

Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association
Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 23 • 1:00 p.m.
Mountain View High School • Stafford, VA

This meeting is recorded to assist the secretary

Call To Order (1:00 p.m.)
Review Of Voting Procedures
Quorum is 5 members

Doug Armstrong
Keith Taylor

Roll Call
Present: D. Armstrong, K. Taylor, L. M. Thomas, B. Hearne, B. Berg, D. Stokes, J. Elgin, L. Gammon, S. Schoonover, D. Love, S. Lambert, C. Bly, D. Schoemmell

Laura M. Thomas

Approval of Agenda
Motion to accept by B. Hearne, seconded by S. Schoonover

Doug Armstrong

Minutes From last meeting (April, Great Bridge HS)
Motion to accept by D. Stokes, seconded by B. Hearne
Motion passes.

Laura M. Thomas

Treasurers Report

Keith Cottrill

As of June 30, 2010	
Checking account	\$61,871.82
15-mo CD	\$13,116.79
Total Assets	\$74,988.61

Committee Reports/VBODA Operations

Doug Armstrong

1. VMEA Event Reports Update
No report. L. Gammon says very few are still out.

Vince Tornello

2. VMEA/VBODA Fall Conference:

Keith Taylor

a) Sessions: *Topics include adjudication, Paul Rolland, Australian Bush Band, New Teachers, Governor's School for the Arts Jazz Clinic, instrument repair, Air Force Band.*

b) Performing Groups:

Bands:

*Kilmer MS Symphonic Band
Jefferson Forest HS Wind Symphony
Lanier MS Symphonic Band*

Orchestras:

*Chantilly HS Orchestra
Glasgow MS Symphonic Orchestra
Stonewall Jackson HS Chamber Orchestra*

c) Billing for Board members: *by reimbursement; no single rooms paid (all double or cheaper)*
Board members need to make their own reservations.

General membership meeting Saturday at 8 a.m. Executive Board Thursday at 9 a.m.

3. All-Virginia Jazz Ensemble: Dennis Weaver
- a) Auditions for 2010-11: Visit vbodajazz.org for details
 - b) Guest Conductor: Joe Eckert, Texas Christian University
AVJE will perform at closing session at Roper Center
4. All Virginia Auditions: Keith Taylor
- a) Location/date: JMU, Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011
- 5) All Virginia Band/Orchestra Event: Doug Armstrong
- a) April 7-9, 2011 at Charlottesville High School
 - i) Symphonic Band: Richard Floyd, Texas
 - ii) Concert Band: Stephen Bolstad, James Madison University
 - iii) Orchestra: Jorge Richter, East Carolina University
 - b) April 12-14, 2012 at James River High School, Richmond
 - i) Symphonic Band: Thomas Leslie, UNLV
 - ii) Concert Band: John Carmichael, USF
 - iii) Orchestra: Thomas Wilkins, Omaha Symphony (tentative)
 - c) All-Virginia Event Chair –Need responsibilities list—R.Carroll?
- 6) Orchestra Representative Bud Hearne
- 7) Marching Band Assessment Bill Berg
- Most judges hired.*
Sat. Oct. 23: West-Pulaski HS start time 10 a.m.
Central-Liberty HS start time 1 p.m.
Capital-Hermitage HS start time 10 a.m.
Sat., Oct. 30: Northwest-Millbrook HS start time 9 a.m.
Northeast-West Springfield HS start time: 9 a.m.
East-Massaponax HS start time: 9 a.m.
Southeast-Warhill HS start time 9 a.m.
- 8) Marching Band Assessment Committee Rob Carroll
- No report.*
- 9) Awards Committee Jonathan Hargis
- No report. J. Hargis is asked to get in touch with L. Gammon to discuss when awards will be presented.*
- 10) Scholarship Committee Carl Bly
- All three scholarship recipients are doing well.*
- 11) Honor Band Doug Armstrong
- All posted on vboda.org; plaques sent.*

*We have a data issue; we need **one directory** for database. Currently there is one through L. Einus for All-State, another for the manual...need to coordinate.*

How are people selected for manual committee? Interested candidates should contact S. Schoonover. Six band and five orchestra people on committee, in addition to S. Schoonover and D. Kosko. Editor (Kosko) and Chair (Schoonover) are reimbursed \$100 plus four nights at conference.

