

VBODA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
9:00 a.m., Thursday, November 18, 2010
Marriott Hotel • Norfolk, VA

Call to Order (9:00 a.m.)

Keith Taylor

This meeting is recorded to assist the secretary

Review of Voting Procedures

Michael Cook

Roll Call

Laura M. Thomas

Present: Doug Armstrong, Keith Taylor, Laura M. Thomas, Keith Cottrill, Bud Hearne, Wayne Powell, Bill Berg, Dan Kosko, Vince Tornello, Carl Bly, Diana Love, Dwight Leonard, Stan Schoonover, Jonathan Hargis, Denny Stokes, Rob Carroll, Mike Cook, Scott Lambert, Steve King.

Not present: Dan Schoemmell, Linda Gammon, Joe Tornello, Jack Elgin.

Confirmation of Agenda

Keith Taylor

Motion to accept: Denny Stokes, seconded by Bud Hearne, passed

Minutes from last meeting (June 19, 2010, Mountain View HS)

Laura M. Thomas

Motion to accept: Rob Carroll, seconded by Jonathan Hargis, passed

Treasurers Report

Keith Cottrill

As of November 17, 2010

Checking account \$110,903.62

15-mo CD \$13,116.79

Total Assets \$124,020.41

Discussion re budget now that we are more secure financially. Doug Armstrong: We should have 2x the amount of our annual budget in reserve. Keith Cottrill: We are \$10,000 away from that goal.

Treasurer's report accepted.

Committee Reports/VBODA Operations

VMEA/VBODA Fall Conference

Keith Taylor

Keith Taylor: Excited about conference; changes reflect membership's wishes. Encourage all to fill out surveys. VMEA mobile app very helpful! Bud Hearne: VBODA is providing refreshments for VASTA meeting today to show appreciation for SRO/All-State prep days.

All Virginia Auditions

Michael Cook

February 28, 2010, JMU. Keith and Mike traveled to JMU to tour new facilities. New Performing Arts facility will make wind registration easier. Strings still in New College Center.

All Virginia Band/Orchestra Event Keith Taylor

2011 Event: April 7-9, Charlottesville High School, Charlottesville
Conductors: Symphonic Band: Richard Floyd, Texas
Concert Band: Steve Bolstad, James Madison University
Orchestra: Jorge Richter, East Carolina University
2012 Event: April , Location: James River High School, Richmond
Conductors: Symphonic Band: Tom Leslie, UNLV
Concert Band: John Carmichael
Orchestra: Thomas Wilkins (Omaha Symphony)

We are soliciting ideas for directors for 2013 and beyond. Laura Thomas suggested Alexander Korzaia (University of Richmond) for 2013 All-VA Orchestra, will send Bud contact info.

Orchestra Representative Bud Hearne

Nothing to report

VBODA Marching Band Assessment Rob Carroll/Bill Berg

Rob: Pleased that new adjudication sheets were implemented this year; next focus of committee will be on adjudication pool. This pleases Bill Berg! Bill received many 'no's' to invitations to judge because North Carolina also holding marching festivals the same weekends. Three bands didn't meet the final deadline this year. Form was on website for all to download. New scoresheets also on website. Hosts took care of judges' lodging this year; this helped a lot. Re schedule changes: Bill threw it back to the group needed to change; told them to work it out with the other band. Lodging at West site difficult because of NASCAR in Martinsville that weekend; costs were astronomical. Still working on getting more participation from bands in Southwest. Good weather this year! MBA made about \$13,000 this year, compared to \$8,000 last year. 150 bands in 7 sites. Some outstanding expenses yet to be paid, though.

Jonathan Hargis: Can we use two sets of judges? This is a long day. Rob Carroll: We will look at that; adjudication is next subject to tackle. Discussion re directors not following directions; possible VBODA repercussions—letter to principal, "Administrative Default"—Committee will discuss. We don't want to penalize students.

Dan Kosko: Can we discuss fees? Expense per group= \$300 to cover expenses.

Keith Taylor: Appreciation expressed to Bill, Rob, and all who make the MBA happen.

Awards Committee Jonathan Hargis

Will present two awards Saturday—Dennis Brown (Phil Fuller award) and Mike Kirby (Sid Berg award.) Members can go to vboda website for

nomination info. Keith Taylor: We need to advertise better.

Scholarship Committee

Carl Bly

All four recipients doing well in college. Send in nominations!

Manual Committee

Stan Schoonover, Dan Kosko

Stan Schoonover: Thanks to Dan Kosko and Art Pittman. We sent out nearly 1600 letters to programs in VA re participation fee. So far, 925 program forms have been returned (~25 are elementary so did not include fee.) Participation fee should generate about \$40,000. This equals the income we used to collect for the manual. This is easier to do (1 x per year), rather than pestering everyone for \$5 per event. Let's keep Nov. 1 as deadline; the fee should cover schools for 12 months. Who enforces compliance? District Rep, then Event Chair.

