

VBODA Executive Board Meeting  
Thursday, November 17, 2016 9:00 A.M.  
The Homestead

Call to Order

Andrew Loft

9:08 a.m.

Review of Voting Procedures

Doug Spruill

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.*

*Please remember to vote with your NAFME card*

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

Present: Carl Bly, Rob Carroll, Carrie Finnegan, Grayson Fore, Jonathan Hargis, Bud Hearne, Steve King, Dan Kosko, Joe LaBrie, Scott Lambert, Andrew Loft, Steve Rice, Dan Schoemmell, Stan Schoonover, Doug Spruill, Denny Stokes, Keith Taylor, Laura Thomas, Steve Turner.

Minutes

Laura M. Thomas

Online; motion to approve passes.

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GENERAL REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Steve Turner

1. Report: Balance: \$183,019.23. \$36,000 in Paypal payments this year. Please let Steve know if you have VBODA equipment. Recommend Office 365 software for all. Can Skype and look at common documents at same time, also online database. Consider replacement cycle for machines.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Bud Hearne, seconded by Joe Labrie, accepted

2. Budget

VBODA Operations

1. VMEA/VBODA Fall Professional Development Andrew Loft/Carrie Finnegan

- a. Many orchestra and band performances and workshops offered this weekend; several described and attendance encourage.

- b. All-Virginia Auditions Doug Spruill

At JMU. Bandwidth issues from last year have been resolved. District Reps submit names for judges. C. Finnegan: Our volunteers come from each of the four regions. New JMU Orchestra Director (Foster Byers) very interested in getting involved.

2. All-Virginia Event Don Magee/Mike Horanski

2017 Event

Location: Colgan High School, Manassas, Virginia

Orchestra: Anthony Maiello, George Mason University

Concert Band: Jamie Nix, Columbus State

Symphonic Band: Gary Green, University of Miami

Don Magee: All good to go at (new) Colgan HS. World-class stage, special sound system, should be great! 2017 event was Initially to be held at JMU, construction issues arose. CNU discussed, didn't work.

Maslanka will have sketch of commissioned work in December, would like students to have music in advance. Will be at All-Virginia.

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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

Mike Horanski: Spent a couple of days in Richmond, have skeleton in place for event (Concert Hall, hotel space, rehearsal space at convention center). All within two block radius. Proposed schedule sent to C. Finnegan, A. Loft, D. Magee. Particulars will be in place soon. Working on grant proposal to help defray costs. Would like to do one massive program for entire event, will help for state advocacy. A. Loft: Please confer with S. Turner to discuss preliminary numbers.

2019 Event

Location Richmond: Center Stage (With VCDA)

Orchestra: TBA

Concert Band: TBA

Symphonic Band: TBA

Please share conductor ideas with C. Finnegan and A. Loft

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All-Virginia Jazz

Steve Turner

174 kids auditioned from 65 schools. Up 50 from first year. Still doing audition scoring online. Two ensembles for the first time this year, 19 students each. Experiment this year bringing kids in early (Tuesday of this week), think it worked out well. Plan is to do the same next year. Guest clinicians Jeff Coffin (Dave Matthews Band) and Tony Garcia (VCU). Negotiating with Conn/Selmer and Yamaha to sponsor so we can reduce cost for students. 2017 audition material will be released by the end of the school year. Appreciation expressed by A. Loft to all committee members for innovation.

All-Virginia Scale Ranges

Doug Spruill/David Webb

Committee established to define octave ranges for All-Virginia Wind Auditions, so that every student auditioning knows exactly what is expected, no matter where they come from in Virginia. Also proposed scale pairings, all separated by tritone. The committee solicited input from private studio and university teachers. Much discussion.

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- Awards TBD  
Need awards chair for Hall of Fame and Fuller Awards; let A. Loft know.
- Concert Adjudicator Training Sharon Jeanes  
Twenty people trained last night. Several asked if the training could happen during the conference rather than before, due to expense. Will set up DropBox for final projects. Appreciation expressed to S. Jeanes for work.
- Legacy Recording Rob Carroll  
Missing All-Va recording from last spring (contact Denny Stokes' neighbor David Band Man?)
- VMEA Legislative Report Linda Gammon  
Exciting things happening, will present at Saturday's General meeting.
- Marching Assessment Grayson Fore  
Committee meeting tonight. Thursday evening site was well-received. A. Loft asked G. Fore to come up with Adjudicator Training, similar to what we are doing with Concert Assessment. Classification and vocabulary are being looked at. Copyright issues—let's be in front rather than behind. S. Lambert: This year the organization has been stellar; great job! Appreciation expressed by A. Loft for committee's work.
- Publications and Fees Dan Kosko/Stam Schoonover  
400+ tunes to be graded Saturday. Will be placed in "New" tab on website, no longer need a special letter, just a record number.  
So far we have collected 900+ Program Participation Fees (\$40,613 so far.) Paypal utilized twice as often this year.
- Scholarship Committee Carl Bly  
All good, recipients are doing well
- Sight Reading Committee Band Diana Love  
All good, continues as before. Will continue to seek input re sightreading.
- Sight Reading Committee Orchestra Carrie Finnegan/Tina Hans  
We need a new chair.
- Strategic Planning Committee T. Jonathan Hargis  
Discussed the possibility of publishing the Administrative Handbook  
Discussed having an Executive Board member on site for Marching Band Assessment and SRO Auditions. Thought we had voted on this years ago, but couldn't locate in minutes. General agreement this is important.

