

VBODA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
November 18, 1999
VMEA Conference
"The Homestead"
10:00am

Call to Order [Joe Tornello] The Meeting was called to order at 10:03 am.

Roll Call [Joe Tornello] Members in attendance were Martin Sunderland, Scott Lambert, Steve King, Linda Gammon, Dan Schoemmell, Vince Tornello, Dwight Leonard, Ken Rudd, Mike Kirby, Wayne Powell, Stan Schoonover, Dan Kosko, Carl Bly, Sid Berg, Terry Austin (VMEA Rep), Jack Elgin, Joe Tornello, Diana Love and Melinda McKenzie.

Minutes from last meeting [Melinda McKenzie] Correction to minutes - the General membership meeting time should be 5:00pm not 4:00pm.

Treasurer's Report [Mike Kirby]	All-Virginia	\$8,504.15
	General	\$12,157.85
	Manual	\$5,436.64
	Marching Band	\$2,761.34
	Medals	\$37,240.77
	Technology	\$5,095.46

MOTION [Sid Berg] **SECOND** [Steve King] to accept the treasurer's report.

Conference Report [Joe Tornello]

Concerns from a few members:

- Lack of availability of housing at the Homestead.

[Bly] Are Honor's Choir kids in this hotel or out at the cottages?

[J. Tornello] They are here but the change was the amount of Honor's choir kids in each room this year [5 per room].

[Terry Austin] In 2001 Cascades reopens and that will be about 40 rooms.

[Lambert] Plus about 20 cottages which would be 60 rooms.

VMEA Report [J. Tornello] VMEA has upped the amount allotted for All-Virginia from \$3,000 to \$6,000. The financial situation of VMEA is really good at this point we will welcome this additional \$3,000.

[Scott Lambert] •We are trying to get the VCDA manual and VBODA manual in line with one another. •We would like to get an updated, accurate and legal VMEA handbook to the membership. •The next Board meeting is the 2nd weekend of January.

[Terry Austin] The Homestead will break ground next month on a new conference center. That will enable us to add many more exhibition space. The re-opening of the cascades will give us 40 more rooms and will take care of the waiting list.

[Schoemmell] We are locked in with the Homestead on funds through 2001. The fee for the membership will not go any higher. If there is an increase it would be a matter of dollars not percentage.

[Lambert] Could we not negotiate a lower price for children of VMEA members?

[Schoemmell] Of the money that we pay, the Homestead banks \$68.00 per room. They are very happy to negotiate.

[Lambert] They are also willing to drop some of the prices on golf, spa and other services.

[Schoonover] Can we have a few less sessions now that they are going to drop the price on Golf?!!

[J. Tornello] We have the mailing list coming around. Please update it.

Committee Reports

State Marching Band Festival [Ken Rudd]

Passed out the results of the State Marching competition and the financial report.

We had 104 bands registered.

Our financial intake was about \$27,527.00. Even cutting the entry fee by \$15.00 gave us a profit of about \$9200. You might want to consider lowering the fee some more since we are supposedly not a money-making outfit.

[J. Tornello] How does that compare to last year?

[Rudd] About \$1500 less.

[Schoemmell] Gary Zolman has said something about offering Woodbridge as a site.

[Rudd] The biggest gate comes from Potomac.

[Gammon] Woodbridge is a much better stadium and it is closer for most groups.

[Lambert] As a participant at Potomac I had a few problems with what transpired as far as parents.

[Rudd] If the band director doesn't request to use it as a site, it won't be used. Nothing is in stone.

[J. Tornello] We will make decisions on sites at the April meeting. Will you be able to look at new sites?

[Rudd] Yes.

[J. Tornello] What is the update on ODU?

[Rudd] The problem is that the group in charge of concessions will not give it up and so there is no reason for any band parent organization to try and host the event. Mike Kirby] We had the festival there once and there were bands that had some problems because it is marked as a soccer field.

[Bly] As a facility, I assume Gloucester is a nice stadium. The only reservation I would have is that Gloucester is the county above Yorktown and so you are totally taking it off the "Penninsula" and the Virginia Beach area. To cross the river to go north to go to it you have to pay a \$2.00 toll.

[Rudd] Cannot have a Marching Band Festival account through the school anymore. We will have to one of 3 things: 1. Get someone else 2. Have a separate VBODA Marching account 3. Have Mike Kirby pay all the bills.

