

VBODA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2005 • 11 a.m.
Buford Middle School, Charlottesville

- 1) Call to order (D. Stokes)
- 2) Review of voting procedures (R. Carroll)
- 3) Roll call (C. Willard for L. M. Thomas)
 - a) Executive Board Members present: D. Stokes, R. Carroll, C. Willard for L. M. Thomas, M. Kirby, B. Hearne, B. Berg, J. Tornello, L. Gammon, S. Schoonover, D. Leonard, S. King, S. Lambert, V. Tornello, D. Schoemmell.
 - b) Instrumental Representatives present: I. A. Birdsall for B. Flowe, III. J. Stegner, IV. C. Dawn for M. Glasco, V. A. Shull for D. Lane, VI. C. Caldwell for M. Straw, XI. B. Hearne for M. Cook, XII. C. Newton, XIII. V. Tornello for K. Cottrill, XVI. L. Correll-Beth for R. Reaves
 - c) Senior Regional Orchestra Chairs present: North: G. Sandberg, North Central: B. Hearne, South Central: D. Kellner
- 4) Minutes from last meetings (April 8 Ex Bd and April 9 Gen Mtg)
 - a) Correction to April 9 minutes: J. Elgin was present
 - b) Correction to April 9 minutes as published in Notes: Under 8 B., Marching Band scoresheet should read 3 Music, 1 Marching, and 1 GE Caption)
 - c) Motion to approve amended minutes, approved
- 5) Treasurer's report (M. Kirby)

Total balance in account: \$55,808.05
 \$21,000 Check for medals is on its way.

Name	Balance
All-Virginia	\$11,160.64
Berg Scholarship	9,533.65
General Account	1,231.09
Manual	16,246.15
Marching Band	8,964.68
Medals	8,227.99
Technology	443.85

- 6) Committee reports/VBODA operations
 - a) 2005 VMEA/VBODA Fall Conference (L. Gammon, B. Hearne, D. Stokes)
 - i) Performing groups: Kemps Landing Magnet School 7th/8th grade Band, Jefferson Forest Symphonic Winds, James Madison HS Symphonic Winds,

West Springfield Chamber Orchestra, Rocky Run Middle School Orchestra, Oscar Smith High School Orchestra, Warren High School _____?

- ii) Conference planning status: all good
- iii) Conference Site: 2006-Homestead, 2007: Norfolk, 2008 and 2009: Homestead, 2010 and 2011: Norfolk. No performing groups will be allowed to make reservations until after the membership deadline.

b) VBODA State Marching Band Festival (B. Berg)

- i) Review of sites/adjudicators: B. Berg ready to sign contract to move Southeast site to VA Beach Sportsplex. Discussion of costs, i. e. groundskeeper, event supervisor, etc. Cost is a concern but S. Lambert noted that the participation increase will make up for the additional costs. Concessions will go to Sportsplex, Kellam booster group will get revenue from shirts, water, etc. Gate receipts go to VBODA. If board approves contract, mark out "if needed" staff to save on costs. Board authorized B. Berg to sign contract.
- ii) Guard Evaluator: B. Bill has many names, thanks for suggestions
- iii) DVD for participating bands: We are moving to DVD instead of VHS, will give membership both options (formats) as a trial run this year. Copyright would go to videographer (Josh _____?) Videographer will sell DVD's of the whole day event. Bands will receive a "still" recording of just their band, in both formats. No parents in the pressbox; currently there is a space provided in front of the pressbox.

Motion by V. Tornello, seconded by _____?

"We will not provide space for recording of VBODA Marching Band events."
Motion passes.

c) All-Virginia Auditions (R. Carroll)

- i) Etudes, set III: We voted at last year's conference to set release date for February 1. D. Armstrong is working on etudes, will try to have by September VMEA meeting.
- ii) Audition date, site and host: 2/25/06, JMU Music
- iii) Philips Ballroom no longer available; Wilson Hall will be used for wind registration.
- iv) B. Hearne reminded all to consider programming music that requires harp for All-District Band and Senior Regional Orchestra. Harpists are needed at All-Virginia, and they may be eligible to audition through placement in either All-District Band or Senior Regional Orchestra.
- v) New Percussion Audition requirements: As approved by 2/3 of mail ballots in June, percussionists will now audition on three instruments. Much concern expressed about logistics of the newly passed motion. Will percussionists still sightread, play scales and rudiments on all three, or just play the prepared etudes on all three? D. Stokes directs R. Carroll to develop proposal for changes in percussion and to present recommendations at the November meetings. New percussion audition requirements to take effect in 2006/07

school year. Membership needs to approve the recommended procedures in November. R. Carroll requested information from districts that currently audition percussionists on all three instruments; only received vague feedback from two district representatives.

