

VBODA Executive Board Meeting
Thursday April 8, 2016 2:30 P.M.
George Mason University

Call to Order

Steve Rice

2:31 p.m.

Review of Voting Procedures

Andrew Loft

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 required electronic vote. Two-thirds' majority of the e-vote responders are required for approval.

2) An Administrative Handbook amendment deals with structural items that significantly change an event; first vote requires a simple majority to pass; second vote requires a two-thirds majority e-ballot vote to pass.

3) A Procedural Amendment deals with procedural changes; a simple majority is required to pass; one vote only.

Voting members of the Executive Board include the Elected Officers, the Treasurer, the Orchestra Director Emeritus, and Past Presidents in good standing. Committee Chairs (who are not included in the aforementioned list) are not voting members of the board. The Executive Board will review shortages reported by the Chairs 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.

Roll Call

Laura M. Thomas

Board members present: Carl Bly, Jack Elgin, Carrie Finnegan, Linda Gammon, Allen Hall, Jonathan Hargis, Bud Hearne, Dan Kosko, Andrew Loft, Steve Rice, Stan Schoonover, Denny Stokes, Keith Taylor, Laura Thomas, Grayson Fore

Minutes

Laura M. Thomas

Approved with amended paragraph re voting procedures as stipulated above

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GENERAL REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Steve Turner

Cash and Bank Accounts

<i>15 Month CD</i>	<i>\$13,855.56</i>
<i>Checking 6957</i>	<i>\$110,432.54</i>
<i>Savings 6949</i>	<i>\$24,752.90</i>
<i>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</i>	<i>\$149,041.00</i>

VBODA Operations

1. VMEA/VBODA Fall Professional Development Linda Gammon
 - a. *The Homestead is sold out with a waiting list. 30 houses are also reserved. 175 proposals for clinics were submitted; notification is mid-June. Please encourage all to apply to bring a performing or clinic group.*

2. All-Virginia Auditions Andrew Loft
 - a. *Smooth, clarinets done by 4 p.m.! Current process is the most efficient to date. Tim Rossettini: All-Va Percussion Committee discussed grade IV and requirement for 4 mallets—this is what the All-Va rep requires. Many thanks to Scott Ridders and Steven Bolstat at JMU for their assistance. VBODA President-Elect Doug Spruill will take over the Chair of the All-Virginia Auditions next year.*

3. All-Virginia Event Steve Rice

Mr. Loft and Mr. Magee have done a great job of check-in and getting kids into bands and orchestras. Managers have done a fantastic job. Professor Kilkenny has been a gracious host. One of strongest All-Virginia events we have had. The strength of this event is reflective of processes in place. Mike Horansky is going to talk to us about doing All-Virginia in Richmond in 2018. Ms. Finnegan and SR toured facilities in Richmond, great possibilities, contract signed for four years with an 'opt-out' option after two.

Carrie Finnegan: Don Magee would like a committee of 6 managers plus percussion managers to take place at conference, meeting after auditions, and at event. Incoming president can appoint in June. Assumes we will identify managers ahead of time. Andrew Loft will appoint committee.

2017 Event

Location: James Madison University

Orchestra: Anthony Maiello, George Mason University

Concert Band: Jamie Nix, Columbus State

Symphonic Band: Gary Green, University of Miami

2018 Event

Location Richmond: Center Stage (With VCDA)

Orchestra: TBA

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Concert Band: Rob Carnochan, University of Miami
Symphonic Band: Peter Boonshaft, Hofstra

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All-Virginia Jazz

Steve Turner

Homestead will present some challenges with two groups; committee has looked at options, including rehearsing at JMU, then moving to Homestead. May start on Tuesday, rehearse Wed, concert mid-afternoon Thursday. Would not increase cost; may even be less.

Awards

Linda Gammon

We are presenting an award tomorrow that didn't get presented at Conference. Applications are up, accepted through June 1. Look at VMEA awards as well, due July 1. Meet at June board meeting (VBODA), VMEA meets in Sept to determine awards

Judges Training

Rob Carroll

Andrew Loft for Sharon Jeannes. 8th adjudicator training session held this morning. 30 participants. More than 200 have participated to date. Currently revamping final project submission process to utilize Dropbox. Will continue to offer this training. Bud Hearne: What is the board's sense of enforcing the manual rules, i.e. "no audience in the sightreading room" and "No copied scores?" Andrew Loft: How do we enforce? Extended discussion re copied scores, parts, sightreading in front of an audience, etc. Discussion re "comments only" in Administrative Handbook if directors provide copied scores without publisher permission.

