

**VBODA Executive Board Meeting**  
**Thursday November 19, 2015 • 8 A.M.**  
**Chesapeake Room Marriott Norfolk, Virginia**

Call to Order Steve Rice  
*8:10 a.m.*

Review of Voting Procedures Andrew Loft  
*This needs to be updated to reflect that the Marching Band Chair and the Manual Chair do not vote any longer. Find the updated script in Ex Bd minutes last year.*

Roll Call Laura M. Thomas

*Board members present: Doug Armstrong, Carl Bly, Rob Carroll, Carrie Finnegan, Linda Gammon, Allen Hall, Jonathan Hargis, Steve King, Dan Kosko, Scott Lambert, Andrew Loft, Brandon Neal, Steve Rice, Dan Schoemmell, Stan Schoonover, Denny Stokes, Keith Taylor, Laura Mulligan Thomas, Vince Tornello, Steve Turner. Also present: Sharon Jeanes, Christina Hans, Darrell Pearman, Paul Shoremont.*

Minutes from last meeting (Alexandria, VA) Laura M. Thomas  
*Online, approved*

**GENERAL REPORTS**

Treasurer's Report Steve Turner

*Cash and Bank Accounts:*  
*15 Month CD: \$13,855.56*  
*Checking 6957: \$115,899.63*  
*Savings 6949: \$24,797.50*  
*PayPal: \$3,917.26*  
  
***Total: \$158,469.95***

VBODA Operations

1. VMEA/VBODA Fall Professional Development Linda Gammon

2. All Virginia Auditions Andrew Loft  
February 27, 2016 – JMU

3. All Virginia Band & Orchestra Steve Rice

2016 Event April 7-9

Location: George Mason University

Orchestra: Kathleen Horvath, Case Western

Concert Band: Greg Bimm, Marion Catholic High School

Symphonic Band: Col. Michael J. Colburn, USMC (ret.)

*Don Magee: VBODA Host on site*

*Steve Rice visited all three rehearsal spaces and measured them.*

*Mr. Turner has a budget for the All-VA event so that we keep accurate track of expenditures.*

2017 Event April 6-8      Location: James Madison University  
Symphonic Band: Gary Green – U. Miami  
Concert Band: Jamie Nix, Columbus State  
Orchestra: Anthony Maiello

*Steve Rice visited all three rehearsal spaces and measured them. Need 50' by 40' for rehearsals. One a bit small but should work.*

2018 Event April 5-7      Location: TBA *Should know by All-Virginia Event 2015*  
Symphonic Band: Peter Boonshaft Hofstra  
Concert Band: Rob Carnochan, University of Miami  
Orchestra: TBA

*Carl Bly: Discussion re guest conductor selection. Announce in General Meeting tomorrow that all members may suggest guest conductors.*

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. All-VA Jazz Ensemble Committee Steve Turner  
*Two ensembles for the first time this year; 19 students in each. Concert at 10:30 Saturday in Marriott Ballroom. Guest conductors Chris Vadala and Bryan Kidd.*
2. Awards Committee Linda Gammon  
*Dan Schoemmel: Discussion re requiring being retired for five years before for consideration for Hall of Fame, plus three signatures. This suggestion was sent back to committee to tighten language for April meeting.*
3. Judges' Training Sharron Jeanes  
*Thirty people participated in training last night. Will also be offered at All-Virginia. All who have attended training session are reminded to complete their final project.*
4. Legacy Recording Rob Carroll  
*Still looking for recordings listed on website.*
5. Legislative Report Steve Rice  
*Possible Charter School push this year. We need someone to replace Steve King in this position!*
6. Manual Committee Dan Kosko  
*Stan Schoonover: Our name will likely be changed by the end of this meeting. We are a bit behind on fees collected but expect about 1,000 total programs will pay fees. Slightly less than 10% of schools used PayPal to pay fees. A few tech glitches. We have 500 new pieces to evaluate this Saturday by grading committee. We will not include "Build a Band" arrangements, as they are difficult to judge. Administrative Handbook has been edited for clarity and organization by Merry Beth Hall (thank you!) Directory is now being updated on website by District Reps.*
7. Marching Band Assessment Committee Brandon Neal  
*164 bands and 13,000 students participated this year. Brandon is stepping down as chair due to professional and personal responsibilities. Marching Band Assessment Committee meeting at 5:15 p.m. today. Committee will continue to evaluate sites. Committee wants broad representation—age, experience, region. Steve Rice: We will announce this opening and will ask interested persons to submit resumes to Andrew Loft. Doug Armstrong: Can we have a separate scoresheet for show bands? Maybe we need to be more inclusive.*

