

VBODA Executive Board Meeting
Friday, April 9, 1999
Woodside High School

Call to Order [Joe Tornello] The meeting was called to order at 1:13pm.

Roll Call [J. Tornello] Members present were Jack Elgin, Sidney Berg, Melinda McKenzie, Dan Lind, Wayne Powell, Carl Bly, Linda Gammon, Diana Love, Dan Schoemmell, Stan Schoonover, Vince Tornello, Scott Lambert and Joe Tornello.

Minutes from the Last Meeting MOTION [Elgin] SECOND [Love] to accept the minutes.
PASSED

Treasurer's Report The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

[Berg] questioned the amount in the medals account. We need to move some of it to another account.

[Schoemmell] Didn't we ask Mike to move some of the money from the Marching Band account?

[Schoonover] We already did!

[Bly] We need to look at our future expenditures (manual, etc.) before we talk about moving money into other accounts.

[Schoemmell] We ought to pay for the Honor Band plaques out of the Medals account because that is not student money.

[Berg] Are we still @ 24¢ per mile for mileage expenses?

[Gammon] It is up to VMEA to change that amount

[Bly] You can take the extra 9¢ per mile off of your taxes.

All-Virginia Weekend [Jonathon Hargis] There won't be enough space for the students in the performing groups to sit in the auditorium during the concert.

Things to improve All-Virginia:

- J. Hargis made up a reduced version of the forms for All-Virginia so that the students only have to turn in one form instead of two.

- Many bands were late in paying their fees and some still haven't paid. Would like to send a letter to the principals about these debts.

[Lambert] What about the "no dough - no play" rule?

[Love] Let's have a \$50.00 late fee.

[Lambert] One of the reasons the late fees are not working is because schools don't think twice about paying them. Nothing is going to the principal and so these directors are getting by with this.

[Gammon] Part of the problem was the short turn around time to get the paperwork turned in.

[Hargis] We probably need a definitive list of student guidelines in the packet.

[Schoemmell] All of those are in the commitment letter in the audition information.

[Bly] Why don't you put the guidelines in the All-State registration right above where the student signs?

[Schoemmell] There should be a cut-off date for dropping out of All-Virginia and still being able to get a refund.

[Hargis] Were there any concerns about the schedule that should be addressed?

[Elgin] We had talked about staggering meals.

[Hargis] We will be "staggering" tomorrow for sure!??

MOTION [Lambert] SECOND [?] that you (Joe Tornello) write a letter to McLean High School's principal regarding the actions of the trombone player from that school who was sent home. I think the student needs some disciplinary action.

[Elgin] We did call and leave a message for the principal.

[J. Tornello] There have been concerns about directors not being here for this event.

[V. Tornello] Maybe we should have a sign-in/sign-out sheet for directors.

[Bly] Do we need to make a standard form for directors who will not attend the event?

[V. Tornello] This should be included in the packet for every event.

[Hargis] I did not vote for the second band but two bands seems to work! Last year we had maybe 50-60 schools participating and this year we have 104 schools.

[Schoonover] This might be part of the reason for so many late registrations. With so many new schools involved there is going to be some of that. This could be a first experience for some of them.

[Schoonover] There really was no more lateness than normal with almost double the amount of directors participating. Late fees don't encourage people to hand things in any sooner.

[J. Tornello] So late fees we don't think will be beneficial at all.

Manual Change: That we secure a manager for each group at the All-Virginia event.

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State Marching Band Festival [Ken Rudd]

We need to cut the fees to \$75.00 due to excess income but we will still keep the \$100 late fee.

1999 Dates and Sites:	October 23	Pulaski & Charlottesville
	October 30	Potomac & First Colonial (tentative)

Questions about the number of awards ceremonies. Gary Zolman (Potomac site) felt that 4 ceremonies hurt concessions.

MOTION [Gammon] SECOND [Elgin] that we have awards every 3 hours or at the completion of a class. PASSED.

All-Virginia Auditions [Jack Elgin]

Concerns:

- Percussion judge asked rudiments not on the standard 26 and the open-close-open procedure was not followed.
- The number of bass trombones eligible to audition from each District is too large compared to the rest of the sections.

MOTION [Schoonover] SECOND [Bly] recommend that we only have one bass trombone from each district eligible to audition. PASSED.

- The sight-reading for bass trombone should be "real" bass trombone music!
- [Schoonover] Jim Croft thinks that there ought to be 4 bassoons and 4 euphoniums in each band.

MOTION [Bly] SECOND [Gammon] that we add 1 bassoon and 1 euphonium to each band. PASSED.

- sight-reading - give more guidelines to composers who write sight-reading.

[J. Tornello] thanked Jack for his work on All-Virginia auditions. Dan Lind will no longer be an orchestra director therefore he must relinquish his position as string rep. Joe thanked Dan for his work with VBODA.

Manual Committee [Schoonover]

[Sid Berg] I have close to 500 solos and ensembles and at this point that will be it.

[Schoonover] This year we will reprint the volume. i copy of the book and i CD (dual platform) for each fee.

We will not reprint book I of the solos and ensembles.

There will be a new Band/orchestra list and handbook. As new schools open we still have copies of Book I of the solo and ensemble to disburse.

[Bly] whenever an instrument listing ends in the S & E book there should be nothing printed behind it so that we can put in the addendums.

[Schoonover] VBODA is buying a one-time developers kit so that we can produce the CD ourselves. The price of this kit is \$500. We will not be ready to put the handbook on the CD until the next printing in 3 years. The new manual and CD will be ready by conference.

