

VBODA Executive Board Meeting
Friday, April 7, 2017 2:30 P.M.
Colgan High School

Call to Order Andrew Loft

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Denny Stokes, seconded by Joe Labrie, approved

Review of Voting Procedures Doug Spruill

Roll Call Laura M. Thomas

Present: Carrie Finnegan, Grayson Fore, Linda Gammon, Allen Hall, Joe Labrie, Andrew Loft, Michael Hackbarth, Steve Rice, Stan Schoonover, Doug Spruill, Denny Stokes, Laura Mulligan Thomas, Steve Turner

Minutes Laura M. Thomas

Posted online, approved

GENERAL REPORTS

Treasurer's Report Steve Turner

*15 month CD: \$13,869.44
Checking: \$118,233.47
Savings: \$24,662.51
Paypal: \$4,805.36*

Total Cash and Bank Accounts: \$161,570.78

Motion to approve by Denny Stokes, seconded by Linda Gammon, approved

VBODA Operations

1. VMEA/VBODA Fall Professional Development Linda Gammon
 - a. *Planning is underway; 223 applications for clinics, performing group tapes due by April 28, all online. Please urge people to submit for performance and clinic. All areas represented on selection committee.*
2. All-Virginia Auditions Doug Spruill
 - a. *Technology still a challenge. Would suggest training on iPads prior to judges' meeting. Learning process, new scale requirements added extra layer. O side: (Stan): issue of access to server (only way iPads can access server. The company had a blow-out; we still finished at the same time.*
3. All-Virginia Event Don Magee
 - a. *Appreciation expressed to Don Magee for the excellent job hosting and the beautiful facility.*

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2018 Event Location Richmond: Center Stage (With VCDA)
Orchestra: Robert Gillespie, Ohio State University
Concert Band: Rob Carnochan, University of Miami
Symphonic Band: Peter Boonshaft, Hofstra

2019 Event Location Richmond: Center Stage (With VCDA)
Orchestra: TBA
Concert Band: Michael Robinson, University of Georgia (tentative)
Symphonic Band: Dr. Stephen Davis, University of Missouri, Kansas City

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All-Virginia Jazz Steve Turner

Materials will be posted online June 1. Homestead schedule worked really well (arrive Tuesday, concert Thursday), will continue.

All-Virginia Scale Ranges Doug Spruill

Quick turnaround from vote in November to implementation in February, a couple of snafus, Doug called those with concerns. Address penalty for extra octave? Let's address refinements before the end of this year and send out to District Reps.

Awards Andrew Loft

Wayne Powell will take over. Criteria on website, please consider submitting names. Wayne also created all of the certificates for All-Virginia, appreciation expressed.

Concert Adjudicator Training Sharon Jeanes

Ongoing. Update videos for adjudicators every four years.

Legacy Recording Rob Carroll

Nothing new to report. Requests that a copy of this year's All-Virginia recordings be sent to him. Andrew Loft requests that the 2017 All-Virginia program be put on the website.

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VMEA Legislative Report

Linda Gammon

John Brewington: Virginia Hill Day—Advocacy Day, VMEA partnered w/ Arts Commission, good collegiate participation, advocacy day. Dozens of meeting with legislators, new VMEA brochure (advocacy), download it from website and make it your own, use it. DOE just approved new mandatory middle school course for career investigations; we did our best to provide alternatives, met with Dr. Staples, could not agree. This new course is problematic for sequential elective courses such as music. Alternatives have been offered by VMEA to protect music enrollment. We are working directly with DOE and trying to find a solution that is viable for each location. Could be on-line. We continue to advocate directly with DOE and with GA. Dr. Staples asked us to put together an arts presentation to state school board association conference at Portsmouth in June. VMEA letter-writing campaign was effective; keep it up.

Marching Assessment

Grayson Fore

Finished in black by \$1200. Committee would like to increase fee from \$175 to \$200. Similar sites next year, may have one in Lynchburg. Some timing issues, will continue to discuss ramifications of lack of adherence to timing. Would like to ask for a stipend position to research copyright compliance. Committee recommendation to eliminate classes, will address under Action Items.

Publications and Fees

Dan Kosko

\$47K collected this year, about 25% paid via PayPal. Total Program Participation Fee collected: 1,011 as of 3/29/17. More than 500 new titles reviewed; about 400 approved for Selective Music Guide. Directory constantly being updated by District Reps and by individual members. We don't need a technology committee meeting to discuss; we'll just fix it.

LMT: Would like to advocate for a printed copy of the Administrative Handbook; would be helpful to new members and to those who do not visit the website to read the Administrative Handbook, would perpetuate institutional knowledge. SS: Could do so; would cost money and would need to be reformatted.

SR: Could we have a screen that pops up on website each time members log on prompting them to update? Michael Hackbarth: Good idea, will look into it.

John Brewington: Could we add student compositions to the Solo and Ensemble list? SS: Should go to Stan Schoonover. Discussion re availability, copyright.

Orchestra Solo and Ensemble revisions will be posted after S and E event this spring.

Scholarship Committee

Carl Bly

Committee met on March 8 and choose recipient, will be announced at All-State Concert tomorrow. Encourage all members to submit nominations.

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Sight Reading Committee Band

Diana Love

SR judges for 2017 were sent a request for feedback on this years event. Comments from the judges have been sent to the sight reading committee members and Gary Fagan. Due to a question that arose in District XIV concerning sight reading procedures, the committee has suggested that the following sentence be added to the Sight Reading Judges Script for clarification: "During your performance the director may call rehearsal numbers or other vocal comments as needed. You may begin your performance now." This will be addressed under Action Items.

Discussion re what is appropriate in sight-reading performance.

