

VBODA Executive Board Annual June Meeting  
1:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2013  
Glen Allen High School - Glen Allen, VA

Call to Order 1:11 p.m.

Allen Hall

*This meeting is recorded to assist the secretary*

Review of Voting Procedures

Steve Rice

*(Read at the Executive Board meeting only)* Voting members of the Executive Board include the elected officers, the treasurer, and past-presidents in good standing. ~~The Manual Editor and the Marching Assessment Chairman shall vote only at the November conference meeting~~ The Executive Board will review shortages reported by the chairmen of All-District/All-Regional and All-Virginia Bands and/or Orchestras and All-Virginia Band and Orchestra auditions to determine any financial adjustments the Association is obliged to meet. Action involving a change of procedure will be submitted to the general membership for approval. The executive board shall insure that rules and regulations of the Association are enforced.

*Three types of motions.*

- 1) *The Constitution and its By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at any regular general meeting. Notice of the proposed amendment shall be published in VMEA Notes prior to a mail ballot. A second vote is required by mail ballot requiring a two-thirds majority of the responders.*
- 2) *An Administrative Handbook amendment deals with structural items that significantly change an event; first vote, a simple majority; second vote, two-third mail ballot votes.*
- 3) *A procedural amendment deals with procedural changes; a simple majority, one vote only.*

*Government of this organization shall be vested in the general membership.  
Reminder to please vote with your NAFME membership card.*

Roll Call

Laura Thomas

*Present: Carl Bly, Keith Cottrill, Judy Einuis, Carrie Finnegan, Linda Gammon, Allen Hall, Bud Hearne, Dan Kosko, Andrew Loft, Brandon Neil, Steve Rice, Dan Schoemmell, Stan Schoonover, Keith Taylor, Laura Thomas, Vince Tornello*

Confirmation of Agenda

*Motion to confirm as amended: Linda Gammon, seconded by Stan Schoonover, confirmed.*

Minutes from last meeting (April 5, 2013 Harrisonburg High School)

Laura Thomas

*Posted on line, confirmed.*

Treasurer's Report

Keith Cottrill

*Checking account balance: \$118,642.43  
CD balance: \$13,817.55  
Total: \$132,459.98*

Committee Reports/VBODA Operations

1. VMEA/VBODA Fall Conference - November 21-13, 2013 – Homestead

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- a. *Performing Groups/Clinics: Forest Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade Symphonic Band (H. Farmer); Fairfax HS Wind Ensemble (A. Johnson), Poquoson HS Symphonic Band (D. Spruill), W. Springfield HS Wind Symphony (L. Einuis), Rocky Run Chamber Orchestra (S. Matthie), Robert Frost MS Symphonic Orchestra (K. Thompson), Richmond Symphony Youth Orchestra (E. Freeman), and JMU Orchestra (R. McCashin.)*
- b. *Meetings/Receptions: Double the Reed, Double the Fun (K. Ross), Concert Adjudication Info Training Seminar (VMEA), Student Engagement through Improvisation (Harrisonburg HS/JMU Ensemble), Adjudicating the Band, A Hands on Experience (C. Bly/Battlefield HS), TECH-nique (technology in the classroom) (A. Snead), John Philip Sousa, America's First Rock Star (J. P. Sousa IV), Percussion 101- Welcome Back! (J. Kilkenny), Quality of Life Issues for the Modern Educator (S. Rush), Habits of a Successful Band Director (S. Rush), Clarinet from the Ground Up (C. West),*

*Priority in the String and Orchestra Classroom: Posture, Pulse, Pitch, and Praise (G. Barnes), Orchestra Reading Session (B. Hearne), Playing in Tune: Finger and Tonal Patterns Are Just the Beginning (D. Lyle), Jazz Strings in Your Program (D. Lyle), Are We There Yet? Improving Student Musical Expression in the*

