to Jack Elgin and String tapes to Martin Sunderland.

[Linda Gammon] We have a proposal tomorrow that we change that date to April 1st.

Other Business [Joe Tornello]

Eligibility for All-Virginia - This is a reminder of the motion that was passed last April:

MOTION: All students who audition for All-Virginia Band and Orchestra are required to participate in the event or forfeit the privilege to audition the following year. The only exceptions are verified medical excuses or death in the family.

Orchestra Business [Martin Sunderland]

Try to remind orchestra people about a conflict with the Regional Orchestra date that sometimes occurs with the SAT's the first weekend. We are going to maybe try to make a recommendation that we go with the second weekend instead of the first. Scotty, do you have any comments on that?

[Scott Lambert] We will probably have both weekends available to be used to the discretion of the district. If District does put it on the first weekend they will need to plan around the SAT.

Band Business

Marching Band Report [Joe Tornello for Ken Rudd]

The Marching Band Festival was a success. 103 groups participated. We are interested in new sites for next year. If you are interested make a proposal to the VBODA. We are also looking for an updated list of recommended marching band judges. We want input from the membership.

All-Virginia Auditions: [Jack Elgin] February 26, 2000 @ JMU. This year we will try and have a one-site tabulation area. Dan Lind will do data entry prior to All-Virginia auditions. Data entry will start immediately after All-District auditions. For anyone doing District band auditions, this data is due to Dan by the Friday after the auditions.

Reminders: We are adding one Euphonium and one Bassoon to each All-Virginia Band. There will be one less bass trombone eligible to audition for All-Virginia. Only one will be eligible from each district. The bass trombone sight-reading will reflect the true range of the bass trombone.

The All-Virginia fee has been lowered to \$5.00 per student.

Registration will begin at 8:00am

Judge's meeting at 8:30am

Auditions begin at 9:30am

2000 All-Virginia Event: April 6-8, 2000@ Charlottesville H.S. Vince Tornello - host

Conductors: Sym Band-Lowell Graham/Con Band-Jeff Bianchi/Orch-David Hoose

[Vince Tornello] Lists of Hotels are available now and will also be available at the All-Virginia auditions. We are trying to eliminate student fees this year if possible. We are going to try something a little bit different with the meals. I have worked out a schedule so that we end up with one more hour of practice and no free time on Friday night. The three meals (2 lunches and a dinner) will be off campus and will be the director's responsibility. There will be a letter and a sign-off form to be signed by the Principal that you or a designee are responsible for these kids. This will limit your golf time but it will also help in the duration of the rehearsal time for the students. The Saturday lunch we will cover. This is our plan and so your responsibility will be a bit more demanding in getting the students to and from the schools. Hotels and restaurants are very close and in abundance. Our band parents are working out all kinds of deals with the restaurants to get discounts.

2001 All-Virginia Event:

April 5-7

Massaponax High School

Corey Koch - host

Guest Conductors:

Symphonic Band - Jerry Junkin

Concert Band - Paula Crider

Orchestra - Tom Wilkins

[Joe Tornello] We are looking for sites and hosts for the 2002 event.

Motions from the floor

MOTION [Carl Bly] SECOND [Jim Stegner] to eliminate the auxiliary judge and use 5 judges (everything sheet). Do Olympic style - drop high and low score. Average other 3.

24 Yes

21 No

MOTION PASSED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27pm

Respectfully submitted by

Melinda A. McKenzie

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