Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association
General Meeting • Saturday, April 10, 2010 • 10:00 p.m.
Great Bridge H. S. Media Center, Chesapeake, VA
All-State Orchestra and Bands

This meeting is recorded to assist the secretary

Call To Order (10:00 a.m.) — Doug Armstrong
Review Of Voting Procedures — Keith Taylor
District Roll Call — Laura M. Thomas
All districts represented

Minutes From last meeting (November 2009, Homestead) — Laura M. Thomas
Motion to accept by D. Stokes, seconded by R. Carroll, passes

Treasurers Report — Keith Cottrill

As of April 9, 2010	
Checking account	56,804.53
15-mo CD	13,116.79
Total Assets	69,921.32

Committee Reports/VBODA Operations — Doug Armstrong

VMEA/VBODA Fall Conference: — Keith Taylor
- Still seeking, have several proposals
- Performing groups: Bands send audition CDs to K. Taylor/Orchestras to B. Hearne by May 1
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All-Virginia Jazz Ensemble: — Dennis Weaver
- 2-year trial is over; need a motion for renewal with any changes, and if approved:
- Auditions for 2010-11: Aaron Noe, Audition Chair
- Aud Dates: Sept 26 and 27, Oct. 3 and 4
- Sites: Colonial Forge HS, Chantilly HS, Warren County HS, CNU, Radford, JMU
- Event Chair: Cathy Fisher; Clinician: Joe Eckert (Texas Christian U)
- Event Site: Tazewell Hotel, Roper Theater
- All-VA Jazz Ensemble will perform w/Honors Choir at Conference (Saturday)
- This info will be on website w/PowerPoint to walk students and directors through process
- In 2009, 120 students auditioned; 23 students participated representing 11 districts.

Motion by Rob Carroll, seconded by Keith Cottrill:
I move to make the All-Virginia Jazz Ensemble a permanent, annual All-Virginia event, which will be included in the VBODA Handbook.
Discussion.
Motion passes.

Appreciation expressed to Dennis Weaver for his work.

All Virginia Auditions: — Keith Taylor
Results were delayed because of *inconsistent data coming from All-District events and SRO's*, especially with regard to school names.
Keith also received positive feedback for using district reps to register other directors, rather than university students.

2011 All-VA auditions will be at JMU on Feb. 26; pres-elect Mike Cook will coordinate.
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All Virginia Band/Orchestra Event — Doug Armstrong

Thanks to Rob Carroll, John Husser, Kate Frear. GBHS and parents for hosting.

2011 Event: April 7-9, 2011, Charlottesville High School
Symphonic Band: Richard Floyd, Texas
Concert Band: Stephen Bolstad, James Madison University
Orchestra: Thomas Wilkins (verbal commitment)

2012 Event: April 12-14, 2012, James River HS (Richmond)
Symphonic Band: Thomas Leslie, UNLV
Concert Band: John Carmichael, USF
Orchestra:

Orchestra Representative — Bud Hearne

Motion by Bud Hearne, seconded by Laura Thomas:
I move to increase the number of harpists eligible to audition for All-State from each District Band/Regional Orchestra from one to two.
Discussion.
Motion passes, now goes to mail ballot.

Motion by Bud Hearne, seconded by Jack Elgin:
I move that the following be added to All-State section of the Manual, pg. 55 7b (3): The violins will be seated as follows. Players ranked 1-4 will be placed at the top of the violin I section. Players ranked 5-8 will be placed at the top of the violin II section. The remaining players will be seated as ranked at the auditions."
Motion passes. *This is a clarification/procedural motion.*

VBODA Marching Band Festival — Bill Berg

Financial report: $14,886.38 profit this year. Nearly 10,000 students involved.
Discussion re sites/dates for 2010; may add Hermitage HS as 7th site ("Capitol")

Motion by Scott Lambert, seconded by Jack Elgin:
I move to create a 7th Marching Festival site on the first weekend.
Discussion.
Motion passes. *This is a clarification/procedural motion.*

VBODA Marching Band Festival Commitee — Rob Carroll

Met via email and at Ft. Defiance; 16 members representing every district except for 7.
Focused on 3 areas: adjudication pool/training, regionalization, and caption vs. full sheet
JR Snow presented extensive proposal for caption scoring (will post online)—this is a living document, and will be reevaluated annually. Changes must come through committee.