[Berg] Are we planning to sell this CD out of state?

[Schoonover] We will probably sell more CD's than hard-copies.

[Powell] Manual fees are due by January 15th, 1999.

[Lambert] Could we put something in the front of the manual about the manual fees?

[Powell] The manual fee is \$40.00.

[Schoonover] Fiesta-val submitted a proposal to have a clinic with the CD at Midwest.

[Powell] Will you print the year on the new CD's? It is hard to keep track.

[Schoonover] We will at least have a date stuck on the CD.

VMEA News [Lambert]

Home schooling situation - has become a major issue.

[J. Tornello] This will be brought up later in the agenda.

[Lambert] June Hinkley, MENC president will speak at conference.

We are updating our by-laws and putting together a conference manual.

[Gammon] We also have the USAF Band and Singing Sergeants at conference. Dr. Tim will speak at conference in 2000.

[J. Tornello] Linda has accepted the nomination to run for President-elect of VMEA.

Old Business

Re-districting Report [J. Tornello] The re-districting was defeated.

[J. Tornello] Anyone who wants to make a re-districting proposal should write it up and send it to VMEA. At the VMEA June meeting are they going to look at this issue?

[Elgin] We need to make sure that the representatives from the Districts affected are present at the meeting.

VBODA Awards update [J. Tornello] Nicholas Riccardo will be receiving the Fuller award. JMU is getting the Sid Berg award and Pat Rooney will accept it at the All-Va concert.
Purchase of Sight-reading music [Wayne Powell] We need to do this through J.W. Pepper next year. This will solve a lot of problems I think.
[Lambert] There needs to be a specific contact person at Pepper.
MOTION [Schoonover] to table this discussion. Motion ignored!
[Schoonover] None of this will work because you keep thinking that people are going to follow some guideline that you send them and they don't. We change procedures so much that no one knows what they are anymore.

New Business

[Rudd] Last year we changed the honorarium for the Marching Festival judges according to how many bands they are judging that day but we make no difference between the site coordinators and the site host.
[Gammon] That's a VMEA thing and you can't go over \$250.
[Rudd] That's not right! If we are going to pay a judge to be there longer we should do the same for the sight-coordinator and host.
[Schoonover] It's not a salary, it's an honorarium.

2000 All-Virginia auditions: February 26, 2000 @ JMU.

[Elgin] we would like to change the start time for winds and percussion auditions to 9:30 am.
[Lind] It should be the same for everyone then.
[J. Tornello] Who will write the sight-reading? Gary Fagan? Gary Fagan did it this year but we ran into a little snag with the percussion and so I did it. Are we happy with Gary's work?
[Elgin] We should discuss some of the range issues w/ Gary.
[J. Tornello] So we'll use Gary again!
[Love] What about Bill Ray for percussion sight-reading? or Dan Kosko?
[Elgin] What do I offer as a fee for the percussion?
[Schoonover] A Remo jacket!
[J. Tornello] \$200 max!
[Lind] would like to keep registration times and audition sign-ups the same.

All-Virginia Audition Fee

MOTION [Love] SECOND [Elgin] propose to change the All-Virginia audition fee to \$5.00. MOTION WITHDRAWN.

[J. Tornello] The feeling from Mike Kirby is that we should only drop the fee to \$7.00.
[Schoonover] Can we wait until november when the manuals are done?
[J. Tornello] In November we will look at lowering the All-Va audition fee.

2000 All-Virginia	Site:	Charlottesville
	Conductors:	Symphonic Band - Lowell Graham Concert Band - TBA Orchestra - David Hoose
	Dates:	April 6,7 & 8, 2000

1999 VMEA Conference @ the Homestead - November 18-20

Grading Committee Selections

Committee Chairman - Stan Schoonover
Manual Editor - Dan Kosko
2 string -
2 Middle School - Gary Fagan, Art Pittman
2 High School - Diana Love,

Nominations for Officers (2000-2002)

President-elect: Jonathon Hargis
Alan Hall
Secretary: Jan Collins
Doug Armstrong
M.S. Rep: Wayne Powell
String Rep: Martin Sunderland
John Creger

MOTION [Schoemell] Dan Lind recommends Martin Sunderland for his replacement. MOTION PASSED.

Nominations for the Berg and Fuller Awards

[J. Tornello] These nominations can be delayed.

[Sid Berg] I wanted to comment that we have never given the Fuller Award to a string person.

Home Schooling Issue [J. Tornello] We have a parent in Fairfax whose child is home schooled. She wanted her son to be able to play a snare drum solo at solo and ensemble. They we denied the opportunity because the student is not a member of a school group. At this point they are doing everything they can to get involved, reading our web-site and VMEA "Notes". I received a certified letter from this parent who requested information and forms for a new band wishing to become VMEA affiliated for the purpose of participating in the full range of state-wide events and activities. They asked to come to the board meeting and I replied that she needed to be a member of MENC.

[Schoonover] Don't they have to be endorsed as a school to be a member of our organization? Wouldn't that take care of it?

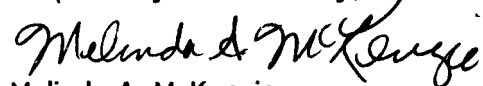
[Schoonover] Home-schooled students are not allowed to participate in any Fairfax County activities. The Virginia High School League does not allow them to participate either.

[Lambert] We are meeting with the VMEA attorney about this issue within the next month.

Date for June Board Meeting: Friday, June 25th @ 11:30 - Buford Middle School

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



Melinda A. McKenzie
VBODA Secretary