

VBODA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
2:30 p.m., Friday, April 4, 2014
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg VA

Call to Order Steve Rice for Allen Hall

Review of Voting Procedures Steve Rice

Roll Call Laura M. Thomas

Present: D. Armstrong, C. Bly, R. Carroll, K. Cottrill, L. Einuis, C. Finnegan, S. King, S. Lambert, A. Loft, D. Love, B. Neal, S. Rice, S. Schoonover, D. Stokes, K. Taylor, L. Thomas

Confirmation of Agenda
Approved

Minutes from last meeting (9 AM, Thursday, November 21, 2013 Hot Springs, VA) Laura M. Thomas
Approved

Treasurer's Report Keith Cottrill
\$122,510.64 in checking account
\$13,834.81 in CD
\$136,345.45 total assets

Committee Reports/VBODA Operations

1. VMEA/VBODA Fall Conference (Norfolk) Steve Rice
Audition recordings due to Linda Gammon by May 1

2. All Virginia Auditions Carrie Finnegan/Steve Rice
February 22, 2014 – JMU

Next year District Reps/SROs will fill-in info on spreadsheet.
Concern re students being asked to leave expensive instruments in unsecured areas.
Tried to have regional representation of judges in each room. Worked well to have district reps/SRO's submit judges. K. Taylor: We need to have a weather back-up plan for All-Virginia Auditions.
We will form committee, headed by S. Rice, to address weather back-up plan for All-Va Auditions.
Discussion re 2 students who auditioned and were accepted to All-Va Band on Eb clarinet but were asked to also play Bb clarinet.
Presentation of info from C. Finnegan re percentage of judges from each orchestral region not proportionate to number of students being sent from each region to audition All-Va Orchestra Auditions. We needed 28 judges. SE Region not sending enough judges for the number of students they send. S. Rice: Let's come up with a plan for the June meeting. C. Finnegan: This is the plan. S. Schoonover: Concern over size of rooms we are using for auditions; let's ask Scott Ridders about options. C. Finnegan: Concern over judges taking lunch break for 30 min after students already brought downstairs to audition space; students were instructed not to play and got cold. Affected 20 students. This is an operational issue, will address.

2015 Auditions at JMU again next year unless another university steps up with facilities and volunteers.

3. All Virginia Band & Orchestra Event Steve Rice
Darryl Pearman, Dave McKee, Polly Middleton, and Andrew Putnam did a great job. Can we cover Darryl's meals?
T. Rossetini: We should provide room monitors when All-Va students go on break; lots of expensive instruments are being left unattended.

2015 Event April 9-11

Location: Christopher Newport University (confirmed) *Doug Spruill will serve as site host.*

Conductors: Symphonic Band: Lawrence Stoffel

Concert Band: Damon Talley – Louisiana State University

Orchestra: Anthony Maiello, George Mason University

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L. Thomas: Reminder that 2 premiere ensembles (All-Va Orchestra and All-Va Symphonic Band) should be assigned the preferred rehearsal spaces at the All-Virginia event. The second All-Va Band (Concert Band) is assigned the 3rd rehearsal space, even if it is offsite. All 3 ensembles get rehearsal time on stage. This weekend, both bands got 7 hours on stage; the orchestra got 2.5 hours. S. Rice: To be fair, you rotate all three ensembles' rehearsal space equitably. L. Thomas: This is not correct. When the second All-Va Band was added years ago, the membership voted that the 2 premiere ensembles (All-Va Orchestra and All-Va Symphonic Band) should continue to be assigned the preferred rehearsal spaces. Much discussion re accidental references to All-Virginia Band rather than All-Va Band and Orchestra this weekend.