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*Band and Orchestra (D.Zerull), Different Strokes for Different Folks: Differentiation in Orchestra Classrooms (A.Bell), and All-Virginia Jazz Ensemble*

All Virginia Auditions - February 22, 2014 - JMU  
*All same as last year.*

Carrie Finnegan/Steve Rice

2. All Virginia Band & Orchestra Event  
2014 Event: April 3-5, 2014

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Location:

*Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA*

Conductors:

Symphonic Band: *Craig Kirchoff – U. of Minnesota*

Concert Band: *Gary Green – Alfred Watkins – Lassiter HS, Georgia*

Orchestra: *Walt Straiton – Corona Symphony, California*

*Directors will take students off campus for meals.*

2015 Event April 9-11

Location:

*Christopher Newport University – Newport News, VA (Jon Hargis liaison?)*

Conductors:

*Symphonic Band: Gary Green – U. Miami*

*Concert Band: Damon Talley – Shenandoah University*

*Orchestra: Tony Maiello – George Mason University*

3. Orchestra Representative

Carrie Finnegan

*Will save for later*

4. VBODA Marching Band Assessment

Brandon Neal

*Will post e-report*

*Less than 10 judges remain to be hired*

*-All 8 sites hosts are set now: Southeast will be Landstown HS and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend will be at South Lakes HS  
Concerns currently being addressed by committee: Ensure all judges on the list have marching band experience, Judges Training – Formal training before event like VMEAB. -Official legislation on selection of judges -What is the criteria for judges and is it published? Neal directed to purchase 70 digital recorders for MBA. (about \$2800) Should purchase battery-operated units. Will use Dropbox to share judges' evaluations rather than burning CD's. Much discussion re timing of performances (minimum 6", maximum 15"). Site coordinators need to make sure timing requirements are adhered to. Post-Assessment survey (electronic) will be available.*

5. Awards Committee

Jonathan Hargis

*One nominee for Berg award, and one nominee for Fuller award were presented and approved.*

6. Hall of Fame report

Linda Gammon

*a. Motion by Linda Gammon, seconded by Stan Schoonover: **I move that we establish a VBODA Hall of Fame Recognition Award** Discussion of putting this recognition with other awards (Fuller, Berg). Self-nomination okay. Question called by Stan Schoonover **Motion carries.** Will begin June 2014.*

*b. Motion by Dan Schoemmell, seconded by L. Thomas: **I move that we accept the list presented with the addition of two orchestra honorees to be the first class of inductees in the VBODA Hall of Fame this November. Motion carries.***

7. Scholarship Committee

Carl Bly

*2013 recipient (Eric Black) is going to GMU! (First in-state recipient in a few years.)*

8. Manual Committee/Legacy Recording

Stan Schoonover/Dan Kosko

*a. Will post e-report*

*b. Legacy: New All-VA String Orchestra LP's submitted, one cassette. 13-14 manuals. Rob Carroll has digital archives. Time to find a college to do this?*

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- c. *Manual: Most in compliance. Data Summit: consists of data users (Stan S., Art Pittman, Danny K., Larry Einuis) July 29-30. Selective Music List: first a book, then a CD, now a thumb drive. Why don't we put it on the website? Much discussion. Manual not ready for web publication yet. Membership would get more benefit of list being on website. Drop participation fee \$5? Will discuss under budget.*

9. Website Report

Andrew Loft

*Please let Andrew know if something is not working on the website so he can fix it. B. Hearne: Can we put something on the website that explains what the expectations for HomeSchooled students are? Discussion re liability issues. Carrie and Allen will put something together.*

2:30 break

10. All-VA Jazz Ensemble Committee

Allen Hall for Cathy Fisher

*Allison Miller, NYC jazz drummer, will direct*

11. Legislative Liaison Report

Steve King

*Report is on line*

12. Technology summit

Stan Schoonover

*July 29-30, S. Schoonover, A. Pittman, D. Kosko, and L. Einuis will collaborate to form common database.*

