

VBODA General Membership Meeting Minutes
4:45 p.m., Thursday, November 18, 2011
Norfolk, VA

Call to Order

Keith Taylor

This meeting is recorded to assist the secretary

Review of Voting Procedures

Doug Armstrong

Cindy Roberts Remembrance

Keith Taylor

Cindy was the band director at Wallace Middle School in Washington County, the assistant band director at John S. Battle H.S. and the former District Instrumental Representative from District 7. She passed away September 22, 2011.

Roll Call - District Representatives

Laura M. Thomas

All present except for district 3; Kyle Flohre present for Jay Sykes

Confirmation of Agenda

Motion to approve: Rob Carroll; seconded by Dan Kosko, confirmed.

Minutes from last meeting (April 9, Charlottesville HS)

Laura M. Thomas

Motion to approve: John Sarvey; seconded by Darrell Pearman, approved.

Treasurer's Report

Keith Cottrill

\$130,422.18 in checking account

\$ 13,116.79 in 15 month CD

Bale Check about \$2500 less than what we budgeted. Marching Band Assessment proceeds up in the air; we may not make projected budget line item of ~\$12,000.

Committee Reports/VBODA Operations

1. **VMEA/VBODA Fall Conference**

Keith Taylor

Please fill out survey on website. This helps guide the board for next year. Please apply to perform in the spring. Come to the VBODA reception after our meeting today.

2. **All Virginia Auditions**

Bud Hearne

February 25, 2012 – JMU

Doug Armstrong

All on track. Please judge!

3. **All Virginia Band & Orchestra Event**

Keith Taylor

2012 Event: April 12-14 Location: James River High School, Richmond

Bud Hearn

Conductors: Symphonic Band: Tom Leslie, UNLV

Keith Cottrill

Concert Band: John C. Carmichael, University of South Florida

Orchestra: Alexander Kordazaia

Orchestra repertoire:

La Forza Del Destino (Verdi), New World Symphony 4th mvt (Dvorak), Bacchanale (St. Saens), Jupiter from the Planets (Holst) and La Vida Breve (la Falla)

2013 Event April 4-6 Location: Harrisonburg, VA

Conductors: Symphonic Band: Paula Crider, University of Texas

Concert Band: Jay Gephart, Purdue University

Orchestra: Thomas Wilkins, Omaha Symphony (pending)

4. **Orchestra Representative**

Bud Hearne

Regional events all in except one. Gratitude expressed to VASTA for All-Va Prep Day. Three Virginia students attending the National High School Honors Orchestra in March 2012 announced; VBODA board voted to support each with \$100 toward travel expenses. Please complete conference surveys, and consider submitting audition CD's for next year's conference.

5. **VBODA Marching Band Assessment**

Rob Carroll/Bill Berg

164 applied to perform at MBA this year; 53 of those performed on the first weekend. Unfortunately, 13 bands will not be eligible to be Virginia Honors Bands this year because of snow. 22 were snowed out; Milbrook HS hosted an "extra" festival with 9 groups on a third weekend. Weather decisions made with the safety of your students in mind. Please pass along ideas for judges to Bill Berg.

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The MBA Committee will meet in June to discuss (a) enlarging adjudication pool (b) regionalization of administration of event, and (c) weather contingency plan. Committee consists of 16 reps (one from each district, will be posted on website soon), 14 at-large members, 7 site hosts, Bill Berg, and Rob Carroll.

Adjudicators video is nearly complete and will be made available for members to peruse.

