

VBODA Executive Board Meeting
June 21, 2004
Charlottesville High School
11:00 a.m.

Call to Order (Hargis)

Roll Call/Minutes from Last Meeting (Thomas) No corrections to the minutes.

Executive Board Members in Attendance: Denny Stokes, Rob Carroll, Laura M. Thomas, Mike Kirby, Bud Hearne, Dan Kosko, Jonathan Hargis, Joe Tornello, Linda Gammon, Stan Schoonover, Diana Love, Steve King, Scott Lambert, Carl Bly, Vince Tornello, and Dan Schoemmell

District Representatives in Attendance: Bryan Wills (II), Jim Stegner (III), Doug Spruill for Steve Turner (VIII), Matt Brodt (IX), Mike Cook (XI), Cheryl Newton (XII), Keith Cottrill (XIII), Jeff Rutherford (XIV).

Treasurer's Report (M. Kirby):

All-Virginia	\$12,656.16
General Account	6,702.74
Manual	20,115.22
Marching Band	9,247.01
Medals	12.08
Technology	525.80
Total:	\$49,259.01

Committee Reports

VMEA Conference (L. Gammon):

D. Stokes announced the bands selected to perform (Atlee HS, Chantilly HS, Lake Braddock HS, Cooper MS). B. Hearne announced the orchestras selected (Sandberg MS, Fauquier HS, _____ MS)
Conference planning nearly complete, confirming times now.

Marching Band Festival Report (D. Stokes for B. Berg)

Thanks to S. Schoonover for heading committee last spring; thanks to C. Bly for help on new Battlefield HS site. May have to substitute one in-state judge for one of the two out-of-state judge slots; hiring two out-of-state judges is proving difficult. July 1 deadline for response from out-of-state judges.

J. Tornello expressed concern about judges working in the area in which they formerly taught. D. Stokes asked if B. Berg was instructed not to do this. J. Tornello replied yes D. Stokes will direct B. Berg to "re-visit" placement of judges to avoid this situation.

Presentation by D. Lind re Marching Band Festival Computer Scoring Program. J. Tornello asked D. Lind to develop and present a computer program similar to the one developed for All-State Auditions to ensure tabulation uniformity throughout the

state. Program is currently in FileMaker, could be converted to Run Time so that the program would automatically run on any computer. Discussion re merits of program, thanks expressed to D. Lind.

MOTION (J. Tornello) SECOND (S. Schoonover):

VBODA will authorize Dan Lind to continue to develop a computer scoring program for the State Marching Band Festival. Amended: VBODA will reimburse Dan Lind up to \$1500. Motion passed.

J. Tornello presented examples of State Marching Festival jackets and golf shirts; J. Hargis gave approval for J. Tornello to continue to work on this.

VBODA String Representative (B. Hearne):

Senior Regional Orchestra Audition requirements now on website. VBODA board member will be on-site for each of the four SRO Audition sites on September 18 to ensure equity and application of VBODA rules. District Reps: Remember to include the harp in your repertoire! All- Virginia Orchestra guest conductor for 2006: JoAnn Falletta is checking her schedule; if she cannot commit, Thomas Wilkins (voted for 2007) will be asked.

2005 All-Virginia Band and Orchestra Auditions (R. Carroll):

2005 Auditions will be at JMU. R. Carroll will work with Scott Rickers (sp?), who replaced Brantley Douglas at JMU. In general, facilities are working well, but will address location of Director's Registration. Virginia Tech has expressed interest in hosting All-State Auditions in 2006; D. Stokes said they would have to make a formal bid by the 2005 Auditions to be considered. J. Hargis said that the prepared music needs to be ready by the November VBODA meeting.

2005 All-Virginia Band and Orchestra Event (C. Newton):

2005 Event is April 7-9, 2005 at Madison and Oakton High Schools (Fairfax County Public Schools.) Conductors are Gary Green (Symphonic Band), Gary Sousa (Concert Band), and Thomas Wilkins (Orchestra.) Most rehearsals will be at Madison. S. Schoonover: Madison has three large rehearsal spaces. C. Newton: We are still working out where each group will rehearse. D. Stokes: 2006 Event may be in Richmond area.

VBODA Awards and Scholarship (J. Tornello and C. Bly)

2004 Service Awards were posted on website; this generated more response. Announcement of 2004 Winners:

Sid Berg Service Award: Charlottesville High School Band
Phil Fuller Award: Dan Schoemmell

J. Tornello will continue to coordinate Service Awards.

C. Bly: Urge students to apply for VBODA and VMEA Scholarships
C. Bly will continue to coordinate this area.

VBODA Manual Committee (D. Kosko):

D. Kosko is working on putting our membership directory on Run Time. D. Kosko will make changes in Administrative Handbook (given today by J. Collins.)

Old Business:

General: none

Orchestra:

B. Hearne submitted report from the Honor Orchestra Award Committee.

MOTION (S. Lambert) SECOND (D. Lover):

Motion to accept the Honor Orchestra Report and open discussion. Motion passed.

Clarification re statement in report re VBODA reimbursement: B. Hearne: The idea is that the State Orchestra Festival will eventually pay for itself; we would only seek seed money. V. Tornello expressed concern about "Gold, Silver, etc." ratings, suggested the event stay in line w/VBODA ratings ("I", "II", etc.) J. Hargis directed B. Hearne to continue to develop ideas, take suggestions back to the committee and present again in November (with a suggested timeline.)

Band:

V. Tornello: According to our manual, p. 14, article 6, section 2, we were in error by voting in a 'major change' to the VBODA State Marching Festival scoring last April without sending out a mail ballot. Much discussion; L. Gammon stated that the new score sheet was voted in for a two-year trial period, then would be reevaluated; D. Stokes stated that these concerns should have been brought up at the executive board meeting before going in front of the general membership; V. Tornello concerned that all directors affected were not at the All-Virginia meeting.

MOTION (V. Tornello) SECOND (J. Tornello):

Motion to issue a mail ballot concerning the adoption of the new State Marching Band Festival scoring sheet. Motion failed.

New Business:

General:

W. Powell would like a volunteer to take over the mailing of sightreading materials for District Festival. D. Kosko volunteered to find someone on the Manual Committee for this task, and will suggest an honorarium for this person.

D. Stokes: VMEA Finance Committee allots funds to each of the sections; VBODA currently receives \$6,000 for All-State plus another \$2,000; do we need the latter? V.

Tornello: VMEA has \$176,000 total assets.

MOTION (J. Tornello) SECOND (J. Stegner):

Motion to ask VMEA to continue giving VBODA \$2,000 yearly. Motion fails.

D. Stokes: Money is still there; we can ask for it.

Orchestra: No new business

Band: No new business

Announcements:

Next VBODA Executive Board meeting: 9 a.m. Thursday, November 18
Jefferson Board Room (_____hotel)

Informal meeting on Wednesday evening, November 17.

J. Hargis: Congratulations to two of our members for selection to the John Philip Sousa
Legion of Honor: Joe Tornello and Vince Tornello

Appreciation expressed by J. Hargis for his service as VBODA President

Gavel passed to D. Stokes

D. Stokes: How many band and orchestra directors are there in Virginia? J. Tornello:
about 700. D. Stokes: What do you see as our primary mission? S. Lambert:
"Propagation of our species" B. Hearne: "Bring back disenfranchised members into
fold" V. Tornello: "Ensure uniformity of standards throughout state"

Adjournment 1:45 p.m.