

VBODA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2000
VMEA Conference - Hot Springs, Virginia
10:00 AM

Call to Order/Roll Call (Jack Elgin)

Members in attendance include Jack Elgin, Jonathan Hargis, Mike Kirby, Jan Collins, Carl Bly, Dwight Leonard, Dan Kosko, Stan Schoonover, Linda Gammon, Ken Rudd, Vince Tornello, Joe Tornello, Dan Schoemmell, Martin Sunderland, Wayne Powell, Steve King, Diana Love, Scott Lambert, and Terry Austin.

Corrections to Minutes

Under old business, Melinda and Vince have everything ready for Vince should state Melinda and Joe have everything ready

Treasurer's Report (Mike Kirby)

All Virginia	\$ 7,630.80
General	\$ 2,439.43
Manual	\$22,085.53
Marching Band	\$11,877.94
Medals	\$38,392.43
Technology	\$ 5,206.08
Total	\$87,632.21

Conference Business (J. Elgin)

Jack has plaques for all presidors. (Dan Schoemmell) A couple of groups have not submitted forms.

(Linda Gammon) I just took all info over the phone.

VMEA Report (Scott Lambert)

Richmond will stay as District I after split. Spotsylvania and Fredericksburg will become XV. This will go online next year. Everything else is running smoothly.

(L. Gammon) We will bring up the honors choir/rooming situation at the wrap-up meeting and appoint a diverse committee to analyze the problem and hopefully come up with a solution involving all Presidents and others.

(Terry Austin) Rehearsals can still be held here and chaperones can still be with their students.

New Business

(T. Austin) In similar states, Middle School AllState groups are used.

(L. Gammon) I think we should check with all districts to see if they would want to do this.

(Diana Love) I hate to see it get so competitive in that age group.

(Dan Kosko) I think we would see burnout in the kids.

(M. Kirby) I agree that it is not well received. The kids need to have something to look forward to in high school.

(Wayne Powell) Some systems will not allow middle school children to travel overnight.

MOTION (V. Tornello) SECOND (C.Bly) to not pursue a MS All State Band. MOTION PASSED

(T. Austin) The home school policy is being applied the way Linda submitted it.

(Steve King) How many groups do we have?

(W. Powell) One group has submitted a manual fee.

(J. Elgin) Info is posted on p. 23 of Notes.

(T. Austin) We did not change anything, only clarified.

(Stan Schoonover) To my understanding the manual should read "all eligible students". I think we need to clarify.

(L. Gammon) I will change it.

Committee Reports

State Marching Band Festival (Ken Rudd)

We are still waiting for two bills from the Northeast and Pulaski. We had 106 bands. Even with the 25% rebate for each school we are still financially solvent. 35-40% of bands received superiors. All results are on website and next year all info will be included on website including entry forms. There will still be a mailing.

(S. Schoonover) I was unimpressed with the nature and execution of awards in the West. I would like to propose giving out plaques instead of just an envelope.

MOTION (S. Schoonover) **SECOND** (D.Schoemmell) **that a plaque option for marching festival be researched and discussed at April meeting. MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION (S. Schoonover) **SECOND** (J. Tornello) **that the site hosts make the same fee as the judges. MOTION PASSED.**

(K.Rudd) This event has become massive, and the site coordinator only makes \$1200.00.

(S. Schoonover) We should establish a committee to look over all descriptions and duties of salaried VBODA positions.

Committee members will be J. Hargis, D. Love, J. Elgin, M. Kirby, and D. Kosko.

(K. Rudd) Every year people volunteer themselves to judge. We are still in need of judges.

(Carl Bly) What if we send each participant a judging recommendation sheet.

(J. Tornello) Judges names should be brought to board for approval.

(K. Rudd) The timing penalty is imposed after the top and bottom scores have been dropped.

(J.Elgin) A director mentioned posting all marching competitions, dates, and a contact person on the website for the membership. I will announce tomorrow that Mike will do this.

ALL Virginia Auditions (Jonathan Hargis)

February 24, 2001 James Madison University
Everything is set. We are working on improving violin audition room. Info and judging requests are upcoming. We will reiterate chromatic scale changes in meeting tomorrow and in the mailing.