Linda Gammon will post spreadsheet with assessment results, regional and district band programs and guest conductors on the VMEA website.

Add to agenda: Mike Horansky: (President of VCDA) arrived and spoke about combining All-Virginia Chorus, Orchestra, and Band. Carpenter Theater was visited by MH, CF, SR, and AL. Carpenter Theater is within 2 block radius of convention center and hotels. MH's term expires July 1, 2016 so is willing to be the point person to make this happen. Presentation re logistics of mass-hosted event; details TBA. Stan Schoonover: Should refer to All-Virginia Committee. Date of event is April 5-7, 2018.

Andrew Loft; I move that we begin the discussions for combined All-Virginia Chorus, Band, and Orchestra Event in April 2018 as per Mike Horansky.

Second: Bud Hearne

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Legacy Recording

Rob Carroll

Steve Rice for Rob Carroll: We now have all manuals (Administrative Handbooks) from 1950's to current CDs (thanks to Wayne Powell.)

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Legislative Report

Steve Rice

Linda Gammon: 3 person committee from VMEA fulfilling this role

Marching Assessment

Grayson Fore

Committee met last night. Registration online, opens May 1. All payments made by Aug 1, or you lose your spot. 24 bands at each sight. Late through Sept 22, late fee \$100. Host will have some leeway to adjust suggested budget. May 1: Judges that have signed contracts will be posted on website. Events will start no earlier than 10 am. District 8 wants to host their own district event in 2017. Will bring back info to June meeting for board to discuss. Will come up with written documentation of current practices.

JR Snow and Tim Rossettini are going to write a draft of the MBA personnel (job descriptions.)

Grayson Fore is head of MBA Committee. JR Snow is doing winter/spring work (hiring judges, etc.) Martin Blount is going to handle fall nuts and bolts of preparing sites (recorders, etc.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

Publications and Fees

Dan Kosko

Newly named committee.

Newly voted-in wording (re Section 3) needs to be changed in Admin Handbook online.

Bud: I move to accept Committee's recommendations:

#1 Consolidate all digital services, as per recommendations submitted.

This would allow faster and larger access to VBODA information

#2 Convene a 4th "Tech Summit" of critical participants to continue to design, develop, and implement a single data source for all VBODA schools and information. Fees Board, Auditions Tabulation Manager, All-State Data manager, Web Master, Treasurer, President, Orchestra Rep, and President-elect should be involved. Cost would be honoraria for participants, as well as lodging, meals, and travel expenses. Likely timeframe would be in late June or early July, or early August. Last year this meeting was held in conjunction with the June Board meeting.

Motion Approved

Scholarship Committee

Carl Bly

We met, we chose, we'll present tomorrow. More people need to apply. Single numbers last two years. SR to CB: Can you meet with Mike Hackbarth so that kids can upload applications on our website?

Sight Reading Committee Band

Steve Rice (for Diana Love)

D. Love sent a survey to the Sightreading judges for input or suggestions based on this year's SR. Will forwarding the responses to Gary and will compile and forward to the committee.

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Sight Reading Committee Orchestra

Tina Hans

Carrie Finnegan for Tina Hans: Orchestra directors complained that pieces were too difficult; committee will revise rubric and will present in June.

Strategic Plan Committee

Allen Hall

Meeting after this meeting. Not held due to 3.5 hour executive board meeting.

Website

Mike Hackbarth

New feature: Click "District Reps", then search.....You can see if the directors' Program Participation Fee is current. Close to 1 million hits to date.

Reminder to Steve Rice to announce in General Membership meeting tomorrow that all members are invited to attend Executive Board Meetings.

RECESS at 4:20 p.m.

Free discussion

(4:32 p.m.)

