

VBODA General Membership Meeting Minutes  
10:00 am., Saturday, April 14, 2012  
James River High School - Midlothian, VA

Call to Order Keith Taylor  
10:03 a.m.

*This meeting is recorded to assist the secretary*

Review of Voting Procedures Allen Hall

Roll Call Laura M. Thomas

*District 1: Paul Rosecki  
District 2: Jeff Phelps for Ryan Featherer  
District 3: Jenny Ryan for Jay Sykes  
District 4: Matthew Phillips  
District 5: Andrew Clifford for Matthew Schucker  
District 6: Darrell Pearman for Trey Harris  
District 7: not represented  
District 8: Chris Smith  
District 9: Matt Brodt for David van Gelder  
District 10: Joe Labrie  
District 11: Larry Einus for Nelson Penserga  
District 12: Bryan Baldwin for Grayson Fore  
District 13: Alicia Strickler  
District 14: Mike Ward  
District 15: Austin Nicholas for Veronica Sutherland  
District 16: Amanda Smith for Beth Pacquette*

Confirmation of Agenda  
*Motion to accept by Doug Armstrong, seconded by Rob Carroll, accepted*

Minutes from last meeting (November 18, 2011 Norfolk, VA) Laura M. Thomas  
*Motion to accept by Jack Elgin, seconded by Thomas Hartmann, accepted*

Treasurer's Report Keith Cottrill  
*\$112,370.48 in checking account  
\$13,116.79 in 15 month CD  
\$125,487.27 total*

Committee Reports/VBODA Operations

1. VMEA/VBODA Fall Conference Allen Hall/Keith Taylor
  - a. *Need recordings of groups by May 1; application on VMEA website. Band recordings go to Allen; orchestra to Carrie Finnegan. April 1 was the deadline for session proposals, but we will still accept.*
2. All Virginia Auditions Bud Hearne/Doug Armstrong/Allen Hall  
February 23, 2013 – JMU  
*We need to find a way to get more judges. This is our professional responsibility. Should have clarinetists judging clarinets, etc.  
Appreciation expressed to Doug Armstrong for handling wind/percussion auditions this year.*
3. All Virginia Band & Orchestra Event Keith Taylor  
*Appreciation expressed to Keith Cottrill for hosting event this year.  
James River HS band parents recognized*

2013 Event: April 4-6, 2013 Allen Hall  
Location: Harrisonburg High School - J.R. Snow Harrisonburg, VA  
Conductors: Symphonic Band: Paula Crider, University of Texas-retired  
Concert Band: Jay Gephart, Purdue University  
Orchestra: *Pursuing Thomas Wilkins and Chelsea Tipton*

2014 Event April 3-5  
Location: Virginia Tech - Blacksburg, VA (*Dave McKee, Darrell Pearman*)  
Conductors: Symphonic Band: Craig Kirchhoff - U of Minn. (ten)  
Concert Band: Alfred Watkins Lassiter HS – Georgia (ten)  
Orchestra: *tba*

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4. Orchestra Representative Bud Hearne/Carrie Finnegan  
*No SRO issues this year.*  
*A committee headed by Gerald Fowkes will investigate using excerpts for All-Va string auditions*  
*Bud Hearne will chair committee to look at string sightreading for Concert Assessment*  
*Both committees will present to board in June and present to membership in November*  
*VASTA gave recognition to All-Va principal players*  
*3 Virginia students represented state at National High School Honors Orchestra*  
*Kudos to exceptional All-Va percussionists; testament to All-Va audition requirement*

5. VBODA Marching Band Assessment Bill Berg/Rob Carroll  
*Thanks to Rob Carroll and MBA Committee for hard work*  
*2012 sites announced. Please pick first weekend! (ACT on second)*  
*This is Bill Berg's final year (10<sup>th</sup>) as chair. Any volunteers?*  
*Rob Carroll: We worked on adjudicator pool and process for selecting judges.*  
*Also changed "inclement weather" to "conditions deemed unsafe" policy*

**Motion presented from Executive Board:**

**In the event the marching performance assessment is moved indoors, groups will be adjudicated using five adjudicators: three music and two GE adjudicators on the music sheet (not the GE sheet). A protocol sheet will be issued to each adjudicator communicating that simultaneous responsibility will be removed and adjudicators should be sensitive to balance as it may be problematic in the Indoor setting. The two visual judges will give "comments only" covering all aspects of the performance.**

**The tabulation sheet point values will change to I = 5-7, II 8-12, III = 13-17, IV = 18-22, V = 23-25.**

*Passed.*

**Motion presented from Executive Board:**

**In reference to Section 10, any instance of *inclement weather* shall be changed to *conditions deemed unsafe*. Section 10;3D, **"\*Inclement weather shall be defined as precipitation heavy enough to damage.... Change to: "Suggested parameters include precipitation heavy enough to damage...."****

