

VBODA Executive Board Conference Meeting Minutes  
9:00 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013  
The Homestead – Hot Springs, VA

Call to Order Allen Hall

*This meeting is recorded to assist the secretary*

Review of Voting Procedures Steve Rice

Roll Call Laura Thomas

*Present: Steve Rice, Keith Taylor, Keith Cottrill, Scott Lambert, Dan Kosko, Bud Hearne, Rob Carroll, Stan Schoonover, Dwight Leonard, Doug Armstrong, Carl Bly, Steve King, Diana Love, Linda Gammon, Denny Stokes, Brandon Neal, Danny Schoemmell, Laura M. Thomas, Carrie Finnegan, Allen Hall, Andrew Loft.*

Confirmation of Agenda

*Motion to confirm: Scott Lambert; seconded by Dan Kosko, approved.*

Minutes from last meeting (June 19, 2013, Glen Allen High School)

*Motion to approve: Scott Lambert; seconded by Rob Carroll, approved.*

Treasurer's Report Keith Cottrill

*150,765.67 in checking account  
13,817.55 in 15 month CD  
**164,583.22 Total***

Committee Reports/VBODA Operations

1. VMEA/VBODA Fall Conference Allen Hall
  - a. Performing Groups
  - b. Clinics
  - c. Meetings/Receptions

2. Manual Committee/Legacy Recording Stan Schoonover/Dan Kosko
  - a. *Report submitted on paper and electronically*
  - b. *Thumbdrives with Admin Handbook and Selective Music List distributed to board members. Cost about \$2 to produce. D. Kosko: What is the mechanism for holding schools accountable for paying VBODA Participation Fee? Art Pittman sends out list of schools that have paid once per week (sends to District Reps and SRO Chairs.) Should send to Brandon Neale as well. Discussion re term of payment (October 31-Nov. 1? September-September?) We will check wording of original motion.*

3. All Virginia Auditions Carrie Finnegan/Steve Rice

*February 22, 2014 – JMU  
District Reps will have to send a list of who is judging to Steve Rice.  
All-State Orchestra w/b/p eligibility uneven? Rob Carroll: We went w/standard instrumentation for symphony orchestra, not expanded instrumentation. **We need saxophones for All-VA Orchestra this year for Gershwin repertoire. Please tell District Reps and put on website. (Saxophones will need to state preference for band/orchestra or either on registration form.)***

4. All Virginia Band & Orchestra Event Allen Hall

*April 3-5, 2014  
Location: Virginia Tech – Dave McKee/Darrell Pearman, Blacksburg, VA  
Conductors: Symphonic Band: Craig Kirchoff – University of Minnesota  
Concert Band: Alfred Watkins – Lassiter HS, Georgia  
Orchestra: Walt Straiton – Corona Symphony, California  
Hotel rooms reserved.*

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2015 Event April 9-11

*Location:* Christopher Newport University – Dr. Mark Reimer/Jon Hargis, Newport News, VA  
*Conductors:* Symphonic Band: Gary Green – U. Miami  
Concert Band: Damon Talley – Shenandoah University  
Orchestra: Anthony Maiello – George Mason University

5. Orchestra Representative Carrie Finnegan
  - a. *No issues at this time*
  
6. VBODA Marching Band Assessment Brandon Neal

*Positive for first year, submitted surveys. Video recordings: we have copyright issues; will provide copy for director but won't sell to parents. Need new computer, will discuss under new business. B. Neal recommends not to sell VBODA t-shirts; we have a huge surplus, we are bleeding money. No objection from Ex Bd to ceasing production of t-shirts to sell. We have plenty of paper tickets leftover. Do we need to buy jackets every year? No objections from Ex Bd to cease purchase of MBA activewear. D. Schoemmel: We need policy re administrator entrance. MBA committee will discuss. Executive Board sentiment that we should accept VHSL Regional Pass. S. Lambert: BN has done a magnificent job; appreciation expressed.*
  
7. Awards Committee Linda Gammon

*Fuller, Berg, and Hall of Fame awards ready to be presented at meeting tomorrow. Go to website to nominate for next year.*
  
8. Scholarship Committee Carl Bly

*Nothing new, working fine, urge people to send in applications.*
  
9. Technology Committee/Summit Report Stan Schoonover

*Some issues with thumb drives! 2 page report distributed. Technology Summit 8/1-2, 2013. We need File Maker Design training. Do we store in big file and add every year? Server will cost a few hundred dollars; a few hundred more for FM software. Will assign a VBODA number to each school.*
  
10. Website Report Andrew Loft

*Andrew Osbourne has been very quick and helpful in solving website issues. Appreciation expressed to Andrew Loft for his work.*
  
11. All-VA Jazz Ensemble Committee Cathy Fisher

*All good*
  
12. Legislative Liaison Report Steve King

*Bill to which our proposal for Marching Band PE credit was attached got canned. Language already in state code that supports Marching Band as activity that can be counted as PE. Is up to local school board. STEM still predominant priority; we need to make it STEAM!*

