

**VBODA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**8 a.m., Chesapeake Room, Thursday, November 20, 2014**  
**Marriott, Norfolk, VA**

Call to Order Steve Rice  
*8:18 a.m.*

Review of Voting Procedures Andrew Loft

Roll Call Laura Mulligan. Thomas  
*Present: D. Armstrong, C. Bly, R. Carroll, C. Finnegan, A. Hall, J. Hargis, B. Hearne, S. King, D. Kosko, S. Lambert, A. Loft, B. Neal, S. Rice, D. Schoemmell, S. Schoonover, D. Stokes, K. Taylor, L.M. Thomas, V. Tornello, S. Turner*  
*Absent: J. Einuis, J. Elgin, D. Leonard, D. Love*

Confirmation of Agenda Steve Rice  
*Confirmed*

Minutes from last meeting (June 18, Glen Allen, VA) Laura Mulligan. Thomas  
*Posted online at vboda.org*  
*Minutes approved*

**General Reports**

Treasurer's Report Steve Turner  
*Total income: \$107,738.11*  
*Total expenses: \$57,311.38*  
*15 Mo CD: \$13,834.81*  
*Checking: \$129,326.38*  
*Savings: \$24,922.30*  
*Total assets: \$168,083.49*

VBODA Operations

1. VMEA/VBODA Fall Professional Development (AKA Conference) Steve Rice

2. All Virginia Auditions Carrie Finnegan/Andrew Loft  
February 28, 2015 – JMU  
*Same as last year*

3. All Virginia Band & Orchestra Steve Rice

2015 Event April 9-11  
Location: Christopher Newport University  
Conductors:  
Symphonic Band: Dr. Lawrence Stoffel, California State University, Northridge  
Concert Band: Dr. Damon Talley – LSU  
Orchestra: Dr. Anthony Maiello, George Mason University  
*All meals on campus*  
*Three great rehearsal spaces, good space for breakout sessions. S. Rice, A. Loft, C. Finnegan, and D. Spruill led on tour of facilities by CNU music directors Mark Reimer, J. Lynn Thompson, and John Lopez.*

2016 Event April 7-9  
Location: George Mason University  
Conductors:  
Orchestra: Kathleen Horvath, Case Western  
Concert Band: Greg Bimm, Marion Catholic High School  
Symphonic Band: Col. Michael J. Colburn, USMC (ret.)

2017 Event April 6-8  
Location: Richmond  
Conductors:  
Symphonic Band: Gary Green – U. Miami  
Concert Band:

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4. Orchestra Representative Carrie Finnegan  
*Will present under New Business*

**Committee Reports**

1. VBODA Marching Band Assessment Committee Brandon Neal  
*Will meet tomorrow. Will add longer time slots for larger bands (for transition time, not performance time). Will discuss turf and grass; had ½ and ½ this year. Set pay to be consistent regardless of number of bands last year. Manual says up to 30-40 bands per site, discuss--maybe drop the 8<sup>th</sup> site to make equitable? Concerns about general effect—split into 2 sheets? Some people want more effect—based. Need action items for April meeting if we are going to change. D. Schoemmell: Who authorized change in raising pay for judges? Several people said we voted at the Homestead. Minutes don't reflect a vote. Was this in committee report? D. Schoemmell: \$20,800 expenditure, needs to be justified and backed up.*

**Motion by Denny Stokes, seconded by Scott Lambert:**

***I move to pay the marching band judges along the guidelines that the MBA Chair Brandon Neal used this year (i.e., accept the recommendations of the marching band committee.). Friendly amendment: Pay \$400 flat fee for host and coordinator.***

***Motion passes unanimously.***

2. Awards Committee Linda Gammon  
*Will present Hall of Fame, Sid Berg, and Phil Fuller awards at general meeting tomorrow. D. Schoemmell: We overlooked Phil Fuller; would like to add him to first class if possible. S. Rice: Will be action item (at end of meeting.)*
3. Scholarship Committee Carl Bly  
*All fine, will meet this weekend. Will send checks asap, all fine.*
4. Legislative Report Steve King  
*Read my article in notes. Homeschool, marching band activity are 'hot' items of discussion. Next General Session starts up in January. Last year the GA reduced 5 SOL tests, but required school divisions to develop other tests. Accountability is a big issue. Short session this time, 45 days. Please encourage parents, etc. to get on bandwagon to stay alert; things happen fast, check VMEA website. Appreciate your support.*
5. Manual Committee Dan Kosko  
*455 tunes to review Saturday (175 orchestra, 280 band) Results will be posted on website by M. Hackbarth very soon after conference. 1,003 Program Participation Fees collected so far. 1025-30 expected. \$43,810 collected to date. In 2013, we collected 1,054; last year 1038. Held second Data Summit in August, just finished FileMaker volume licensing requirements, while utilize a 15-day free trial, looking for server-based solution. Will be like a website, will incur fee, will bring to board. Will host directory file, graded music, auditions database. Long range goal—use tablets in the room. Will field test this December. D. Schoemmell: So we buy tablets? S. Schoonover: Not ready for that yet.*
6. Legacy Recording Stan Schoonover  
*Report submitted to L. M. Thomas. Will bring old manuals, recordings, etc. to All-State event this year, will set up table w/headphones. Can we put All-Va programs online? S. Schoonover: would be happy to start that. Need legacy tab on website, not structured yet. B. Hearne: Listing of titles we played was on old website; what happened to that?*
7. Website Report Mike Hackbarth  
*A. Loft: Format manual coming. We can send mass emails. Pretty good search engine. Email addresses come from NAfME, members can edit on website under profile.*
8. All-VA Jazz Ensemble Committee Steve Turner  
*13 audition sites, 160 students auditioned, 43 schools, committee may review sightreading, Harry doing a great job. D. Schoemmell: Add second band and another site? Stand-alone event? So much interest and popularity. K. Taylor:*

