

VBODA Executive Board Meeting Notes
Friday April 5, 2002
James River High School

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (Elgin)

Members present were Dan Schoemmell, Bill Berg, Linda Gammon, Vince Tornello, Joe Tornello, Wayne Powell, Carl Bly, Jan Collins, Jack Elgin, Stan Schoonover, Denny Stokes, Scott Lambert, Martin Sunderland, Bud Hern, and Jack Elgin.

MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING (Collins) Minutes approved as presented

TREASURER'S REPORT (Elgin for Mike Kirby)

All-Virginia	\$13,694.00
General	9,115.54
Manual	10,899.15
Marching Band	4,415.56
Medals	10,326.96
Technology	4,390.24
TOTAL	\$58,842.44

COMMITTEE REPORTS

State Marching Festival (Elgin)

Joe has volunteered to chair a marching festival committee.

(V Tornello) We need a contract to make this more effective.

(Lambert) The principal or another administrator should sign the contract.

(Elgin) Currently we have applications from Charlottesville, Pulaski, Potomac, Garfield, Massoponax, and Glouster. By June we need to have four sites nailed down. According to the manual Bill Berg will make that decision.

(Lambert) Will there be a lid on expenses?

(Schoemmell) We used to sit down with the principal and after talking we left with a dollar figure that would be the maximum cost.

(Schoonover) We may need to look at taking back some of the gate money from the hosts.

(V Tornello) Fifteen percent of the total gate would be more appropriate than twenty-five percent.

(J Tornello) As far as the marching band committee, we put things on hold until the transition to the new marching chair is complete. The committee will be working soon.

All Virginia Auditions (Elgin)

(Stokes) We need a script in the judge's meeting to avoid confusion

(J Tornello) That should be in the materials I sent forward.

(Schoonover) Any changes in the judge's sheets need to be sent forward to Dan Lind so that he can change things in the computer.

(Elgin) That needs to be done by the June meeting.

(J Tonello) The winds sheet needs to be redone for scales. I will take care of the new sheets.

(J Tornello) Should there be two board members assigned to the student registration for non-directors?

(Elgin) Jonathan recommends that we go fully electronic next year. A reminder card can be sent to all schools.

(Schoonover) The pre-packet can also be posted on the website.

(V Tornello) I think the website should post only the official results. Put everything except their names.

(Stokes) At some point we will change the "unofficial" to "official".

(Schoonover) I think all chairs should record auditions and those tapes should be collected.

(Lambert) They need to be recorded, labeled, and turned in so that we can protect ourselves legally. We can use the same tapes each year.

(Bly) Should we have a separate mailing go to the chairs and judges?

(Schoemmell) I recommend we create a position that carries an honorarium and we have two representatives that we have totally in charge of All-Virginia auditions and district band and orchestra festival sightreading with a paid stipend for each.

MOTION (LAMBERT) SECOND (BLY) THAT THE BOARD RECOMMEND BOTH AN ORCHESTRA AND BAND SIGHTREADING MATERIALS COORDINATOR AND AN ALL-VIRGINIA AUDITION COORDINATOR WITH A STIPEND FOR EACH POSITION. MOTION LATER WITHDRAWN.

(Sunderland) We need someone to consolidate those materials and put them in the manual.

(V Tornello) To create continuity there needs to be the established book passed on from person to person. There is a set of rotated music for sightreading which should be passed on as well.

(Bly) How about the immediate past president be the assistant to the chair?

(Lambert) I withdraw my previous motion. We already have this book and I would like for this to be included in the manual.

(Bly) There needs to be more than one copy.

(Lambert) There should be a duplicate with the secretary.

MOTION (SCHOONOVER) SECOND (SCHOEMMELL) THAT PRIOR TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING THE NEWLY INSTALLED PRESIDENT ELECT BRING BACK HIS RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER A SIGHTREADING CHAIRPERSON NEEDS TO BE APPOINTED. MOTION LATER WITHDRAWN.

(Schoonover) If the President wants to appoint a couple of people to be in charge of sightreading, he can.

(Elgin) I appoint Stan Schoonover and Joe Tornello to be in charge of sightreading.

