

VBODA General Membership Meeting Minutes  
5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, 2013  
The Homestead – Hot Springs, VA

Call to Order

*At 5:31 p.m.*

Allen Hall

*This meeting is recorded to assist the secretary*

Review of Voting Procedures

Steve Rice

Roll Call

Laura M. Thomas

*District Reps: 1: Danielle Yonkers; 2: Ken Poe; 3: Jay Sykes; 4: Christina Hans for Matthew Philips; 5: Matthew Schucker; 6: Matt Farley for Frankie Nettles; 7: Uley Daniels for Justin Carmacho; 8: Chris Smith; 9: David Van Gelder; 10: Joe LaBrie; 11: Andrew Loft; 12: Grayson Fore; 13: Laura Bock for Alicia Strickler; 14: Ryan Dempsey; 15: Allison Gorsh; 16: Paul Shoremount*

Confirmation of Agenda

*Motion to accept: Doug Armstrong; seconded by Joe LaBrie, approved*

Minutes from last meeting (Friday, April 5, 2013, Harrisonburg High School)

*Motion to accept: Matt Farley; seconded by Ken Poe, approved.*

Treasurer's Report

Keith Cottrill

*140,181.13 in checking account*

*13,817.55 in 15 month CD*

***153,998.68 Total***

Committee Reports/VBODA Operations

1. VMEA/VBODA Fall Conference

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2. Manual Revision Report

Denny Stokes

3. All Virginia Auditions

Carrie Finnegan/Steve Rice

*February 22, 2014 – JMU*

*This year, District Reps will send list of who will be judging W/B/P Auditions*

*No more alto clarinets, as per vote*

*Will replace with 2 Bb clarinets in top band*

*And 3 Bb and 1 bar clarinet in 2<sup>nd</sup> band*

4. All Virginia Band & Orchestra Event

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*April 3-5, 2014*

*Location: Virginia Tech – Dave McKee/Darrell Pearman, Blacksburg, VA*

*Conductors: Symphonic Band: Craig Kirchoff – U. of Minnesota*

*Concert Band: Alfred Watkins – Lassiter HS, Georgia*

*Orchestra: Walt Straiton – Corona Symphony, California*

*2015 Event April 9-11*

*Location: Christopher Newport University – Dr. Mark Reimer/Jon Hargis, Newport News, VA*

*Conductors: Symphonic Band: Gary Green – U. Miami*

*Concert Band: Damon Talley – Shenandoah University*

*Orchestra: Anthony Maiello – George Mason University*

5. VBODA Marching Band Assessment

Brandon Neal

*B. Neal in first year, appreciate your patience, still learning.*

*We are updating technology, will be streamlined next year.*

*157 bands this year (10 more than last)*

*8 sites, now fully digital*

*Looking for feedback; please complete survey*

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6. Manual Committee/Legacy Recording Stan Schoonover/Dan Kosko  
*Flashdrives will not be distributed today; not all are functional. They will be sent back to manufacturer for replacement, then sent to District Reps asap. Meanwhile, Selected Music List will be posted on vboda.org in spreadsheet form. Record #'s will be correct.*  
*More than 1,000 programs have paid the Program Participation Fee this year.*  
*Rob Carroll will now serve as person transferring LPs and cassettes to digital file.*
- Manual re-write began in 2009 w/discussion of putting document online.*  
*Last year: New Constitution and Bylaws approved, so now 3 documents are done*  
*Today we will vote on new sections 3-9. If approved by vote today, will go to e-ballot.*  
*Manual is 70 years old and organized by memo; D. Stokes organized re-write by responsibility.*  
*Goal to create more consistency of language and gender equity. Copies of proposed re-write distributed.*
6. Technology Committee Stan Schoonover  
*Two-day Technology Summit held this summer; working to create a statewide database. Eventually the work done by this committee will lead to a web-based product for All-Virginia Auditions, Marching Assessment, etc.*
7. Scholarship Committee Carl Bly  
*We've only had 7-8 applications in the last few years. Please encourage kids to apply. Use C. Bly's Winchester's address (Carl.Bly@verizon.net)*
8. Website Report Andrew Loft  
*Increasing functionality. Please keep checking. Spreadsheets w/graded music lists will be posted asap.*
9. All-VA Jazz Ensemble Committee Cathy Fisher  
*Thanks to Steve Turner for taking over Audition process. Concert tomorrow, rehearsal 9:15 a.m.*
10. Legislative Liaison Report Steve King  
*S. King: Legislative process messy. 2 weeks after we met last year in November, the bill that our PE bill was attached to was canned. Will be difficult to do, but there is another vehicle. Yesterday the BOE passed guidelines for PE; they said local school divisions should have control over this. Talk to your local school board to affect change.*