6. **Awards Committee** Jonathan Hargis
Consider nominating one of your peers for Phil Fuller or Sid Berg Awards. Info on website.
7. **Scholarship Committee** Carl Bly
Ongoing; all scholarship recipients received their awards.
8. **Manual Committee/Legacy Recording** Stan Schoonover, Dan Kosko
CD's (w/manual) will be distributed by district reps right after this meeting. All-Va recordings still needed will be posted on website. Would also like All-Va programs. Check CD for policies and procedures! Also the directory is on the CD. Newly-graded pieces will be on the website soon after conference.
9. **Website Report** Doug Armstrong
Work in progress; most is done. Each district will eventually have its own 'sub-domain.' Will also post list of committees, members, and contact info. Also working on a members' area, at which members would sign in using their NAFME/MENC card and last name.
10. **All-VA Jazz Ensemble Committee** Cathy Fisher (Ben Frenchek)
23 students here this weekend; Mike Steinel leading the ensemble. Great concert tomorrow at 1 p.m. in the Roper Theater.
11. **Budget Report** Keith Cottrill
Distributed to all members. Program Assessment Fee and budget will be revisited annually.
12. **Government Relations** Steve King
Will be watching legislature carefully to see what develops (PE requirement?) The Virginia Coalition for the Arts (representing art, music, dance, and theater) will make recommendations re teacher evaluation and assessment.
13. **Concert Adjudication Report** Carl Bly (Darrell Pearman)
Please send feedback re new sheets to Carl Bly; he will pass on to committee. There will be a session next year at conference on the sheets.
14. **Sight Reading Committee Report** Diana Love
Gary Fagan wrote all band sightreading music for Concert Assessment this year.

Old Business

1. **Administrative Handbook Revision Report** Denny Stokes
*Revision/re-write of section II presented. Will email to district reps so that they can distribute to membership. Specific changes: All-District events all have a hyphen. String Rep is now Orchestra Rep. VBODA does not **generally** sanction homestays. Re-write clarifies what we have been doing.*

*Board recommends approval of new section II. Membership voted in favor of board motion by Stan Schoonover as follows: **I move that the VBODA Executive Board recommend approval of the revisions to the Administrative Handbook as presented -- "New Section II: VBODA Policies, Rules, and Procedures."** Further moved that, if approved by appropriate votes of the membership, the new section II be implemented for the 2012-13 school year, to begin June 15, 2012. Additionally, if inconsistencies or contradictions between the new section II and existing handbook sections are encountered, the policies and procedures contained in the new section II will take precedence.*

Will go to mail ballot in January.

New Business

1. **General**

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- a. Review of Executive Succession Keith Taylor
Our current president-elect is unable to fulfill his responsibilities. *Manual says that if president-elect is unable to fulfill his duties, the secretary undertakes them. After extensive discussion with immediate past president and secretary, all agreed that immediate past president (Doug Armstrong) will fulfill duties until July 1 when the new electee assumes the presidency. There will be a special election next November (2012) to elect a new President-Elect.*
- b. Contingency Plans for VBODA Events and/or Auditions
Please contact Keith Taylor if you are interested in serving on this committee. Email address is ktjmu85@gmail.com
- 2. Orchestra** Bud Hearne
a. Request for VBODA to pay for Virginia students going to the National H S Honors Orchestra
The board voted to approve \$100 each for the three Virginia students representing us at this event in March 2012.
- 3. Band**
a. Back up Plans for VBODA Events and/or Auditions
(see "b" above)

Announcements

- a. VBODA Reception at the conclusion of this meeting - Marriott Lounge
- b. VMEA/VBODA Elections - Announcement Saturday
- c. Medal and Plaque prices: Medals-\$3; Small Plaque-\$75; Large Plaque-\$175
- d. VMEA Conference Survey is on-line at <http://www.vmea.com>
- e. All-Virginia Jazz Ensemble Concert – Please support this new group by attending
- f. Event Reports
- g. If VBODA Annual Program fee is paid, pick up CDs and update from your District Rep.
- h. Committees – interested in serving? Contact VBODA Pres. at ktjmu85@gmail.com
- i. Next General Membership Meeting: April 14, James River High School
- j. Active Committees: Sight Reading, Concert Adjudication, Manual Revision
- k. Standing Committees: Manual, Marching, Scholarship, Awards

Motion to Adjourn: *Thomas Hartman; seconded by Rob Carroll.*
Meeting adjourned at 5:55.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Mulligan Thomas
November 20, 2011