*Passed.*

**Motion presented from Executive Board:**

**In reference to Section 10;3D, "Any changes for these reasons should be done at the end of a specified class, so that all bands within the same class will be adjudicated under the same conditions." Change the word "class" to "segment."**

*Passed.*

6. Awards Committee Keith Taylor for Jonathan Hargis  
*All sections of VMEA present awards at conference. Ours are the Sid Berg and Phil Fuller awards.*  
*Criteria is on website; please nominate your colleagues so we can honor them.*  
*2011-12 Virginia Honor Bands announced, as well as 10-year award (Zachary Rooksby) and 15-year award (Annandale H. S., Andrew E. Loft)*
7. Scholarship Committee Keith Taylor for Carl Bly  
*All going well; will present plaque and award at concert today.*
8. Manual Committee/Legacy Recording Stan Schoonover/Dan Kosko  
*1,007 Program Participation fees received this year*  
*Selected Music Guide: 479 pieces reviewed by committees at conference; 308 were added, 171 were inappropriate. Sightreading for orchestra is selected at conference by grading committee. Dan Kosko grades band pieces submitted between conference and Concert Assessment (Orchestra pieces are graded by Deb Myers.)*

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9. Website Report Doug Armstrong  
*Next major project: Member area (to include online voting)*

10. All-VA Jazz Ensemble Committee Allen Hall  
*Cathy Fisher and Dennis Weaver will continue to chair event*  
*Ben Frenchak will continue to chair auditions*  
*Please let K. Taylor know if you are interested in serving*

Old Business

1. Concert Adjudication Report Darrell Pearman for Carl Bly  
*Positive feedback on new adjudicator sheets (now in second year)*  
*C. Bly has proposed a "live adjudicators session" for VMEA Conference*
2. Sight Reading Committee Report Diana Love  
*Composed sightreading went well this year; will continue*
3. Manual Revision Report Keith Taylor for Denny Stokes  
*Administrative handbook: New section 2 approved 181-4 by mail ballot*  
*Will be on CD this fall (in addition to entire old manual); will take precedence*  
***Please familiarize yourself with new section 2 of administrative handbook (on CD this fall)***  
*Next priority for administrative handbook revision: section 1 (1<sup>st</sup> 20 pages)*

New Business

1. General
- a. Nominations Committee Report Allen Hall  
*New committee formed to select people to run for president elect; slate will be presented at June meeting. Special election will be held in at 2012 conference. Committee members: Laura M. Thomas, Paul Rozecki, Ben Frenchak, Rob Carroll, Doug Armstrong*
- b. Conflict of Interest policy in VBODA Manual Keith Taylor  
*p. 33, section IV, 13 D read*
- c. VBODA Contingency Plans for Events and/or Auditions  
*Do we need to have policy to help guide event chairs re canceling/rescheduling events in the case of inclement weather? Anyone interested in serving on a committee to look into this?*
2. Orchestra  
*Appreciation expressed to Bud Hearne for serving 10 years as Orchestra Representative on the board*  
*Carrie Finnegan, new Orchestra Rep was introduced*
3. Band
- a. All VA Percussion Audition Review Committee  
*Please let K. Taylor know by May 15 if you would like to serve on this committee. Will review audition process (not requirements) to streamline*
- b. All VA Wind Audition Review Committee  
*Please let K. Taylor know by May 15 if you would like to serve on this committee. Will review range requirements, consistency re giving extra credit for extra range, etc.*

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Announcements

1. Congratulations to our National Concert Band Festival Performers

- a. *Jefferson Forest HS - David Webb, Director*
- b. *South Lakes HS - Grayson Fore, Director*

Congratulations to our Sudler Flag Award Winners (given by John Phillips Sousa Foundation)

- a. *Woodson HS - Melinda McKenzie, Director*
- b. *James Madison HS - Michael Hackbarth, Director*

Congratulations to the schools and directors who performed at the National ASTA Conference:

- a. *Oscar Smith High School, Deanna Kringel*
- b. *Yorktown High School, Thomas Hartmann*
- c. *Longfellow Intermediate School, Sue Kervick*

2. Active Committees: Sight Reading, Concert Adjudication, Manual Revision

3. Next General Meeting: November 16, 2012 – Time: TBA, - Homestead - Hot Springs, VA

*Motion to adjourn Thomas Hartman, seconded by Jenny Ryan*  
*Adjournment at 11:05 a.m.*

*Submitted by Laura Mulligan Thomas, 4/15/12*