K. Taylor will issue directive re prompt communication from all VBODA commissioned chairs.

Motion by B. Hearne, seconded by S. Lambert:

I move that we accept recommendation #2 from the Manual Committee 2010 Report, minus the supplying of any notebooks. (Remove last paragraph.)

(Recommendation #2

No material will be printed for the 2010-2011 cycle. The Selective Music Guide and all parts of the VBODA Administrative Handbook will be published on the VBODA CD distributed at VMEA Conference. All edits to the Handbook would need to be completed in early September, and the completed digital documents sent to the Manual Editor. Manual Editor would incorporate the Handbook on the CD. Each “Annual” Fee would equate to 2 CD’s. 725 current District Festival groups= 1450.)

Motion passes.

13) Middle School Representative

Wayne Powell

No report

14) Website

Wayne Powell

No report

15) Administrative Handbook Committee

Doug Armstrong

D. Stokes is on hold pending #4 under old business.

16) District Concert Festival Adjudication Committee

Carl Bly

- a) Assessment Forms
- b) VMEA Initiative—Judge selection/certification process

W. Gallup wants every judge to fill out application.

This event is still officially “District Concert Festival,” until implementation of new process through VMEA.

Old Business

1) Legacy Recordings

Stan Schoonover

*Have collected more since All-Virginia meeting; still need a few (listed at vboda.org)
S. Schoonover will also post missing recordings in VMEA Notes.
BTW, new VMEA Notes Editor is Dorothy Logan.*

2) Finance Committee

Keith Cottrill

Discussion re yearly fee vs. \$5 per school, per event fee.

Motion by D. Stokes, seconded by D. Love:

I move to accept recommendation #1 from the Manual Committee 2010 Report. (remove triennial manual fee, remove \$5 per event fee, install yearly participation fee of \$50 for hs, \$40 for ms, \$0 for elementary.)

(Recommendation #1

Charge a single VBODA “Annual Program Participation Fee” for each middle school and high school band AND orchestra program. This would incorporate the concept of each program paying for the goods and services that they receive from VBODA [much like the \$5 event fee], as well as our current “Manual Fee”. Billing would be annual, administered by the Manual Distribution Manager, working closely with the VBODA Treasurer. Bills would arrive near the beginning of the school year, with the expectation that they would be remitted by the beginning of November. Programs would need to remit payment in order to participate in any VBODA activity, including audition events. A period of grace may be needed for All-Region Orchestra auditions in September.

Middle School Band AND Orchestra programs	=	\$40 per year
High School Band AND Orchestra programs	=	\$50 per year [All-Virginia auditions and event make the primary difference here]

This fee structure would generate an estimated **\$32,600** in revenue for the 2010-11 school year, based on the latest District Festival participation numbers above. Elementary programs would not be charged any fee, but would need to submit the appropriate forms to receive the disk.)

Motion passes.

Clarification: Schools would pay annual fee at first VBODA event (SRO, Marching Band, All-VA Jazz, etc.) or by January 1. Bill would go out from Art Pittman in August with an explanation of new fee structure.

3) Administrative Handbook

Denny Stokes

Still holding, pending result of #4.

4) Executive Board Voting Status Committee

Mike Cook

Will report in November.

5) Concert Festival Sight-Reading Committee

D. Love

Need a string representative.

6) Orchestra String Auditions Committee

John Husser

No volunteers; committee on hold.