Manual consists of 2 parts—handbook and music list. Dan Kosko: We need someone to edit the front end of the book.

Middle School

Judy Einuis

No report

Website

Wayne Powell

Keith Taylor: Can we provide a password-protected area on website? W. Powell: Yes.

KT: Can we do financial transactions on our website? Can we make it searchable?

Appreciation expressed to Wayne Powell for efficiency!

All-VA Jazz Ensemble Committee

Dennis Weaver

Thanks to VBODA and VMEA for financial support; thanks for Dan Schoemmel, Linda Gammon, and Moe Turrentine for front-end work on facilities. 81 auditionees this year, 8 districts represented. Cards advertising auditions weren't used this year but will be next year. Seeking ways to get more students involved. Next year: all audition sites will be high schools. Vince Tornello: Need something in writing to pay bills. Keith Taylor: Event reports will be completed this weekend.

Budget Committee

Keith Cottrill

Keith Cottrill: Can the board give me direction on budget? Stan Schoonover: Budget should drive fees. Keith Cottrill will pull people together for a committee to advise on budget.

Sight Reading Committee

Diana Love

2 recommendations: Accept new sightreading assessment rubric for Spring 2011, and accept sightreading publications for 2012. No consensus on issue of high schools reading only one grade below. Written criteria on acceptable sightreading material would be helpful.

Past President Voting Committee

Michael Cook

This committee was formed in response to tabled motion regarding voting

rights of past presidents. Semantics: Retired/Past Presidents/Retired Past Presidents—difficult to define. This is a starting point, not an endgame.

The committee recommends the following change to the VBODA Constitution:

1. Article II. Section 2. reads, “ Retired instrumental music teachers and music supervisors who are life members, or continue to pay active membership dues to MENC, may continue as active members of VBODA but shall not be entitled to vote or hold an elected office.”

Recommended change: “Retired instrumental music teachers and retired music supervisors who are life members, or continue to pay active membership dues to MENC, may continue as active members of VBODA **and shall be entitled to vote** but may not hold an elected office.”

The committee also recommends:

2. Research the impact of Past Presidents voting on the Executive Board: For 1 calendar year Executive Board votes will be taken according to current practice. After each vote, a second, "straw vote" will be taken with only current board members participating. The total number of votes taken over a year can be counted, along with the total number of issues that would have a different outcome if past presidents were not voting.

Committee members: Michael Cook (Chair), Keith Cottrill, Diana Love, Denny Stokes, Laura Thomas

Motion by Doug Armstrong, seconded by Stan Schoonover: I move that we accept the committee’s report and refer item number 1 to the membership for action.

Much discussion. Stan Schoonover: Does this put us in better compliance w/VMEA? Keith Taylor: Yes.

Call for question

Motion passes. Now has to pass 2/3 majority tomorrow, then mail ballot.

Diana Love: Number two recommendation from committee is unnecessary; my motion is not about voting.

Old Business

Forms on the Website

Wayne Powell

Concert Assessment Sheets

Carl Bly

Will distribute proposed sheets at general meeting tomorrow in preparation for vote.

3. Administrative Handbook Committee

Denny Stokes

Several issues need to be resolved before we address revision of the administrative handbook. Keith Taylor: Please pick a section and begin the

re-write. Dan Kosko: How does this tie into what we talked about earlier (an administrative handbook editor)? Keith Taylor: Could you do this, Denny? Denny: Not sure. Doug Armstrong: Issues related to retirement need to be resolved.

Government Relations

Steve King

State School Board fee issues are still vague; we have to get an interpretation of how this will be implemented. Economics/personal finance requirement: The State School Board is moving forward to implement this in July 2011. Delegate Orrick from Spotsylvania County is proposing that this requirement be fulfilled in current classes, which is much preferable from our perspective. Band and orchestra directors, follow-up with your delegates, especially those on house and senate education committees! We have to advocate. Check website for updated info. New Virginia Leadership Coalition for Fine Arts Education is made up of VMEA, Art Association, Dance, Theater, Virginians for the Arts, etc. Steve is chair of this group; they have met three times.

New Business

General

Concert Adjudication Committee

Carl Bly

Handout issued; please read

Orchestra

No new business

Band

Motion by Diana Love, seconded by Jonathan Hargis: I move that past presidents serve as voting members on the VBODA Executive Board for six years after their presidency, then continue as ex-officio. This would be implemented in June 2012.

Much discussion, call for question.

Motion defeated, 1-8.

Announcements

All Committee Chairs please sit in the first row during the General Membership Meeting

Best Practices Session – Kathleen Schoelwer

Next Board Meeting: 2011 All Virginia Event: April 7-9, Charlottesville High School

Motion to adjourn by Doug Armstrong, seconded by Rob Carroll.

Passed; meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Mulligan Thomas, 11/27/10