MOTION [Schoemmell] SECOND [Gammon] to run the Marching event through the VBODA treasurer. MOTION PASSED.

[Rudd] I do not feel comfortable hiring the judges for marching festival. We have been accused of the "Good Ol' Boy" method on occasion. I put out a form for people to nominate judges and only one person responded.

The manual says that judges should be presented by the membership and voted upon.

[J. Tornello] Maybe the judging issue needs to be put into VMEA "Notes".

Do we have to approve the panel every year?

[J. Tornello] We need a better way to tap into the membership for judges. We should include in the mailing, a form to fill out about judges.

[Love] We should include the Web-page address in any mailings.

[J. Tornello] We need to give Ken VBODA letterhead and envelopes to send out mailings. They should not be sent out on Amhearst H.S. letterhead.

[Rudd] We need to put pre-order forms for T-shirts in the packets. The pre-order form will go to Ken and he will send the form to the host. You might want to think about letting some of the ticket sales go to the host to make the event more profitable for the host.

[J. Tornello] Why do we have to wait around and do awards? Why don't we do it like concert festival and post them when available? It adds to the length of the day.

[Rudd] Our current system keeps more kids in the stands to watch.

[J. Tornello] There is ongoing concern about bands performing out of classification.

[Rudd] the first entry in is last in the class.

[Bly] I thought it was to be set up by numbers of players?

All-Virginia Auditions [Elgin] Saturday, February 26th

Judge's meeting @ 9:00

Auditions @ 9:30

Dan Lind wants lists of eligible students one week after District auditions and he wants the info E-mailed. Sight-Reading is being done by Gary Fagan.

Percussionists will do the standard 26 rudiments.

We are still adding 1 Euphonium and 1 Bassoon to each of the bands.

There will be one less bass trombone eligible to audition for All-Virginia.

[Wayne Powell] We should put the audition results on the web.

[J. Tornello] We cannot put names of students on the web but we can use audition #'s.

We would like to propose lowering the fee to audition for All-Virginia.

MOTION [V. Tornello] SECOND [Schoemmel] to lower the fee for All-Virginia auditions from \$10.00 to \$5.00.

[Kirby] If we lower the fee to \$5.00 we will not break even on auditions or the event.

[Schoemmel] What did the auditions cost last year?

[Kirby] We took in over \$8,000 and the cost for auditions last year was \$3,396.

[Rudd] Why should the students auditioning pay for the event?

String Information [Martin Sunderland]

I need a way to find out who the chairmen are for each Regional Orchestra because we need to find a way to send out information.

We had to change the date for Regional Orchestra in Northern Virginia due to an S.A.T. There is a State track meet on the alternate date.

[Schoemmel] Could they start rehearsals after the S.A.T.

[Schoonover] We have many conflicts with testing dates.

[Lambert] We need to try and avoid conflicts and work them out.

[Schoonover] There is an S.A.T. on the 1st weekend of almost every month.

[Lambert] On paper, we need to avoid the SAT.

[J. Tornello] Should we deal on a 1 on 1 basis for these conflicts?

[Schoonover] We should probably put dates for the ACT's and SAT's on the Web.

[Lambert] By the time we get to the spring, most students have already taken their SAT's.

[J. Tornello] Martin will talk to string people and report back to us in April about whether or not we should move the date for Regional Orchestra.

[Schoonover] We still need something written in the handbook about these conflicts. VMEA might want to put something in their handbook too.

[J. Tornello] received a letter from Bob Spiers about the National High School Honors Orchestra @ the MENC Conference. Are we still planning to support these students?

MOTION [Lambert] SECOND [S. King] that we give up to \$250 per student not to exceed \$1000.

Manual Committee [Schoonover]

The manual Committee meeting will be at 2:00 in the Lexington room.

Cost breakdown for manual:

800 copies of manual - \$11,499

1000 CD's - \$2,700

As you can see there was tremendous cost-savings by going the CD route.

Total for the manual this year was \$15,000

[Kirby] Is the administrative handbook on the CD?

[Schoonover] No, but we will talk about this later.

[Wayne Powell] What do we charge people who just want to buy the CD?

[Schoonover] Next year's manual will only cost \$5,000.

November of 2003 will be the next manual distribution.

MOTION [Lambert] SECOND [King] In-state schools must pay the manual fee to receive a CD and hard copy. If they have already paid the manual fee, they will pay \$10.00 per CD and \$20.00 per hard copy. Out of State buyers will pay \$30.00 per CD and \$30.00 per hard copy. MOTION PASSED.