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9. Solo and Ensemble Adjudication Report (formerly Concert Adjudication) Carl Bly  
*We need new members, good representation from all areas on this committee—winds, percussion, strings. S. Rice: Can we revive interest? Secondary purpose: revise scoresheets. S. Lambert: concern re pop music.*
10. Sight Reading Committee Report Band Diana Love  
*Report submitted electronically. L. M. Thomas read recommendations, including adding a mission statement. (See committee report posted online for recommendations.) These are action items, will revisit at the end of the meeting.*
11. Sight Reading Committee Report Orchestra Tina Hans  
*Todd Parish is writing grade ½ and 1 sightreading. We recommend grade 2-3 pieces written this year. Orchestra will need the following sightreading from the committee: String Orchestra grades: 2,3,4 and Full Orchestra grades 2, 3 and 4: Action items: Can we get rubrics for 2, 3, 4 5? B. Hearne: We have a draft. Can we put it on the website? Much discussion on Full Orchestra SR availability (not much.)*
12. All Virginia Band & Orchestra Event 2014 web survey Andrew Loft  
*13 responses to survey; A. Loft will put it together and email to you. General response: concern about rehearsal space, people liked meal options, concern about structure of concert, and about using guest soloist. We can do surveys any time.*

Recess

**Old Business**

1. General

- a. Judges' Training: Andrew Loft  
*38 attended last night, so now 120 have attended training. Thanks to VBODA and VMEA for financial backing of judges' training, may expand to judges' training for MBA, Jazz Ensemble. General feedback has been good.*
- b. All-Virginia Workshops Allen Hall  
*Deadline for submission: mid-January. Could have up to 14. Space for adjudicator training. Thanks to John Lopez, Steve Turner, Doug Spruill in helping to line up rooms. Still just an idea; need board approval. CPR? Sponsorship? D. Stokes: We don't have sponsorships currently, not appropriate? C.Bly: Contact fire department for CPR training, will do at no cost. K. Taylor: Okay to sponsor, but we can't give anything in return.*

***Motion to approve Committee's Recommendations to provide workshops at the 2015 All-Virginia Event.***

***Motion passes unanimously.***

- c. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission Orchestra Carrie Finnegan  
*Included in discussion under "d." below*
- d. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission Band Allen Hall  
*Seeking co-sponsorship to defray costs. S. Lambert: suggested amounts? C. Bly: Perhaps create categories for giving, as you would see in an orchestra or ballet program. Don't limit amounts. D. Schoemmel: VMEA exhibitors pay \$340 for booth. D.Kosko: \$2500 first piece, Brian Balmages will write grade VI piece for \$6500. He suggested he write a full orchestra piece for a total of \$10K. General consensus against going with the full orchestra option. Michael Oare piece—grade 3 for band and orchestra also coming our way. Mason Bates is the composer for the 2017 All-Va commission. All three composers have ties to Virginia.*

***Motion by S. Lambert, seconded by S. King to appoint Allen Hall to decide amounts of sponsorship gifts. Amended by S. Lambert that A. Hall determine names of categories of giving.***

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- e. Addendums (checklists) for the VBODA Handbook Steve Rice  
*Moving slowly. Hopefully we have these in place for next meeting at All-State. We need to edit and put handbook in a more searchable handbook. Mary Beth Hall offered to edit.*  
*Preface given to A. Loft last June—Section I is Constitution /Bylaws. Section I is not online.*  
*A. Hall will find on his computer, send to D. Kosko, put on line by Dec. 1.*
- f. Orchestra Carrie Finnegan  
*All-Virginia Etude/excerpt rotation 2 distributed at SROs last weekend. Committee meeting today to develop rotation 3 and 4.*
- g. Band  
*a. Eb Soprano Clarinet motion (tabled in June)*