Gary Fagan has agreed to continue writing the band Assessment sight-reading music.

Linda Gammon: Is it time to require sight-reading? Only a few groups chose Option 1. Stan Schoonover: Maybe a clinic in place of sight-reading? Steve Rice: Maybe a Strategic Planning Committee item? Some groups chose to not participate in Assessment and hire a clinician to come in and work with their students. AL: We may appoint a committee to explore these things.

Sight Reading Committee Orchestra

Carrie Finnegan

Tod Parrish will continue to write sight reading music. Discussion re schools with same director reading same sight-reading in successive weekends. Tina Hans would like to step down as chair, needs replacement; CF will publish this opening and ask for volunteers again. SS: We need to address full symphony sight-reading. Only two districts have required full-symphony sight-reading; they should be responsible for cost.

Strategic Planning Committee

T. Jonathan Hargis

Nothing to report at this time; we will continue to serve at the pleasure of the board.

Website

Michael Hackbarth

*New design rolled out in December, more current. Added google doc account, allows to have google spreadsheets that can be updated in real time, will be used for Marching Assessment. **Linda Gammon and AL: President Emeritus should be changed to Immediate Past President.***

Workshops at All-Va Event

Daniel Upton

Well-attended. Consider offering a session next year!

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OLD BUSINESS

General

1. Administrative Handbook Edits Carrie Finnegan
 - a. *Section 6: Done*
2. Website Job Descriptions
 - a. *Several still missing; Doug Spruill and LMT will work on getting these written and posted*
3. Middle School All-Virginia Ensembles Joe LaBrie
 - a. *Will present committee report in June*
4. VMEA Conference Budget Andrew Loft
 - a. *LG: Budget from last four years in AL Dropbox*
5. VBODA National Interaction Andrew Loft
 - a. *Hunter K and Austin Isaac went to TMEA; Hunter expressed gratitude for financial support. Featured clinician is focus of convention (Allan McMurray was the featured clinician this year.) Austin Isaac: Honor Orchestras recognized with an award, many honor groups, as many teachers watching rehearsals as students participating. Signage and apps very easy.*

AL will request additional funding to keep this going

Orchestra

- 1.

Band

1. 75th Anniversary Commission Project Band/Rewrite Orch piece Andrew Loft
 - a. *AL: Thanks board for support of this project. Honored to be part of this opportunity. Allen Hall: Balmages grade 6 piece would be more usable to our membership if he could condense the masterwork (written for double string orchestra) and make it playable for a single grade 6 orchestra. CF will ask Balmages to price this.*
 - b. *AL: Let's keep the commission thing going; something we should pursue and we seem to have the money.*

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2. All-Virginia Jazz Ensemble Commission

Steve Turner

- a. *We have reached out to a well-known composer, will let you know what we hear back.*

New adjudication sheet for Solo and Ensemble percussion should be posted on the web.

Stan Schoonover: I have an issue with the advertisement in the back of the All-Virginia program. We don't do that; how many other organizations would have appreciated having this opportunity? AL: Point of order: I approved this, my mistake, and I apologize, won't happen again.

NEW BUSINESS

Concert Assessment

Andrew Loft

Will get a committee together to look into issues.

Discussion re schools combining to perform at Concert Assessment. Need direction from board. CF: This is common practice in Southern and Western districts, where teachers are teaching at multiple schools. Denny Stokes: nothing in Admin Handbook that addresses this. SS: Opens a can of worms; what about Honor Band status?

AL: Strategic Planning should address multi-school ensembles and bring back recommendations to the board in June.

Orchestra

Carrie Finnegan

1. New Harp Rotation

- a. *The String All-Virginia Audition Committee has reviewed and recommended a new four-year rotation, and has tweaked the audition form.*

*Committee motion, seconded by Stan Schoonover. **Motion passed.***

2. Public Domain Scores

Carrie Finnegan

- a. *Do we approve the use of public domain (IMSLP) scores? Guidance? SS: Also a band issue; Sousa marches are also available on IMSLP and also for purchase. LG will ask our VMEA lawyer about this.*

3. Band/Orchestra manager stipend

- a. *Carrie Finnegan: I move to provide a small stipend for All-Va Band and Orchestra managers. Seconded by Denny Stokes. Discussion about specific job descriptions. AL: This motion is tabled until job descriptions can be fleshed out.*

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- b. *Shenandoah County SRO issue: In 2008, a committee of Shenandoah County string teachers came to the board with a request to send string students to South Central SRO, rather than the North Central SRO. The board approved this, in part because VMEA was considering redistricting within the next few years. Ten years later, we have not been redistricted and string students going to SC SRO but wind students from the same school going to NC SRO makes no sense. No action taken.*

Band

Andrew Loft

1. *Committee recommendation #1: Establish Copyright Compliance Administrator, stipend to be established at June meeting. Motion passes unanimously.*
2. *Committee recommendation #2: Abolish classes at MBA. Much discussion. Motion passes 5-2, will go to general membership tomorrow.*

AL: Will create committee to look at District Assessment (sightreading, clinic options, etc.)

Need slate of officers for November election

Lapel pins created for former VBODA presidents and VMEA performers

Appreciation expressed to Steve Rice for his service to VBODA, presented first gold lapel pin.

Bronze pins to wherever the board feels is appropriate: Hall of Fame, etc.

President Elect will keep track of these, online form.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June Executive Board meeting: Wednesday, June 21 at 1 p.m. at Glen Allen HS.

COMMITTEE REPORTING

1. Committee chairs, please submit your report to the Secretary in PDF form
2. Please list all members of the committee
3. VBODA inventory and contracts go to Steve Turner