(V. Tornello) All district reps need to be made aware by mailing as well. Also, MS and elementary people are willing to judge and need to be contacted.

(M. Sunderland) Could Jonathan send string requirements out with band requirements?

MOTION (C.Bly) **SECOND** (D. Love) **to recommend to All Virginia host to keep students on campus for**

meals and use that as a criterion for choosing site hosts in the future. MOTION PASSED.

String Information (M. Sunderland)

We need clarification on establishing district orchestras.

(S. Schoonover) They can be held, but have no bearing on All Virginia eligibility.

MOTION (S. Lambert) SECOND (V. Tornello) that any student who has a conflict with two VBODA/VMEA events have allowances made so that they may participate in both activities. MOTION PASSED.

(V. Tornello) Some string people feel that there should be a requirement for wind/percussion auditionees to try out for regional orchestra.

(D. Love) They may end up with no wind/percussion participants.

Manual Committee

(S. Schoonover) You have just received new administrative handbooks and new CDs. The inside cover of the CD has a tribute to Sid Berg. Notebook, printing, and CDs will be around \$8000.00 for this year. The plan for next year is supplemental pages and posting on website of newly graded music and a mailed hard copy to district chairs.

(D. Kosko) We will update new districts when info arrives.

(M. Sunderland) On p. 115 we have been using a different form and will get one to Danny for inclusion.

(D. Kosko) Other CDs should be thrown away and we should go by the most recent grade assigned.

(S. Schoonover) On p. 10 of Notes there was an ad for editors of solo and ensemble manual. We have located three editors. When that procedure is complete we will produce a new solo and ensemble manual. The grading committee will meet Saturday. We need to elect some new members for those whose

terms have ended.

(D. Kosko) In Texas they have sightreading music which is currently unpublished and we could use for All District Festival. The committee will discuss this at the meeting.

(W. Powell) I am handling distribution this weekend. Last year there were 15-20 schools who did not pay manual fees and participated in festival. I would like a letter written to the superintendents of schools who still have not paid

MOTION (S. Lambert) SECOND (D. Love) to direct President of VBODA to write a letter to all directors who have not paid last years manual fees allowing them to comply by January 1st. After this a letter should be sent to the principal of each director with copies to their superintendents and district chairperson stating that they will be unable to participate in District Band Festival, District Orchestra Festival, or Solo and Ensemble Festival until the fee is paid. MOTION PASSED.

Old Business

(D. Schoemmel) It is recommended that we offer a \$2000.00 scholarship to a senior who wishes to pursue music as a college music degree. This would be given in \$1000.00 installments for two semesters or \$1000.00 each for four years.

MOTION (S. Schoonover) SECOND (D. Kosko) that the executive board recommend establishment of a Sid Berg Scholarship for \$1000.00 renewable each year for \$4000.00 total. The scholarship will be maintained and supervised by a committee established by the president. MOTION PASSED.

(C. Bly) I recommend that the committee should be representative of the entire commonwealth.

MOTION (S. Schoonover) SECOND (V. Tornello) that we establish our own domain name for our website. MOTION PASSED.

(J. Elgin) Carl Bly has agreed to chair the Sid Berg Scholarship Committee and will find members

from general membership;

New Business

All Virginia Band and Orchestra (J. Elgin

April 5-7 Host: Massaponax High School, Corey Koch
Symphonic - Jerry Junkin
Concert - Paula Crider
Orchestra - Thomas Wilkins

VBODA Awards

MOTION (D. Love) **SECOND** (S. Schoonover) **to nominate Steve King for Phil Fuller Award. MOTION PASSED.**

Announcements and Other Business

(V. Tornello) I have a request from a middle school band director to compile data regarding band size vs. rating received at State Marching Festival
(D. Love) He should do the research himself by checking VMEA journals from the past.
(J. Elgin) Direct him to check the University of Maryland archives as well.
(D. Schoemmel) The board would like a copy of the report.
(S. Schoonover) Marching Festival results should be saved for posterity.

Adjournment 12:38

Next Executive Board meeting will be held at All Virginia Weekend. Massaponax High School.