[Kosko] Problem - the school directories are on the manual.

[Powell] has agreed to handle distribution for any out-of-state sales.

[Schoonover] We need permission to advertise the CD's in professional journals.

[Berg] You should put this out with National advertising (ie. Band World, Instrumentalist, etc. It would be a big mistake to try to do it yourself.

MOTION [V. Tornello] SECOND [Elgin] that the manual committee chairman investigate the selling of CD's to get a minimum of \$15.00 profit. MOTION PASSED.

[Berg] The instrumentalist is the best of the publications for advertising

[Bly] Should we do an official copyright?

[Schoonover] Dan Kosko will do this.

[Berg] I have done close to 200 solos already.

Administrative Handbook Update

[J. Tornello] We will meet at All-Virginia in April to discuss handbook updates.

Manual Grading Committee

[J. Tornello] The manual grading committee will be meeting this weekend.

Sight-reading - Cramer Music will be the distributor for sight-reading for Festival. Dan Kosko will provide the titles of the sight-reading to Cramer's.

District Reps will notify Wayne Powell with total numbers of sets needed. Wayne will then contact Cramer Music with the total number of sets.

Time-line: Nov 20 Sight-reading music selected at conference

Nov 22 Manual editor contacts Cramer's w/ titles

Jan 15 Deadline for District reps to contact Wayne Powell w/ total # of sets needed

Jan 18 Wayne Powell contacts Cramer's with total # of sets.

After this Cramer's orders music. Each District event host notifies Cramer's of the name and address of the sight-reading judge.

Feb 21 Cramer ships out music to judges

Old Business - none

New Business [J. Tornello]

All-Virginia [V. Tornello]

Date: April 6-8

Host: Charlottesville High School, Vince Tornello

Conductors: Symphonic - Lowell Graham

Concert - Jeff Bianchi

Orchestra - David Hoose

Vince has secured lodging at 4 hotels for the event. He also put out a new schedule for the event that would keep kids out of the building for meals.

With the extra money from VMEA and the new schedule, there may not be any registration fee for the students.

[Berg] We should send a copy of the schedule to each of the principals.

[Rudd] What are you going to do if a director doesn't show up to take their kids to eat.

2001 All-Virginia Info:

Date: April 5-7

Host: Massaponax High School, Corey Koch
Conductors: Symphonic - Jerry Junkin
Concert - Paula Crider
Orchestra - Thomas Wilkins

VBODA Awards update

Phil Fuller Nominations - Gregory Barnes

Sidney Berg Nominations - none at this time

[Love] We could still turn in names for the Berg award by Feb. 1

[J. Tornello] We could put info about the awards in "Notes".

Home School Policy [J. Tornello] Home School participants should follow the regulations set forth in the manual. We should not have to re-write the manual.

A home-schooled child must pay either the MENC fee or the non-member fee.

Bale info - \$23,476.35 profit to VBODA last year.

MOTION [Schoemmell] to accept medal agreement and prices. MOTION PASSED.

The board would like to give the membership the option to choose which plaque plate they would like to have. Joe will call Bale and see if that is possible.

Elections [J. Tornello]

Please encourage the membership to vote. We want to keep the voting at the conference.

Other Business

[Schoemmell] We need to consider giving a stipend to Wayne.

Congratulations to Sid Berg who is getting an Honorary Doctorate from Shenandoah for his work in Music Education in May. VBODA should recognize that.

Stipends:	Treasurer	\$500.00
	Manual Editor	\$1200.00
	Marching Band	\$1200.00

MOTION [Schoemmell] SECOND [Elgin] to give a stipend for manual distribution manager of \$500. MOTION PASSED.

[Schoonover] Make them separate stipends: manual distribution and the web page

[J. Tornello] We will look into the web page work later. Should we make this payable by the fall board meeting?

[Kirby] When Stan was president, the motion was made that I would be paid quarterly.

[Schoemmell] Maybe it was done because VMEA was done quarterly.

[Bly] It is much nicer in a lump sum.

[J. Tornello] Do we want to go with 5 marching band judges and no guard judge?

Carl Bly will make a motion at the general meeting tomorrow to go with 5 judges at Marching Band Festival. Judging Olympic style with no guard judge. High and low scores will be thrown out.

MOTION to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned @ 1:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melinda A. McKenzie
VBODA Secretary