

VBODA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
2:30 p.m., Friday, April 13, 2012
James River High School - James River, VA

Call to Order Keith Taylor
2:40 p.m.

This meeting is recorded to assist the secretary

Review of Voting Procedures Allen Hall

Roll Call Laura M. Thomas
Board members present: Keith Taylor, Allen Hall, Laura M. Thomas, Bud Hearne, Rob Carroll, Stan Schoonover, Keith Cottrill, Bill Berg, Scott Lambert, Judy Einus, Doug Armstrong, Diana Love, Jack Elgin, Jonathan Hargis

Confirmation of Agenda
Motion to accept: B. Hearne; seconded by Doug Armstrong, accepted.

Minutes from last meeting (November 17, 2011 Norfolk, VA) Laura M. Thomas
Motion to accept: Jack Elgin, seconded by Diana Love

Treasurer's Report Keith Cottrill
*\$112,370.48 in checking account
\$13,116.79 in 15 month CD
\$125,487.27 total*

Committee Reports/VBODA Operations

1. VMEA/VBODA Fall Conference Allen Hall/Keith Taylor
a. *Need recordings of groups by May 1; application on VMEA website. Band recordings go to Allen; orchestra to Carrie Finnegan. April 1 was the deadline for session proposals, but we will still accept.*

2. All Virginia Auditions Bud Hearne/Doug Armstrong/Allen Hall
February 23, 2013 – JMU
*We need to find a way to get more judges. Should we make a motion requiring everyone sending students to judge?
Appreciation expressed to Doug Armstrong for handling wind/percussion auditions this year.*

3. All Virginia Band & Orchestra Event Keith Taylor
*Appreciation expressed to Keith Cottrill for hosting event this year.
Adam Foreman, All-VA Chair: We had Emergency Care Card issues; we will look at this. Recommend combining Participant/Emergency Care forms.
We should post All-Va forms on website at the same time we post results.*

2013 Event: April 4-6, 2013 Allen Hall

Location: Harrisonburg High School - J.R. Snow Harrisonburg, VA
Conductors: Symphonic Band: Paula Crider, University of Texas-retired
Concert Band: Jay Gephart, Purdue University
Orchestra: *Pursuing Thomas Wilkins and Chelsea Tipton*

2014 Event April 3-5

Location: Virginia Tech - Blacksburg, VA
Conductors: Symphonic Band: Craig Kirchhoff - U of Minn. (ten)
Concert Band: Alfred Watkins Lassiter HS – Georgia (ten)
Orchestra: *tba*

4. Orchestra Representative Bud Hearne/Carrie Finnegan
*No SRO issues this year.
A committee headed by Gerald Fowkes will investigate using excerpts for All-Va string auditions
VASTA gave recognition to All-Va principal players
3 Virginia students represented state at National High School Honors Orchestra*

5. VBODA Marching Band Assessment Bill Berg/Rob Carroll
*We lost \$4,448.18 this year. K. Taylor: This is why we have a VBODA participation fee.
More bands are encouraged to perform on the first weekend this fall, since ACT is on second weekend.
This will be B. Berg's last fall as Chair of Marching Band Assessment.
R. Carroll: We are striving to have digital judges' comments statewide this fall
Working on alternate plan for when "conditions are deemed unsafe."*

We need to update the manual so that all references to Marching Band Festival are changed to Marching Band Assessment.

Motion by Scott Lambert, seconded by Stan Schoonover:

In the event the marching performance assessment is moved indoors, groups will be adjudicated using five adjudicators: three music and two GE adjudicators on the music sheet (not the GE sheet). A protocol sheet will be issued to each adjudicator communicating that simultaneous responsibility will be removed and adjudicators should be sensitive to balance as it may be problematic in the Indoor setting. The two visual judges will give “comments only” covering all aspects of the performance.

The tabulation sheet point values will change to I = 5-7, II 8-12, III = 13-17, IV = 18-22, V = 23-25.

Passed.

Motion by Rob Carroll, seconded by Stan Schoonover:

In reference to Section 10, any instance of *inclement weather* shall be changed to *conditions deemed unsafe*. Section 10;3D, “*Inclement weather shall be defined as precipitation heavy enough to damage.... Change to: “Suggested parameters include precipitation heavy enough to damage....