**Motion by Linda Gammon, seconded by Carl Bly: I move to that we make the All-Virginia Eb Clarinet auditions parallel the English Horn procedure, beginning with the 2015 All-Virginia Auditions. Students who qualify for Bb Clarinet may be asked to play Eb; there will be no designated Eb part.**

**Motion tabled (again.)**

*Motion brought back for discussion. D. Stokes: the method in which we select players is not in the manual. Instrumentation is. So this is a constitutional issue. Wording important, needs to address methodology. V.Tornello: rather than reinventing wheel, if conductor doesn't want an Eb clarinet, or music doesn't call, that person sits in on the Clar III part. B. Hearne: We would know this before the audition. This year orchestra does not need Eb. A. Loft: Instrumentation is in manual. Gives me concern. S. Schoonover: Move to call question. The chair will call.*

**Motion defeated**

**Motion by Carrie Finnegan, seconded by Scott Lambert:**

**I move that we change the wording in manual Section VII, no. 6 to reflect all instrumentation rather than just Orchestra Instrumentation.**

*Discussion: D. Armstrong: Wouldn't this require other changes, such as eligibility? S. Rice: Five districts send Eb clarinets. S. Lambert: I think Eb clarinet can be filled by the Bb section, so why list it? Extended discussion.*

**Motion defeated. Refer to committee. (A. Loft)**

**New Business**

1. Orchestra Carrie Finnegan  
*Some comments have been sent to me about redistricting including some regarding separating viable orchestra programs into separate districts making it near impossible to have a district or Junior Regional Orchestra. Will take these comments and a new redistricting and re-regioning proposal to VMEA committee.*
2. Band Andrew Loft  
*Mike Horanski spearheading All-Va Band, Chorus, Orchestra event. Brainstorming: D.Armstrong: Not a good idea—share band/chorus kids who can do both. Looking at Altria Theater, J. W. Marriott, make a stellar experience in great concert hall, all directors be together, visibility at state level, dignitaries invited to speak at the concert. Looked at it collaboratively. Ex Bd vote taken in June to support. D. Stokes: What if B, O, C all came up with priorities, needs, processes, looked at commonalities, try to accommodate all. V. Tornello: Have we asked the membership? Need to get the membership involved. Survey?*

**Motion by Allen Hall, seconded by Carrie Finnegan: I move that we create a survey to ask membership how they feel about the proposed combined All-Virginia Event.**

*C.Bly: Could there be a place for comments? J. Hargis: Survey could be scaled. S. Rice: We need to move quickly*

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**Motion carries.**

*Committee to create survey question: L. M. Thomas, J. Hargis, D. Armstrong*  
*L.M. Thomas: Charlottesville High School can host 2017 All-State if needed.*

3. Action items from committees

**Motion by Stan Schoonover, seconded by Keith Taylor:**

*I move to include Phillip J. Fuller in the 1<sup>st</sup> class to be enrolled in the VBODA Hall of Fame.*

**Motion passes.**

**Motion by Doug Armstrong, seconded by Bud Hearne:**

***The VBODA Orchestra Representative shall be added to the president's committee under the relevant section of the VBODA constitution (Article III, section 2)***

*Discussion. Article III, section 2 read. S. Schoonover: This is a constitutional change.*

**Motion passes. Will recommend to the membership tomorrow.**

**Motion by Stan Schoonover, seconded by Dan Kosko:**

***I move that VBODA instruct our President and any other VBODA voting members of the VMEA board to vote in the negative concerning the plan to re-district VMEA and its sections.***

*Discussion: S. Rice has had negative feedback from several districts re current proposal. Problems re facilities, geographical issues, others to be taken into consideration. C. Finnegan: VMEA Committee asked for feedback a year ago; only two districts responded.*

**Motion Amended by S. Schoonover:**

***We request that the President request that this process be elongated to allow for input and discussion***

**Motion passes.**

**Announcements**

Music For All National Concert Band Festival Bands

Steve Rice

Featured Bands

Lake Braddock Secondary School, Mike Luley Director

McLean High School Symphonic Band, Chris Weise

Invited Band

Yorktown High School Symphonic Band, Brian Bersh

Sandy Feldstein Music For All National Percussion Festival

Yorktown Percussion Ensemble, Brian Bersh

Steve Rice

Committee Reports

1. Committee chairs, please submit reports to secretary electronically/digitally
2. Please submit a list of the members of your committees to president, secretary, website chair

Next Board Meeting: Friday All-VA event Christopher Newport University

**Motion by V. Tornello, seconded by A. Hall to adjourn**

**Motion adjourned, 10:55 a.m.**

*Respectfully submitted by Laura Mulligan Thomas, November 23, 2014.*