Old Business

1. Concert Adjudication Report Carl Bly

*C. Bly: Adjudication Committee can be dissolved; work being done elsewhere.*
  
2. Sight Reading Committee Report Bud Hearne/Diana Love

*D. Love: All good, Gary Fagan will write band sightreading material for Band Concert Assessment again this year. Judges provided positive feedback, minor issues, D. Loves passes on to G. Fagan.  
B. Hearne: Todd Parrish moved to PA, verbal agreement to compose .5 and 1 level sightreading material.*

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New Business

1. General

a. Manual Revision Report

Denny Stokes

*D. Stokes: This manual re-write started four years ago. Began as discussion of putting on website; first re-write of eligibility section, then constitution and by-laws. Now operating on new constitution and by-laws. Does board vote to recommend to membership? 41 pages. Organized by responsibility rather than memo, as previous version. Old manual not bad, some just 70 years old. Appreciation expressed to DS for enormous amount of work.*

**Motion by D. Stokes to accept re-write of manual by ex bd, to be recommended, seconded by D. Schoemmell.**

Call for question by S. Lambert

**Motion passess by unanimous consent.**

2. Budget

Keith Cottrill

*Marching Band committee request for computer okay. Tech budget requests okay. Budgeted \$12,000 for awards; Bale check was \$9K and change Our main sources of income are awards, program fees, and overage from events Marching Band Assessment: KC thought we were going to be \$8 in the whole, but now we are \$3600 in the hole but 2 sites haven't sent gate \$ yet. We should be in the black by about \$1,000. Gross receipts from MBA: about \$57,000 plus about \$10,000. 8<sup>th</sup> site didn't cost us anything, because it brought in \$. BN: Potential to cut costs already in the works. (No t-shirts) This is an event that is outside of VMEA; should be be paying \$5 participation fee? Section 9: VBODA only, not VMEA. Much discussion of whether or not we should be paying \$5 VMEA fee, since this is not a VMEA event. Decision to continue because of insurance. S. Schoonover: Maybe we could adjust ticket price to keep this revenue-neutral. Let Committee take care of this issue.*

a. Solo and Ensemble

*S. Schoonover: Descriptors on back of Concert Assessment. In particular, the word "Dark" is not always applicable. Perhaps use "appropriate" or "warm?"  
D. Stokes: New manual empowers president to make adjustments  
B. Hearne: Are we looking at Solo and Ensemble sheets, too? Yes*

~~b. VMEA Conference~~

3. Orchestra

Carrie Finnegan

a. Regional Orchestra Representative

- i. North Central: Wendy Oesterling*
- ii. North: Aaron Mynes*
- iii. South Central: Laura Mulligan Thomas*
- iv. South East: Mary Dart*

b. Representation from all regions for judging All-State

- i. All-State etudes and excerpts distributed to students at SRO event earlier this month*

c. Review who is eligible for All-State Auditions from SRO

*Proposal to adopt form for Director Absence  
Suggestions to add language from manual re Director Responsibility. Much discussion  
Table until April*

4. Band

- a. All VA Wind Audition Committee  
*Report from Laura Cole: 3 issues with recommendations*  
*Question re FR Horn range (take out word French)*  
*Friendly amendment added.*

Laura Cole

**Recommended Changes to the All-Virginia Wind Auditions:**

- 1) *Extend the required range for the chromatic scale for Horn to F below the staff to B-flat above the staff:  
Rationale: consistency with range of other brass instruments, consistency with upper range necessary to play repertoire. Note: Committee recommended low G below the staff for low range; friendly amendment changed to low F.*
- 2) *Decrease the required range for the chromatic scale for Bass trombone to C below the staff to F above the staff:  
Rationale: accommodate students with only one trigger.*
- 3) *Reduce the tempo requirement for chromatic scale for Bassoon to quarter note = 96.  
Rationale - more realistic and appropriate tempo for instrument.*

**Motion to accept All-Va Wind Audition Committee recommendation by S. Schoonover, seconded by D. Stokes (includes friendly amendment as noted under 1. above.)**

**Motion passes.**

b. Marching Assessment Assistant

**Motion to establish an assistant to the Marching Assessment Chair (at his discretion, in collaboration with the president.) Friendly amendment by DSchoemmell, seconded by B. Hearne.**

Honorarium to be recommended by the committee chair and president.

D. Stokes: Call for question.

**Motion passes.**

- b. All-State Band and Orchestra conductors
  - i. *Please submit suggestions to Allen Hall*
- c. Marching Band

Announcements

Allen Hall

Recognize 1<sup>st</sup> Grammy Music Educator Finalists: Mary Jo West, Glen McCarthy, Steve Vutsinas

*Committee Chairs: Please submit Reports to Secretary electronically/digitally with a list of the members of your committees. Submit to the President, Secretary, and Website Chair.  
Next Board Meeting: April 3, 2013*

**Motion to adjourn by D. Armstrong, seconded by B. Hearne.**  
Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Laura Mulligan Thomas 11/23/13*