New Business

1) General

a) VMEA/VBODA Constitution and By-Laws issues

Letter presented from lawyer re VBODA aligning by-laws, rules and regs w/VMEA. D. Armstrong passed gavel and expressed that he read the entire 501-C document and didn't see anything that said we had to be in lockstep. It says that we cannot conflict. We cannot take away members' votes; they will become disenfranchised again. D. Love: I think for the strength of the organization, we need to give up the lifetime vote of past presidents. D. Stokes: Are we trying to use a hammer to fix a window? Let's take out personal issues from structural issues. D. Love: We are VMEA, and we should be strengthening our organization for the sake of our students. D. Schoemmell: Past presidents haven't changed a vote. L. Gammon: The can has been opened; the worms are out. Change is inevitable in life; growth is optional. K. Taylor: According to the manual, retired members cannot vote in general meetings. But they have been for 30 years! D. Stokes: I don't see a big legal threat here. Let's make VBODA better. S. Schoonover: can we show VMEA our bylaws and constitution and ask them to evaluate? L. Gammon: I think we should examine our bylaws and constitution; let's take a step forward. S. Lambert: We just need a little tweaking to align VMEA/VBODA. D. Armstrong: I believe passionately that our members need to be able to vote! S. Schoonover: VMEA doesn't run District Band Festival, or Solo and Ensemble Festival...sections need to have a democratic form of government, and VMEA is a republic. D. Stokes: We have to continue to communicate to membership and invite them into the process. S. Schoemmell: Do we post the time/place/date of our meetings online? The meetings are open to the membership. K. Taylor: We need to know the definition of compliance. L. Gammon: Are we just reacting to the delivery method of the message? S. Schoemmell: Do we really have to worry, or is this 'don't ask, don't tell?'

K. Taylor: What to do? D. Stokes: Take this under advisement, start processing. When answers become clear, make an executive decision.

c) Mail Ballot Procedure—Request for study

Snail mail ballot costly and time-consuming; we will investigate an electronic vote.

2) Orchestra

none

3) Band

Jazz Festival dates: Official date is in January; districts need to tell VBODA which date they are using so they will be covered by insurance.

Installation of New Officers:

*Recognition of outgoing officers and chairs:
Recognition of incoming officers
Pass the Gavel*

Announcements:

All VBODA Committee Chair positions are up for bi-annual renewal. Anyone interested in holding any of these positions should contact your next President, Keith Taylor. Next Executive Board Meeting: Thursday, November 18, 2010, 9:00 a.m. The Marriott, Norfolk, VA.

All motions on recent mail ballot passed:

1. Motion by Denny Stokes, seconded by Rob Carroll:

I move that we accept the work and recommendations of the Marching Band Committee, and that the Executive Board recommend to the general membership that we implement these recommendations for the 2010 Marching Band Festival. (read the recommendations online at vboda.org)

2. Motion by Scott Lambert, seconded by Carl Bly:

I move that we change the name of the Marching Band Festival to the Marching Band Assessment.

3. Motion by Rob Carroll, seconded by Keith Cottrill:

I move to make the All-Virginia Jazz Ensemble a permanent, annual All-Virginia event, which will be included in the VBODA Handbook.

4. Motion by Bud Hearne, seconded by Denny Stokes:

I would like to move that we add to the appropriate Section, pg. 22, #13 Administrative Responsibilities,, Sec. (1) Procurement of Adjudicators: (1d) "Any person who holds an affiliation with any participating ensemble through teaching, clinician work, or who has a family relationship with an ensemble shall not be hired to adjudicate that district festival event."

5. Motion by Bud Hearne, seconded by Laura Thomas:

I move to increase the number of harpists eligible to audition for All-State from each District Band/Regional Orchestra from one to two.

6. Motion by Denny Stokes, seconded by J. R. Snow:

I move that all references to "Festival" in the VBODA manual, and in all VBODA-generated forms, be referred to and as "Performance Assessment" events and documents.

The vote for motion #6 was out of order. As per VMEA, our District Concert Festival events will remain named as such, until implementation of a new process through VMEA.

Motion to adjourn by D. Love, seconded by J. Elgin, motion passes.

Adjourn 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Mulligan Thomas

7/4/10