2016 Event April 7-9

Location: George Mason University (ten)

Conductors: Symphonic Band: Col. Michael J. Colburn, USMC

Concert Band: Greg Bimm, Marion Catholic High School

Orchestra: tba

4. Orchestra Representative Carrie Finnegan
5. VBODA Marching Band Assessment Committee Brandon Neal
5 sites confirmed, all judges penciled in. Millbrook not hosting this year. Monticello?
6. Awards Committee Linda Gammon
7. Scholarship Committee Carl Bly
See report online. Will present at concert tomorrow. Need more nominations.
8. Legislative Report Steve King
Homeschool bill was defeated again this year.
9. Manual Committee/Legacy Recording Stan Schoonover/Dan Kosko
*See report online.
\$1400 stipend to Manual Distribution Manager hasn't been paid
3 recommendations, will take care of under "Business"
Legacy: VBODA will be 75 years old next year, could we do a display of our history at Conference? Could advertise in Notes.*
10. Website Report Andrew Loft/Mike Hackbarth
*Mike Hackbarth doing much of the website coding. Can put legacy recordings on line.
Andrew Loft: I know this is radical, but could we return to a paper manual? Could do a one-time download of manual. Will discuss in June.*
11. All-VA Jazz Ensemble Committee Cathy Fisher
Cathy Fisher and Dennis Weaver leaving the profession, Steve Turner will take over.

Old Business

1. Concert Adjudication Report Carl Bly
*Back of rating sheet needs to be printed and provided to adjudicators for their use with each group being heard. (rubric)
D. Love: VMEA says what we are using is not a true rubric; should we include scoring, or change what we call it?*
2. Sight Reading Committee Report Diana Love
String Sightreading Committee report issued, see online. Todd Parrish wrote .5 and 1 SR; other music selected by Music Grading Committee at Conference. No full orchestra SR this year (none came from publishers); full orchestras read string sightreading. Manual Committee Chair and Editor will choose full orchestra sight-reading if none is selected by the grading committee.
3. Manual Revision Report Denny Stokes
*New Operations section is approved; effective as of June 18.
Section 1: Constitution and By-Laws, Section 2: Administration; Sections 3-9 Operational.*

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New Business

1. General

a. Adjudicators' Training

Andrew Loft

Adjudicators Manual is in development. High participation in adjudicators' training this morning, went well. Mostly band folks (80+? 5-6 string people.) Not using term "certify;" the term is "trained." Further sessions will be offered in June and November.

2. Orchestra

Carrie Finnegan

a. Orchestra Assessment Sightreading Committee

Bud Hearne

See Old Business no. 2 above.

Discussion re Concert Assessment issues this year; at what point can you declare your group is going "Comments Only?" Ask president for ruling.

*Can we post a survey online to ask for feedback re All-Virginia event this weekend? Yes
Discussion re pay for All-Virginia conductors. We will ask VMEA to raise to \$2,000.*

Motion by S. Schoonover, seconded by D. Stokes to accept recommendation from String Sightreading Committee, passed.

3. Band

a. All-VA Percussion Audition Review Committee final report

Tim Rossettini

See committee report online.

In 2013, the average percussion audition took 14 minutes;

In 2014 the average took 10:30.

Entire percussion process took 90 minutes less this year than last.

Motion by Stan Schoonover, seconded by Scott Lambert: I move to accept the Percussion Committee Report as represented. Passed unanimously.

b. Commission work for the VBODA 75th Anniversary

Stan Schoonover

Form committee to look into it, Allen Hall, Andrew Loft and Carrie Finnegan will serve, bring back report for June meeting.

Sid Berg Collection is housed at ODU

c. Manual Committee Recommendations:

i. Put whole Music Guide, VBODA Directory, and Administrative Handbook on the website for 2014-15.

ii. Pay Manual Distribution Chair the \$1400 he is due

iii. Convene a 2nd "Data Summit"

***Motion by Rob Carroll, seconded by Stan Schoonover to accept Recommendation #1 from the Manual Committee
Diana Love: Table.***

Motion by Rob Carroll, seconded by Keith Taylor: I move to accept Recommendations #2 and #3 from the Manual Committee. Passes unanimously.

Motion by Stan Schoonover, seconded by Denny Stokes, that we begin a commissioning project in conjunction with VBODA's 75th anniversary next year. Rescinded.

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Announcements

- a. Committee Report Steve Rice
 - iv. Committee chairs, please submit reports to secretary electronically/digitally
 - v. Please submit a list of the members of your committees to president, secretary, website chair
- b. Congratulations to our Music For All National Festival Performers- Oscar F. Smith HS Orchestra, Hickory HS Band, James W. Robinson HS Band, JEB Stuart HS Band.
- c. Congratulations to our Honor Band directors and schools (to be read at general meeting)

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 18, 1PM at Glen Allen HS
(10700 Staples Mill Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060)