

**VBODA SPRING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**2:00 PM - FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2003**  
**ALL-VA BAND AND ORCHESTRA EVENT**  
**JOHN HANDLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

**Call to Order (Stokes)**

**Roll Call (Collins)** The following members were in attendance: Vince Tornello, Joe Tornello, Dan Schoemmell, Wayne Powell, Linda Gammon, Mike Kirby, Diana Love, Bud Hearne, Bill Berg, Jack Elgin, Denny Stokes, Jan Collins, Scott Lambert, Stan Schoonover, Doug Armstrong.

**Minutes from the last meeting (Collins)** No corrections.

**Committee Reports**

**2003 Conference Report (Stokes)** This year we will give the VMEA plaque to the ensemble and the VBODA plaque to the director of the group.

**Website Editor/MS Rep Report (Powell)** I think we should do away with the hard copy of the manual and use only the CD. This would eliminate all paper and break it into more manageable chunks.

(Stokes) That would just require a phone call to Danny. I will tell him this is what the board wants to happen unless he sees a problem.

(Gammon) The manual should not be available to the general public, but only to the membership.

(Schoemmell) Could we have the past All-Virginia programs available on the website?

(Powell) I will take care of that.

**Manual Committee Report (Schoonover)** We are considering adding a grade IE category for something easier than a grade I solo so that people will use the manual.

(Schoemmell) Doesn't that encourage them to come and bring easier music? I think we should look at that a little.

(Stokes) Could Danny come up with a presentation for us in June on this issue?

(Powell) Could we get two CD's instead of one per fee?

(Schoemmell) Maybe we could get another copy at a reduced rate?

**All-Virginia Auditions and Event (Stokes)** I received great responses from the mail-out cards. We still have a slight shortage in woodwinds. I had no complaints after the auditions. I am exploring some ideas for solving the registration over-crowding problem next year.

(Hearne) It is highly undesirable for violins to walk across campus to audition. If we could find a solution for that problem it would be great. Also, Melissa Gordon did a lot of work to set up a harp audition system. We need to make sure we check with the band directors to ask if they need harp also.

**All-Virginia Event (Stokes)** We will make a presentation at the concert to recognize Doug Harrison for his efforts in organizing this event. Space continues to be an issue as we look at places to host the event in the future.

(Hearne) Maybe we could explore universities or other sites.

(Stokes) Jonathan has already sent a proposal to Notes for opening up auditions to universities and colleges. Maybe he could include an option to host the event.

(Schoemmell) We as a board could make a decision that two of the three premiere groups rehearse in one location with a second close site being used for the third group.

(Stokes) There will be a board recommendation made tomorrow.

(Schoemmell) We should also consider hotels with three ballrooms.

VBODA String Report (Hearne) Thank you for sending me to the ASTA conference. I picked up three potential conference programs. I am working on the SRO situation. Requirements will be on the website.

(Schoonover) It would be appropriate to put the rotating pieces for All-Virginia into the manual. Any string requirements should be in the manual also.

(Hearne) Charles Peltz from New England Conservatory will conduct next year. Thomas Wilkins is going to get back with me about 2005.

State Marching Band Festival (Berg) We were \$1467.93 in the red this year due in part to Southeast security, a decrease in the t-shirt price, and the gate being less due to moving inside.

(Kirby) We are going to be spending \$10,000.00 a year eventually on the Sid Berg Scholarship. I think we should look at covering some of that money with Marching Festival.

**MOTION (V. TORNELLO) SECOND (SCHOEMMELL) TO RETURN THE STATE MARCHING FESTIVAL REGISTRATION FEE TO \$100.00. MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION (V. TORNELLO) SECOND (SCHOEMMELL) THAT THERE BE NO REBATE OF GATE RECEIPTS TO THE HOST OF STATE MARCHING BAND FESTIVALS. MOTION PASSED.**

(Berg) The fifth site will be Massaponax High School.

**MOTION (BERG) SECOND (ELGIN) THAT WE HAVE A MINIMUM OF ONE OUT OF STATE JUDGE AT ALL FIVE STATE MARCHING FESTIVAL SITES. MOTION PASSED.**

(Berg) Wayne and I will put all Marching Festival forms on the website, but next year I will still send a hard mailing to every high school in Virginia.

### **Old Business**

Mail Ballot Results (Collins) See enclosed information.

Bale Contract Status (Stokes) The new prices are medal \$2.75, small plaques \$60.00, and large plaques \$150.00.

(Schoemmell) Neff is willing to give us a rebate on an official honor band banner. They also have a letter jacket patch that we could use.

(Gammon) See if they could come up with one for Blue Ribbon Schools also.

(Stokes) Dan will call John Morrow to call Jonathan and Linda to get a proposal going.

Sightreading Issues (Powell) There are still a few cases of middle school and high school bands playing grade I at festival and taking the elementary option to not sight read.

**MOTION (SCHOONOVER) SECOND (V TORNELLO) THAT ALL BANDS AND ORCHESTRAS CHOOSING THE SIGHTREADING OPTION FOR FESTIVAL AND ENTERING IN GRADE I OR II READ THE LOWEST GRADE OF SIGHTREADING MUSIC PROVIDED. MOTION WITHDRAWN.**

(Stokes) We will table this discussion until June in the interest of time.