8. Scholarship Committee Carl Bly  
*Carrying on, nothing new. If you nominate someone, follow them through the process.*
9. Sight Reading Committee Report Band Diana Love  
*Gary Fagan is writing the sightreading material.*
10. Sight Reading Committee Report Orchestra Tina Hans  
*String Orchestra material will be composed by Todd Parrish. The committee came up with parameters. Full orchestra sightreading will be selected by grading committee on Saturday.*
11. Strategic Plan Committee Allen Hall  
*Working on All-Virginia workshops. Will provide leadership training at All-Virginia. If you have ideas for workshops, e-mail Allen Hall. Re-name PDF file online: Administrative Handbook. (LMT note 11/30: done)*
12. Website Report Mike Hackbarth  
*Michael Hackbarth doing a wonderful job on the website. VBODA owns 6 iPads, can use for All-Va Auditions, should keep adding. We think we have all school names in Database accurately at this point. Have added SRO slots for All-VA Band and Orchestra Auditions.*  
*VT: Discussion re inventory. Steve Turner has the inventory; Vince says we can depreciate computer, office machinery.*

### Recess

#### Free Discussion

1. Time commitment for students in District Band or Orchestra, Regional Orchestra, All-VA Ensembles:
  - a. *Consensus that we will continue to require all students to be at 100% of the rehearsals for district, regional and state events*
2. Scale requirements for auditions
  - a. *Discussion re number of octaves required; what if a kid plays an extra octave? What if one kid plays 3 octaves perfectly and the next plays 4 badly. Much discussion about equity. **We will send this issue to committee.** Look at the scoring of major scales and possibly chromatic scales (in terms of range.)*
3. Marching Band
  - a. *Scott Lambert: Did we change our criteria for adjudicators? Same adjudicators going to same sites. Concerns re transparency of selection of adjudicators. Communication not timely. We need equity. We need to look at communication and transparency.*
  - b. *Dan Schoemmel: 33 bands one place, 8 at others. Maybe we go back to regional organization. Vince Tornello: Does the committee ever get input from participating bands? Brandon Neal: Yes; every single participating director gets a feedback form and is asked for suggestions for adjudicators. Andrew Loft: There was at least 1 out-of-state adjudicator on every panel. Steve Rice: Why did we move away from a state championship? Vince Tornello: Concensus came back after 5<sup>th</sup> year that people wanted a festival only; there were enough competitive events out there already.*

### Old Business

1. General
  - a. All-Virginia Workshops Allen Hall  
*See above under "Strategic Plan Committee"*

- b. 75th Anniversary Commission Orchestra Carrie Finnegan  
*Brian Balmages is writing a grade 6 string piece for this year's event*
- c. 75th Anniversary Commission Band Andrew Loft  
*David Maslanka has been commissioned. Can we solicit donations again?*
2. Revisions for VBODA Handbook Steve Rice  
*If you are responsible for one of the addendums, please complete asap.*
3. Job Descriptions Steve Rice  
*We pay 13 people to do things; deadline for job descriptions by the end of this calendar year.*
4. Adjudication Grandfathering Dan Schoemmell  
***Dan Schoemmell: I move that we grandfather 'trained' adjudicators who meet specified criteria.***  
***Seconded by Scottie Lambert***  
***Discussion***  
***Motion failed.***  
*S. Jeanes: We can only say that we have gone through the training. No need to grandfather.*  
*This was not approved.*  
*Announce tomorrow at General Meeting that we are not going to grandfather adjudicators.*
5. Reimbursement Guidelines Steve Turner  
***Denny Stokes: I move to accept the Treasurer's recommendations for reimbursement;***  
***clarification to be presented in April.***  
***Seconded by: Rob Carroll***  
***Discussion***  
***Motion passes***
6. Section 3 Language realignment Stan Schoonover  
*Recommend editorial update to reflect what we call "Administrative Handbook" rather than "Manual," "Publication and Fees Manager" rather than "Manual Editor," etc. Discussion re whether or not this is a constitutional change.*  
***Stan Schoonover: I recommend that we adopt the recommended changes to Section 3 of the Administrative Handbook.***  
***Dan Kosko: Seconded***  
***Discussion***  
***Motion will be recommended to General Membership tomorrow.***
7. Orchestra Carrie Finnegan  
 a. Section VI Regional Orchestra  
*Regions will remain as they stand currently (N, NC, SC, SE)*
8. Band Andrew Loft  
 a. Section X All-VA Jazz  
*New section of Administrative Handbook presented*

### New Business

1. Orchestra Carrie Finnegan
2. Band Andrew Loft
3. Action items from committees

## **Announcements**

MFA National Concert Band Festival

West Springfield High School Wind Symphony

Eric Hoang, Director

*Homestead reservations available online on February 1. No availability? Contact Melissa Scott.*

## **Committee Reporting**

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
3. VBODA inventory and contracts go to Steve Turner

*Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.*

***Remind Steve tomorrow that we are seeking financial support for the commissions. Rename Consortium? Carl Bly will craft a letter for potential donors.***