Old Business

1. Concert Adjudication Report

Carl Bly

*Session at conference will help.*

2. Sight Reading Committee Report

Diana Love

*No report from D. Love.*

*B. Hearne: We have requested that Tod Parrish write our SR music. Will compose two pieces for \$700. How does this work on the band side? G. Fagan copies and sends to each District, then charges each district. Much discussion over payment logistics.*

3. Manual Revision Report

Denny Stokes

*New sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be emailed to board members for feedback.*

4. Alto Clarinet Motion

*Motion by Steve Rice, seconded by Stan Schoonover:*

***I move that we amend the All-State Band instrumentation to eliminate the two alto clarinet chairs in the the Symphonic Band and replace them with two Bb clarinet chairs AND to eliminate the four alto clarinet chairs in the Concert Band, and replace those chairs with three Bb clarinet chairs and one baritone saxophone chair. Discussion, Friendly amendment. Motion passes.***

New Business

1. General

a. Nominations Committee Report

Doug Armstrong

i. Slate:

1. *President-Elect: Ryan Featherer, Andrew Loft, and David Webb*
2. *Secretary: Laura Mulligan Thomas*
3. *Orchestra Representative: Carrie Finnegan*
4. *Middle School Rep: Judy Einuis*

Will post bios and photos online. Voting will take place onsite at the Homestead.  
Committee recommendations (slate) accepted.

b. 2013-14 Budget

Keith Cottrill

i. *Will post e-report*

*We brought in more funds than expected. Motion to accept budget: S. Schoonover, seconded by S. Rice. Manual Editor should have been increased to \$1400 as per last meeting (amended.)*

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Vince Tornello announced that VMEA has recently voted on a \$5 per event per school fee effective in September 2013. Question called, budget accepted. Judges' Training

Andrew Loft

Moving forward. A. Loft presented draft of Adjudicator's Manual for district reps to review, will post online. Recommend adjudicators have 7 years' experience, with 3 superior ratings in the past 5 years. Much discussion about criterion. Will be gradual implementation; we are suggesting at least one judge on each panel be certified.

2. Orchestra

Motion by C. Finnegan, seconded by Laura M. Thomas:

**I move to establish a regional chairperson, elected by the membership or appointed by the orchestra representative for a minimum two years at the SRO Event starting in 2013.**

**Responsibilities include:**

- chairing the annual SRO auditions and event each year in each region**
- serving as a liaison between the VBODA Orchestra Representative and the orchestral directors of the region**
- communicate information to the web manager, orchestra representative and the president Motion carries.**

Discussion re piano audition at SRO's. We are not auditioning pianists for regional or state orchestras at this time.

3. Band

a. All VA Audition Committees

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i. Percussion

**All-State Auditions Percussion Procedure Review Committee: Tim Rossettini, chair  
Zach Rooksby, J.R. Snow, Larry Correll, Cliff Murray, Mark Collins, and Steve Jacoby**

ii. Winds

**All-State Audition Wind Procedure Review Committee: Laura Cole, chair.  
Kevin Engdahl, Ben Williams, Andrew Snead, Claire Leeper, Gary English, Paul Rosecki  
Duane Costen, and Bill Berg**

Feedback option will be created on our website to get opinions from around the state.

Motion by Steve Rice presented regarding low scores at All-State Auditions. Is this kid going to be good enough to be in an All-State group? Much discussion. Motion withdrawn. Procedure clarified.

Committee Reports: committee chairs please submit reports to secretary electronically/digitally and please submit a list of the members of your committees. Copy the president, secretary and website chair.

Active Committees: Sight Reading, Concert Adjudication, Manual Revision, All-State Percussion Auditions, All-State Wind Auditions

Next Board Meeting: November 21, 2013 – 8 a.m. - Homestead Hotel - Hot Springs, VA

Motion to adjourn by D. Kosko, seconded by S. Schoonover.

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Mulligan Thomas

6/20/13