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A. Loft asked the Strategic Planning Committee to continue.

Website

Michael Hackbarth

Active, run stats. 1900 users, 1000 have been active on the website since last year. 750 members logged in since a month ago. 850 have never logged in. District Reps, please go in and edit information in VA Schools Directory, particularly the names of the directors. You will be able to see if NAFME memberships are up to date.

Server transition? How do we organize the VBODA Minutes (which date back to 1949, excluding the 70's) ?

The last e-vote (All-Virginia Orchestra seating) was invalid due to software problems. Will re-vote beginning Saturday. Will close in two weeks.

All active VBODA Chairs should be using their VBODA addresses. Instructions on setting these up were emailed to all board members.

Workshops at All-Va Event

Daniel Upton

Will include CPR again this year. We welcome suggestions.

OLD BUSINESS

General

1. VBODA Editor Andrew Loft  
Merry Beth Hall will edit our web documents on a per service basis up to \$500.
2. Job descriptions and honorariums Andrew Loft  
Still missing All-Virginia Etude Coordinator (Band), All-Virginia Audition Host, All-Virginia Event Chair, All-Virginia Event Host, Marching Band Committee Chair, and Assistant Marching Band Committee
3. VMEA Conference Budget Andrew Loft
4. Lapel Pins Andrew Loft  
1" die-cut pins can be given to directors who bring ensembles to conference, etc.

Orchestra

All-Virginia String Seating vote results Carrie Finnegan  
Need to re-vote due to software anomaly. Will post second vote for two weeks.

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Band

1. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission Project Band Andrew Loft

D. Maslanka will be at All-Virginia; we are only paying for his hotel, the rest is subsidized.

2. All-Virginia Jazz Ensemble Commission Steve Turner

Looking into this

NEW BUSINESS

Orchestra

Carrie Finnegan

1. Administrative Handbook edits

C. Finnegan asked to look at section 6 to align wording (Change District to Regional, etc.) S. Schoonover: Looked at this at Strategic Committee meeting this morning; it all aligns, just wording, not changing anything.

Motion to approve changes to section 6 as proposed by C. Finnegan, seconded J. Hargis  
Motion passes

Now goes to General Membership meeting for vote.

A. Loft: We need to continue to work on addendum section.

Discussion re possibility of creating All-Virginia Middle School Ensembles. Committee formed, Joe LaBrie will chair and present to board in April.

Band

Andrew Loft

1. VBODA national interaction travel

- a. A. Loft would like for VBODA have more presence nationally. Would like to approve \$2,000 to make this happen. Not for VBODA President or Orchestra Rep; reimbursement for national conference attendance for these officers is already approved.

Motion to approve an annual budget in the amount of \$2,000 to be dispersed at the VBODA president's discretion to facilitate research and development of new or enhanced operations for VBODA (by attending and reporting back about out-of-state conferences): Steve Rice, seconded by Stan Schoonover. Motion passes.

Will post guidelines for application online.

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Action Items from Committees

1. All-Virginia Scale Ranges : Band

Doug Spruill

Motion to accept committee recommendations approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MFA National Festival:

Oscar F. Smith High School Chamber Orchestra - Chesapeake, VA; Deanna Kringel

Oakton High School Symphonic Band - Vienna, VA; Jamie VanValkenburg

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Symphonic Wind Ensemble - Alexandria, VA; Adam Foreman

J.E.B. Stuart High School Wind Ensemble - Falls Church, VA; Brian Thomas

John Champe High School Wind Ensemble - Aldie, VA; Jonathan Phillip

Langley High School Wind Symphony - McLean, VA; Doug Martin

Westfield High School Wind Symphony - Chantilly, VA; Alan P. Johnson

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

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Laura Mulligan Thomas, 12/4/16