Passed.

Motion by Rob Carroll, seconded by Diana Love:

In reference to Section 10;3D, “Any changes for these reasons should be done at the end of a specified class, so that all bands within the same class will be adjudicated under the same conditions.” Change the word “class” to “segment.”

Passed.

6. Awards Committee Jonathan Hargis
We have one nominee for Phil Fuller Award, seeking more candidates for this and Sid Berg Award.
7. Scholarship Committee Carl Bly
We will present award and plaque tomorrow at All-VA concert
8. Manual Committee/Legacy Recording Stan Schoonover/Dan Kosko
We will have new Section 2 of the administrative handbook on the CD this fall. As per mail ballot vote, this will take precedence over information in the old administrative handbook.
9. Website Report Doug Armstrong
*D. Armstrong would like someone to take over
Next priorities: member area (online voting) and archives
Committee chairs: Please send a list of members to D, Armstrong to post (and L. Thomas)*
10. All-VA Jazz Ensemble Committee Allen Hall
*Cathy Fisher and Dennis Weaver will continue to chair event
Ben Frenchak will continue to chair auditions
Please let K. Taylor know if you are interested in serving*

Old Business

1. Concert Adjudication Report Darrell Pearman for Carl Bly
*Positive feedback on new adjudicator sheets (now in second year)
“Adjudicators Instructions” proposed, much discussion
C. Bly has proposed a “live adjudicators session” for VMEA Conference
Does the board want our work to continue?
Do we want a central person (statewide) like B. Berg for MBA to hire judges?
(much reservation expressed about practicality of this)
S. Schoonover presented a draft of a survey re feasibility of a statewide concert festival
Please send him feedback on the survey; he will revise and present in June*
2. Sight Reading Committee Report Diana Love
This was the first year that we used composed sightreading music for Concert Assessment

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*Gary Fagan composed it; things went fairly smoothly and we will continue this next year
Could named percussion parts be optional?
Diana will take feedback to committee*

3. Manual Revision Report Denny Stokes
Next section to be rewritten: section 3

New Business

1. General
- a. Nominations Committee Report Allen Hall
New committee formed to select people to run for president elect; slate will be presented at June meeting. Special election will be held in at 2012 conference. Committee members: Laura M. Thomas, Paul Rozecki, Ben Frenchak, Rob Carroll, Doug Armstrong
 - b. Conflict of Interest policy in VBODA Manual Keith Taylor
p. 33, section IV, 13 D read
 - c. VBODA Contingency Plans for Events and/or Auditions
Do we need to have policy to help guide event chairs re canceling/rescheduling events in the case of inclement weather? Anyone interested in serving on a committee to look into this?
2. Orchestra
None
3. Band
- a. All-VA Percussion Audition Review Committee Keith Taylor
*Purpose is to help streamline process so it takes less time (not change the requirements)
Thirteen members have expressed interest in serving on this committee.*
 - b. Committee to review All-VA wind requirements
*Including range requirements, giving extra credit for extra range, etc.
Let K. Taylor know if you are interested in serving*

Announcements

- a. Committee Report Keith Taylor
 - i. Committee chairs, please submit reports to secretary electronically/digitally
 - ii. Please submit a list of the members of your committees to president, secretary, website chair
 - b. Congratulations to our National Concert Band Festival Performers
*Jefferson Forest HS - David Webb, Director
South Lakes HS - Grayson Fore, Director*

Congratulations to our Sudler Flag Award Winners (given by John Phillips Sousa Foundation)
*Woodson HS - Melinda McKenzie, Director
James Madison HS - Michael Hackbarth, Director*

Congratulations to the schools and directors who performed at the National ASTA Conference:
*Oscar Smith High School, Deanna Kringel
Yorktown High School, Thomas Hartmann
Longfellow Intermediate School, Sue Kervick*
1. Active Committees: Sight Reading, Concert Adjudication, Manual Revision
2. Next Board Meeting: June 20, 1 pm, - Glen Allen HS - Glen Allen, VA

*Motion to adjourn by Diana Love, seconded by Carrie Finnegan
Adjournment at 5:16 p.m.*

Submitted by Laura Mulligan Thomas, 4/15/12