**MOTION (POWELL) SECOND (ELGIN) THAT WHERE THERE IS A SCHOOL PARTICIPATING AT FESTIVAL THAT HAS MORE THAN ONE DIRECTOR, ONLY ONE DIRECTOR MAY BE ON STAGE AT A TIME FOR THE CONCERT PORTION, AND ONLY ONE DIRECTOR MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE SIGHT READING PORTION. A SECOND DIRECTOR CAN ASSIST IN SET-UP AND TAKE-DOWN, BUT MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY OTHER ASPECT OF THE FESTIVAL PROCESS. MOTION PASSED.**

(Gammon ) This should be announced at tomorrow's meeting as a point of clarification.

Prepared Music for 2004 All-State Auditions (Armstrong) See enclosed presentation.

**MOTION (LOVE) SECOND (V. TORNELLO) THAT THE PREPARED PIECE BE LYRICAL IN NATURE WHILE MAINTAINING THE TECHNICAL SIGHTREADING SELECTION FOR ALL-VIRGINIA BAND. MOTION PASSED.**

(Hearne) We need to make sure that the string bass etude is sent with the packet

**MOTION (LOVE) SECOND (SCHOONOVER) FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DOUG ARMSTRONG'S ALL-VIRGINIA PREPARED SELECTION REPORT. MOTION PASSED.**

(Stokes) Doug will give a report tomorrow to the general membership.

**MOTION (LOVE) SECOND (KIRBY) THAT WE REQUIRE BOTH THE LONG ROLL AND THE CONCERT ROLL FOR ALL-VIRGINIA SNARE AUDITIONS AT 10 POINTS EACH. MOTION PASSED.**

#### Status of Ballot

(Stokes) New VBODA District Reps have been selected. We have a ballot including Rob Carroll for President, Jenny Ryan and Laura Thomas for Secretary, Bud Hearne for String Representative, and Wayne Powell for Middle School Representative. We will take additional nominations from the floor for President tomorrow.

**New Business**

2004 All-Virginia Band and Orchestra Auditions Saturday, February 28, 2004 JMU

2004 All-Virginia Band and Orchestra Event tentatively at Forest Park HS in Prince William County. Host - JR Snow Conductors: Symphonic Band - Ed Lisk, Concert Band Dennis Zeisler, Orchestra - Charles Peltz

Status of Future Funds (Kirby)

MOTION (LOVE) SECOND (SCHOEMMELL) THAT WE INCREASE MANUAL FEES FROM \$40.00 TO \$50.00. MOTION WITHDRAWN.

(Schoonover) If we don't print the manual we reap \$18,000.00.

MOTION (V. TORNELLO) SECOND (SCHOONOVER) TO REIMBURSE THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT \$50.00 FOR LATE FEES INCURRED BY VIRGINIA TECH. MOTION PASSED.

District Festival Weather Option (Stokes) The new bad weather option will appear in manual's next printing.

Honor Bands and Updated Jazz Festival Sheet (V. Tornello) Here is the list of honor bands. In addition, a copy of the jazz festival sheet I would like to present is here.

**Adjournment 4:32**

# **VBODA MAIL BALLOT**

January 20, 2003

**1171 ballots mailed; 410 ballots returned**

**MOTION (DENNY STOKES) SECOND (JACK ELGIN) THAT (*STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL WILL PERFORM SELECTIONS FROM THE APPROVED VBODA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE MANUAL IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A RATING. STUDENTS PERFORMING WORKS NOT LISTED IN THE MANUAL WILL RECEIVE COMMENTS ONLY. WHERE MULTIPLE EDITIONS EXIST, SEE SECTION II, PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE MANUAL FOR CLARIFICATION. THIS CHANGE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE IN 2004.*)**

Please mark your response to this motion below:

**YES 269**

**NO 133**

**ABSTAIN 8**

**MOTION (STAN SCHOONOVER) SECOND (GEORGE HEARNE) TO AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 4 AS FOLLOWS: THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WILL MEET IN (*JUNE OF EACH YEAR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VBODA BOARD AND SHALL HAVE FULL VOTING PRIVILEGES.*)**

Please mark your response to this motion below:

**YES 346**

**NO 12**

**ABSTAIN 52**

**MOTION (STAN SCHOONOVER) SECOND (CARL BLY) TO AMEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE HANDBOOK AS FOLLOWS: SECTION III 9.B.3 STUDENTS (*MAY AUDITION IN ONLY ONE DISTRICT,*) MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING..., B. A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL (*CONCERT BAND (OR FULL ORCHESTRA PROGRAM),*) D. RECOMMENDED AND REGISTERED BY THEIR (*CONCERT*) BAND (*OR FULL ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR.*) SECTION VI VIRGINIA STUDENTS...REGULAR PERFORMING MEMBERS OF THEIR SCHOOL (*CONCERT*) BAND (*OR FULL ORCHESTRA*) AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT...**

Please mark your response to this motion below:

**YES 364**

**NO 36**

**ABSTAIN 10**

**All motions must pass by a 2/3 majority.**

*Please return all ballots in the envelope provided by March 1, 2003 to.*

*Jan Collins, VBODA Secretary  
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