Old Business

1. Concert Adjudication Report Carl Bly  
*There are a couple of terms on back of Assessment Form that some people don't like; we are evaluating and considering replacement. **Please make sure you print the back of the Concert Assessment Form if you are hosting Concert Assessment.***
2. Sight Reading Committee Report Bud Hearne/Diana Love  
*D.Love: Sightreading commissioned for Band Assessment (this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year). Gary Fagan is the composer.*  
*Bud Hearne: String Sightreading will be written by Todd Parrish (.5 and 1); grading committee will review.*  
*Next step: solicit feedback; do we want to continue to move forward?*

New Business

1. General
- a. Manual Revision Report Denny Stokes  
*D. Stokes: After this, preface needs to be updated as well as appendices. Mark Taylor: manual yr 2000: Looking for language re grade 1 elementary orchestras sightreading at Assessment.*  
*Question re 6<sup>th</sup> grade? SSchoonover: We voted on this issue; it did not pass. Thomas Hartmann: Page 1: Music: Haydn/Mozart okay w/out percussion? Yes. T. Hartmann: define "provisioning."*  
*DStokes: Means get your kids ready to play.*

**Motion by D. Stokes to accept re-write of manual sections 3-9 (approved by Executive Board 11/21/13), seconded by D. Schoemmel.**

**Motion passes; one nay.**

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2. Orchestra

Carrie Finnegan

- a. Regional Orchestra Representative
  - i. North Central: Wendy Oesterling
  - ii. North: Aaron Mynes
  - iii. South Central: Laura Mulligan Thomas
  - iv. South East: Mary Dart

*Regional Orchestra Reps will collect names for string judges for All-Virginia.  
Directors may also sign up to judge via District Reps.*

3. Band

- a. Motions from the All-VA Wind Audition committee

Laura Cole

**Recommended Changes to the All-Virginia Wind Auditions:  
(Approved by Executive Board on 11/21/13):**

1) *Extend the required range for the chromatic scale for Horn to F below the staff to B-flat above the staff:  
Rationale: consistency with range of other brass instruments, consistency with upper range necessary to  
play repertoire. Note: Committee recommended low G below the staff for low range; friendly  
amendment changed to low F.*

*Motion passes*

2) *Decrease the required range for the chromatic scale for Bass trombone to C below the staff to F above the  
staff.  
Rationale: accommodate students with only one trigger.*

*Motion passes. (74 yay, 15 nay)*

3) *Reduce the tempo requirement for chromatic scale for Bassoon to quarter note = 96.  
Rationale - more realistic and appropriate tempo for instrument.*

*Motion passes unanimously.*

4. Motions from the floor

*Motion to add ex-officio elementary by Andrew Snead, seconded by Chris Smith  
Would the authors of the motion agree to put it under advisement?  
Yes*

5. Special Recognition

Allen Hall/Carrie Finnegan/Linda Gammon

*Grammy Music Educator Finalists: **Mary Jo West, Glen McCarthy, Steve Vutsinas**  
Fuller Award presented by Allen Hall to **Clyde Hughes**  
Berg Award presented by Carrie Finnegan to **Bud Hearne**  
Hall of Fame awards presented by Linda Gammon*

***Sydney Berg***

***Phil Fuller***

***Sharon Hughes***

***Leo Imperial***

***James Simmons***

***H. Gayland Strutz (spelling?)***

*Awarded to **Mary Wagner** in person*

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Announcements

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*Committee Chairs, please submit Reports to Secretary electronically/digitally with a list of the members of your committees. Submit to the President, Secretary, and Website Chair.*

*Active committees: Sight Reading, Concert Adjudication, Manual Revision, All-VA Orchestral Excerpts, All-VA Wind/Percussion Audition, Technology*

*Standing Committees: Manual, Marching, Concert*

*Next General Meeting: Saturday, April 5, 2013, 10 a.m.*

*Motion to adjourn by Steve Rice, seconded by Joe LaBrie; adjournment at 6:38 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted by Laura M. Thomas, 11/26/13*