

Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association
Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2009 • 9 a.m.
Hunt Room, The Homestead

This meeting is recorded to assist the secretary

Call To Order (9:00 a.m.)
Review Of Voting Procedures
Roll Call
Present: D. Armstrong, B. Berg, C. Bly, R. Carroll, K. Cottrill, L. Gammon, Jon Hargis, B. Hearne, D. Kosko, S. Lambert, S. King, Diana Love, W. Powell, D.Schoemmell, S. Schoonover, D. Stokes, K. Taylor, L. Thomas, V. Tornello

Doug Armstrong
Keith Taylor
Laura M. Thomas

Approval of Agenda
Add under Old Business: All-State Legacy recordings, All-VA music folders, 2005 Marching Band study
Motion to accept by C. Bly, seconded by S. King.
Motion passes

Doug Armstrong

Minutes From Last Meeting (June, Mtn View HS)
Motion to accept by C. Bly, seconded by K. Cottrill
Motion passes.

Laura M. Thomas

Treasurers Report
Bank no longer charging us per check; if we keep balance of \$4,000, we can deposit up to 200 items without fees.
As of November 18, 2009
Checking account 57,840.28
15-mo CD 13, 116.79
Total Assets 70,957.07

Keith Cottrill

Committee Reports/VBODA Operations

Doug Armstrong

VMEA/VBODA Fall Conference:

Doug Armstrong

- Sessions—Room chairs need to CHECK BADGES to ensure all attendees have registered for conference! Both Linda Gammon and Michael Ehrlich stopped by our meeting to emphasize this point.
- Performing groups
- Billing
 - By reimbursement—we will not carry everyone on the master bill.
 - We will not pay single room rates—all must be double or cheaper
- Appreciation expressed to Linda Gammon, Conference Coordinator, for her work
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All-Virginia Jazz Ensemble:

Keith Taylor

Will perform on Saturday's VMEA session w/Honors Choir. Kudos to Dennis Weaver, Jazz Chair, for coordinating this ensemble. Doug Beach is on line to conduct next year. D. Schoemmell: Can we buy 5 charts for next year's event? K. Taylor: We will review at the All-State meeting; since this is the end of the 2-year trial. Will also revisit conductor honorarium to match All-State (\$1500.)

All Virginia Auditions: Keith Taylor
 We used an "Audition Manager" last year; this worked well. Keith also received positive feedback for using directors to register other directors, rather than university students.

All Virginia Band/Orchestra Event Doug Armstrong
 2010 Event: April 8-10, Great Bridge HS, Chesapeake
 Symphonic Band: Dr. David Waybright, University of Florida
 Concert Band: possibly Richard Good, Auburn University
 Orchestra: Daniel Myssyk, Virginia Commonwealth University

2011 Event: April 7-9, 2011, Charlottesville High School
 Symphonic Band: Richard Floyd, Texas
 Concert Band: Stephen Bolstad, James Madison University
 Orchestra: Thomas Wilkins (verbal commitment)

Denny Stokes reported that George Mason University is willing to host All-State as early as 2011.

Orchestra Representative Bud Hearne
 Chesterfield JRO Event Report still missing from last year.

VBODA Marching Band Festival Bill Berg
 143 bands registered this year; 139 performed. Can we consider 7th site? Would be on 2nd weekend, maybe in Richmond/Chesterfield area. Videotaping: we don't have a contract, and we should. Bill hears complaints that we have the same judges every year at the same sites, so he mixed it up. Kempsville sent their registration late; site already full. On website: First Come, First Serve. B. Berg concerned about responsibility for instrument damage due to weather. We'll make \$ this year. B. Berg commended by board for great, detailed work.

Awards Committee Jon Hargis
 Nominee for Phil Fuller Award: Dennis Brown; Sid Berg Award: Mike Kirby
 Wayne Powell and Laura Thomas will help J. Hargis clarify wording for two awards.

Scholarship Committee Carl Bly
 We've had many qualified applicants; all current recipients doing well.

Manual Committee S. Schoonover
 Gratitude expressed to Wayne Powell for distributing manual for so many years. We need to find replacement. CD's will be distributed to district reps at meeting tomorrow. S. Schoonover: We have room on disc to put forms, manual, etc.

Middle School Representative Wayne Powell
 Still working on recognition for outstanding middle school bands/orchestras and high school orchestras (akin to Honor Band.)

Website Wayne Powell
 Technical issues this fall related to domain name registry; now works at either vboda.org or vaboda.org. Board commended Wayne for ongoing work on this.