D. Armstrong expressed thanks to Rob Carroll and the Marching Committee for their work.
The MB committee will meet annually.

Motion by Denny Stokes, seconded by Rob Carroll:
I move that we accept the work and recommendations of the Marching Band Committee, and that the Executive Board recommend to the general membership that we implement these recommendations for the 2010 Marching Band Festival.
Discussion.
Motion passes, now goes to mail ballot.

Motion by Scott Lambert, seconded by Carl Bly:
I move that we change the name of the "Marching Band Festival" to "Marching Band Assessment."

Motion passes, now goes to mail ballot.

Motion by Denny Stokes, seconded by Steven King:
I move that the Marching Band Assessment Committee be enfranchised as a standing committee.
Motion passes**.** *This is a clarification/procedural motion.*

Awards Committee — Doug Armstrong
Revised wording proposed (attached)

Motion by Denny Stokes, seconded by Steve King:
I move to accept the recommendations of the Awards Committee to revise the criteria for the Phil Fuller and Sid Berg Awards.
Motion passes.

Scholarship Committee — Carl Bly
Will present at concert tomorrow.

Honor Bands — Laura M. Thomas
List read to membership

Manual Committee — S. Schoonover
Administrative handbook will be CD this fall
(This is an intermediate step before posting on secure website.)
If you'd like pieces graded, submit to Dan Kosko before February 1.

Concert Festival/Assessment Adjudication Committee — Carl Bly
Committee began in Nov. '08, was tasked with modernizing the adjudication form
Included band, orchestra, high school, middle school directors, and is still active
Carl Bly presented proposed new form.

Motion by Carl Bly, seconded by Diana Love:
I move that we adopt the proposed Concert Performance Assessment form for 2011.
Discussion, included concerns from members that they could not read the screen so could not make a determination.
Motion tabled.

Old Business

Legacy Recordings
Have obtained nearly every All-State Orchestra and Band recording; still need several
See list of missing recordings at vboda.org

VMEA Gov Relations Update — Steve King

Steve King: HB 196 Gen Assembly…bill to repeal the personal finance requirement….gave us one additional year to work against it. Advocacy important; mobilize our membership. CTE folks and financial community are sponsoring this. We need to talk to state school board and delegates to tell them we disagree. Del Orr and Lee Ware are in our corner; are working to repeal this bill…they think we should teach personal finance across the curriculum, not in one class.

Also, the State School Board is deciding on fees and charges: Local school boards may charge fees for the following: "deposits" for instruments not required for instructional purposes. Cherry Gardiner, Steve King are working to get language "fees may be charged"…we need to fill these meetings with people. Hearings will be held around the state.

We must all advocate 24/7/365! Check website for updates.

New Business

General

New committee: Executive Board voting privilege status (Mike Cook, chair)
Report back this November
New committee: Study Concert Assessment sightreading procedures (Diana Love, chair)
Report in June to board and membership in November
New committee: VBODA Financial Committee: recommend fee structure to sustain VBODA (Keith Cottrill, chair). Report to board in June.
New committee: Orchestra String Audition Committee (John Husser, chair)
Study etude vs. excerpt for All-Virginia Auditions; report in June
All-Virginia Event Chair
Would like to establish this condition to ensure consistency every year. Doug Armstrong is appointing Michelle Taylor to this new position.

Motion by Bud Hearne, seconded by Denny Stokes:
I would like to move that we add to the appropriate Section, pg. 22, #13 Administrative Responsibilities,, Sec. (1) Procurement of Adjudicators: (1d) "Any person who holds an affiliation with any participating ensemble through teaching, clinician work,or who has a family relationship with an ensemble shall not be hired to adjudicate that district festival event."
Motion passes, now goes to mail ballot.

Motion by J. R. Snow, seconded by Alan Johnson:
I move to table the motion regarding the Festival Assessment Form until November's meeting.
Motion passes. We will post this proposed form on the website.

Clarification of Solo & Ensemble dates 2011 (listed on VMEA Calendar as Palm Sunday)

Jazz Festival Dates – we need to reconsider and formalize

Announcements

VMEA NOTES positions are still open: Business Manager, Editor

All VBODA Committee Chair positions are up for bi-annual renewal at the end of this year. Anyone interested in holding any of these positions should contact your next President, Keith Taylor.

Jack Elgin: motion to adjourn, seconded by many, passed.
Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Mulligan Thomas
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