Eligibility Committee Report (Stokes)

The committee proposes the following changes to the manual

3.a (2) Each district shall be permitted to send the allotted number of students per section for All-District Band and All-Region Orchestra to audition for the All-Virginia event. Students who choose not to accept the opportunity to audition, or who possess dual eligibility as a result of their selection to both All-Region Orchestra and All-District Band, shall be replaced by the next eligible student as listed in the All-District concert program.

(Note: There are 2 "4s" listed under 3.a...change to 4 & 5)

3.a (6) It shall be the responsibility of the District Instrumental Representative, working in cooperation with event hosts, to resolve all eligibility issues during the All-District event. At the conclusion of the All-District event, the District Instrumental Representative should send copies of both All-District Band and All-Region Orchestra programs to the VBODA president-elect and technology chair, with all eligible students clearly marked.

3.d Designated wind and percussion players are eligible to audition for both band and orchestra. They, and the double bass players who are eligible to audition for both, must indicate their preference upon registration. Students who played...(same to the end).

MOTION (LAMBERT) SECOND (BLY) TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING INSTRUMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO AUDITION FROM SENIOR REGIONAL ORCHESTRA FOR ALL VIRGINIA BANDS AND ORCHESTRA: 1 PICCOLO, 2 FLUTES, 2 OBOES, 1 ENGLISH HORN, 2 CLARINETS, 2 BASSOONS, 2 TRUMPETS, 2 HORNS, 2 TENOR TROMBONES, 1 TUBA, 1 TIMPANI, 1 SNARE, AND ALL STRINGS. PASSED.

AMENDMENT (SCHOONOVER) TO PRESENT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND AMENDMENT AS A BOARD RECOMMENDATION AT TOMORROW'S MEETING. PASSED.

All Virginia Event 2002 Report (Elgin)

Things are going well. Guest conductors mentioned concern about tone quality and mentioned prepared pieces as a possible solution.

String Information (Sunderland)

Melissa Gordon will set-up harp audition sheet and take care of all aspects of harp auditions. I would think that a string representative elect might be valuable to train the next incoming person (Elgin) We would like for Martin to stay on as string representative advisor for one more year.

(Hern) I have set up an email at vaststrings@netzero.net. We have been thinking about the idea of an honors orchestra.

Manual Committee Report (Schoonover)

I will not bring the solo and ensemble recommendations to you today. We are still looking for a Virginia location for reproduction of the CD. We have a few proposals which are actually cheaper. I will get with Danny about the Texas sightreading and get the problems straight.

(Powell) There were communication problems.

(V Tornello) I think all emails need to be covered by a hard copy.

(Schoonover) We will work on that and get what we were supposed to have. We will continue to review sightreading, because we won't use all six pieces. When we print the new edition of the manual it will be in PDF format so that it can go on the website.

(Powell) We have some grade I groups sightreading and some not. We need to address this in June.

Sid Berg Scholarship Committee (Bly)

Fourteen people applied, however we received some incomplete applications and some late. Yesterday morning we reached a consensus. I will write to Mrs Berg and ask her to join me when the award is presented.

Honor Bands (V Tornello)

There are 34 honor bands and 7 first year recipients. Plaques will be sent in mid May

VMEA Report (Gammon)

Conference is underway. We will have a band play Saturday at 1:00 before the Honors Choir. Tapes are due May 1. Exhibits will be at the Marriot. Blue Ribbon School applications are due May 1.

NEW BUSINESS

All Virginia Auditions - February 22, 2003 - James Madison University (Elgin)

We will send a letter opening auditions up to other schools who might be interested in hosting

All Virginia Event - April 3-5, 2003 (Elgin)

Jim Stegner has agreed to host next year, but the first 1 ½ days one band would have to be at Midlothian High School because school is in session and the commons area will not be available. We will make an announcement tomorrow asking for other possible hosts.

(Schoonover) The feeding issue needs to be addressed.

(Elgin) Conductors are being solidified.

OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION (V TORNELLO) SECOND (LAMBERT) TO PAY WAYNE POWELL A STIPEND OF \$1000.00 FOR THE OUTSTANDING JOB HE HAS DONE AS WEBSITE MANAGER. PASSED.

(Elgin) The next board meeting will be held on June 20 at 12:15 at Charlottesville High School
We will serve lunch.

Adjournment 4:30

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Collins
Secretary