Old Business: Laura M. Thomas
 1. Result of Mail Ballot re selective music list for Honor Band: Did not pass; vote was 94 yes to 84 no (required 2/3 approval.) Bulk mail delays; L. Thomas accepted all ballots regardless of date received.

2. Administrative Handbook Committee
Motion by Diana Love, seconded by Stan Schoonover:

I move to accept Denny Stokes' recommendation to have 3-4 people do a complete re-write of section I of the VBODA Constitution and bylaws, then present to the Executive Board when complete.

Motion passed.

(The Executive Board will have to edit the draft, then present finished project to membership. Will require 2/3 approval.)

Please contact Doug Armstrong if interested in serving on this committee.

3. Concert Festival Adjudication Committee

Carl Bly

VMEA wants to have adjudicator training to improve consistency in judging. Will have drafts of proposed revised judging forms ready at April meeting.

4. Marching Festival Committee

Rob Carroll

Consists of 23 directors. Will meet this afternoon to come up with a new scoresheet to replace rubric. We recommend judges' training each time, as well as possible regionalization of the festival.

5. Orchestra Region Committee:

Bud Hearne

Will stay status quo, still meeting. South Central Senior Regional Orchestra directors voted to accept District 14 into their region at their meeting last weekend.

Motion by Laura M. Thomas, seconded by Carl Bly:

I move to accept District 14 into the South Central Senior Regional Orchestra Event.

Motion passes.

New Business

General

a. Manual Committee "Distribution Manager"

Motion by Carl Bly, seconded by Jon Hargis:

I move to accept the recommendation of Art Pittman as Manual Distribution Manager to recommended to the general membership tomorrow.

Motion passes.

b. S. Schoonover: We are coming up on a new 3-year manual cycle; need to collect \$50 per school next year. D. Armstrong asked S. Schoonover to come up with a recommendation re format.

c. All-State Legacy Recording Project (S. Schoonover) costs about \$25 per recording to transfer vinyl to disc. We have most years' performances, but we are missing 96, 92, 91, 88, 86, 85, 63 and earlier (except 59.) Maybe transfer to mp3 format and put on web? Would need to research licensing. S. Schoonover gave discs to R. Carroll.

Orchestra

a. Bud requested we consider purchasing permanent folios for All-State ensembles.

Motion by Laura M. Thomas, seconded by Denny Stokes:

I move to approve the expenditure of \$2200—2500 for permanent All-Virginia band and orchestra folios.

Discussion: Expensive; how to pay? Sponsorship?

Motion by Wayne Powell, seconded by Rob Carroll:

I move to table this motion.

Motion tabled; Bud will explore sponsorship.

Band

a. **Motion by Diana Love, seconded by S. King:**

I move that executive board voting rights for past presidents be limited to those currently teaching. Non-teaching members may continue to serve in an advisory capacity on the board.

Discussion: D. Love: We retirees now outnumber the currently teaching members on the board. D. Kosko: Should we clarify that we mean k-12 teaching? V. Tornello: This motion would put us in direct non-compliance with VMEA. D. Armstrong: Not true R. Carroll read from manual. D. Love: We value expertise, just don't think retired members should vote. D. Armstrong: This would be constitutional change. Currently the board is treated as a separate entity than the general membership.

Much discussion.

D. Stokes: Manual conflicts on this point, between Article 2 and 3.

Motion by Stan Schoonover, seconded by Vince Tornello:

I move to table this motion until April so that we can do some research on ramifications. Motion tabled.

Perhaps the manager of VMEA could tell us. D. Armstrong will research.

b. K. Cottrill: Can we approve \$700 for laptop for Treasurer?

Motion by D. Schoemmell, seconded by Jon Hargis:

I move to approve funds for purchase of computer for VBODA treasurer. Motion passes.

c. D. Schoemmell: Let's be proactive about recognizing our students for their outstanding accomplishments.

d. Motion by Denny Stokes, seconded by Wayne Powell:

I move that the VBODA board draft a request to the Fairfax School Board that they submit a needs-based budget that fully funds the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade orchestra and band programs. Motion passes.

e. Motion by Jon Hargis, seconded by Dan Kosko

I move to hold a marching band retreat weekend to hammer out critical issues. We should offer a \$100 honorarium per person (up to 24 people.)
8 yes, 2 no, 8 abstain.

Motion to adjourn by Denny Stokes, seconded by Stan Schoonover.

Motion passes

Adjournment at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Mulligan Thomas, 11/27/09