- d) All-Virginia Band/Orchestra Event (D. Stokes, R. Carroll)
 - i) 2006 event: April 6-8, James River High School, James Stegner, Host
 - ii) Conductors: Symphonic Band: James Keene, University of Illinois; Concert Band: Curvin Farnham, University of Maine; Orchestra: Anthony Maiello, George Mason University.
 - iii) 2007 Event: April 5-7; Site: TBA. Board voted on preferences for 2007 Band conductors; 1st choice for Symphonic Band is Mallory Thompson, followed by Bob Reynolds; 1st choice for Concert Band is Stan Schoonover and second choice is Charles Menghini. Orchestra is pursuing Thomas Wilkins as first choice for 2007 event.
 - iv) Date of 2007 event conflict with Easter; motion by Vince Tornello, seconded by _____? To move to following weekend of April 12-14, 2007. Motion passes.

- e) Orchestra Representative (B. Hearne)
 - i) SRO audition info should be on website by the end of next week.
 - ii) Junior Regional Orchestra: V. Hearne needs to know who is hosting; district reps please let him know
 - iii) Honor Orchestra Committee's report was accepted at last meeting

- f) Awards Committee (J. Tornello)
 - i) Ongoing

- g) Manual Committee (S. Schoonover and D. Kosko)
 - i) Administrative handbook/updates: We will review the grading of the solo/ensemble and band/orchestra literature already in the manual. There may be some purging. Members will have the opportunity to contribute opinions.
 - ii) Manual/CD distribution
 - iii) Solo/Ensemble update
 - iv) Manual fee update: The fees you have paid cover through 2007, and include 2 copies of the CD plus a hard copy of the changes of the administrative handbook. There is no longer a charge to have a piece graded as long as it is submitted by February 5. Within one month after conference, newly graded pieces are posted on the website.
 - v) Directory: All District Reps are supposed to send updated directory info to D. Kosko; last year all but one district did this.

- h) Middle School (W. Powell)
 - i) W. Powell unable to attend meeting; all is well

- i) Website (W. Powell)
 - ii) W. Powell sent thanks to District Reps for their contributions; best year for website ever.

- 7) Old Business
 - a) Review of VBODA Slate of officers, 2005 elections: All current board members are willing to continue. New candidates for VBODA President-Elect: Doug Armstrong and Cheryl Newton. Election will be at conference in November.

- 8) New Business
 - a) General
 - i) All-Va Event Proposal: S. Schoonover proposes that we consider holding All-Virginia Band/Orchestra/Chorus in the spring at whatever hotel we are not using for conference in that given school year. This would require liason w/VMEA, VCDA to see if there is interest. The advantage is that a VMEA event would be held in both hotels every year. D. Stokes will approach M. Erlich (sp?) about this concept, and will discuss in November.
 - ii) Honoraria: The board has already approved honoraria for up to \$5,000 for work on manual. So far none has been requested, but it will be soon.
 - b) Orchestra: none
 - c) Band: none
 - d) Other:
 - i) S. Lambert is working on VMEA Notes, wants articles of interest to be sent to him for publication. Notes is going to hire a professional proof reader. August 1 deadline for music review, July 15 for the conference issue. Honor Band list should continue to be published.
 - ii) V. Tornello would like VMEA to petition MENC to include a place on the MENC application to indicate district number and section affiliation. Each district chair and rep should be provided with a list of the dues paying members of their district. V. Tornello concerned about lack of participation in voting; suggested that each district have a vote rather than individuals. Will discuss at September VMEA meeting.
 - iii) S. King would like to conduct research project on State Marching Festival grading next year. He would use data from individual caption rating from each judge for each band. He would not use school names or judge names, would like permission to go to sites and collect data. No objections from board.
 - iv) L. Gammon suggested possibility of holding an All-Virginia Middle School Band. She will research.

- 9) Announcements:
 - a) Robinson High School was presented with the Sutler Flag of Honor on Thursday, May 18th, 2005.
 - b) D. Stokes, Director of the Robinson High School Bands, was presented with a second Sutler Flag of Honor.

- c) Next Board Meeting: 9:00 a.m., Thursday, November 17, Jefferson Board Room, Waterside Marriott, Norfolk (VMEA Conference.) Informal work session Wednesday evening 11/16, TBA.
- d) Thanks to hosts, J. Tornello and V. Tornello for holding this meeting.
- e) Information meeting as needed, JMU campus, All-Virginia Audition weekend, February 25, 2006.

10) Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted by Laura M. Thomas,
July 2, 2005.