Posting of Audition Results

*Is there a privacy issue with posting kids' names on a wall? Maybe post audition number and school. We need to add language to the application stating that names will be published in the program. Ms. Gammon is going to talk to the VMEA lawyer. **Consensus of board: post audition number and school, not name.***

Remind district reps that ratings may be posted, announced, or published, according to the wishes of each district. Jonathan Hargis: We have a responsibility to train district reps properly. Bud Hearne: This should be an agenda item at each District Meeting to talk about this.

MBA Committee Meeting: Possibility of doing a state championship. Won't impact Honor Band system at all. Would have to get a superior rating at MBA. Andrew Loft: As incoming president, I have grave concerns. 163 bands participating MBA; a championship will begin to divide the commonwealth. Denny Stokes: This has been referred to committee; let's follow procedure.

Laura Thomas: 13 VBODA positions that involve stipends need job descriptions posted online. Currently there are 2.

Stan Schoonover: Student preference for All-Virginia Ensembles may be influenced by chair position. Perhaps we should ask preferences for leadership, rather than just ensemble. 1st chair Concert Band vs. 13th chair Symphonic Band? Andrew Loft: This would truly drive the Auditions Chair bonkers. Much discussion about merits of choice. SR to SS: Can you write something up for our June meeting? Carrie Finnegan: Proposal to reseat chairs Violin 1-4. CF will submit motion tomorrow.

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OLD BUSINESS

General

1. All-Va Workshops Allen Hall
 - a. *Attendance good, Daniel Upton will be new chair. Online component went well yesterday, should continue.*
2. 75th Anniversary Project Band Andrew Loft
 - a. *Maslanka wants to be here for premiere next year.*
3. 75th Anniversary Project Orchestra Carrie Finnegan
 - a. *Brian Balmages' piece is really tough, but kids are doing a wonderful job. Very beautiful, will premiere tomorrow afternoon.*
4. Reimbursement Guidelines Steve Turner
 - a. *Receipts are appreciated*
5. Section 3 Language Stan Schoonover
 - a. *Passed, will be incorporated into the Admin Handbook asap*
6. Orchestra Carrie Finnegan

Carrie Finnegan has an electronic version (Word Doc) of the Adjudication Form that she will share.
7. Band Andrew Loft

We need directors who send students to All-Virginia Auditions to register those students and help with auditions.

NEW BUSINESS

Orchestra Carrie Finnegan

Motion by Carrie Finnegan, seconded by Stan Schoonover

I move that All-Virginia violin seating be as follows: First two ranking violins will be seated first stand Violin I, next two violins will be seated first stand Violin II. Violins ranking 5-24 will fill out the Violin I section, and those ranked 25-44 will complete the Violin II section. Titles will be Concertmaster, Associate Concertmaster, Principal Violin II, and Assistant Principal Violin II.

Motion passes, now goes to membership tomorrow, then e-ballot (administrative motion.)

Band Andrew Loft

Thanks expressed to Don Magee for coordinating All-Virginia Event this year. Don says it will be better next year. Pick up medals in lobby. Adjudication forms in lobby.

Action Items from Committees Various

Joe LaBrie proposed a new [Solo and Ensemble Percussion Adjudication Form \(link here.\)](#)

Jack Elgin: Move to accept proposal, seconded by Carl Bly

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Need simple majority (procedural)

Amended motion to start 2017

Motion by Andrew Loft, seconded by Jack Elgin:

As All-Virginia Auditions Chair recommendation: Directors with students eligible for the All-Virginia Ensembles MUST attend the auditions and assist with the event. Any director that chooses not to attend must request exception from the President's Committee prior to February 1. Directors will be notified via email of the President's Committee decision by All-District Band weekend.

Discussion.

Motion withdrawn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Music for All National Concert Band Festival

West Springfield High School

Eric Hoang, Director

American String Teachers Association National Orchestra Festival

Woodson Chamber Orchestra, 2nd place

Kathy Thompson, Director

Linda Gammon: In Memoriam: James Simmons, former president of VMEA and VBODA.

ODU has commissioned a piece in honor of Dennis Zeisler, to be written by David Holsinger. To contribute, please email dtowens@odu.edu

Committee Reporting

1. Committee chairs, please submit your report to the Secretary
2. Please list all members of the committee

Motion to adjourn: Jonathan Hargis, Andrew Loft seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Mulligan Thomas

April 12, 2016