

VBODA General Membership Meeting  
April 11, 2015  
Newport News, VA

Call to Order Steve Rice  
*10 a.m.*  
*Recognize Dr. John Lopez for hosting us at CNU*

Review of Voting Procedures Andrew Loft

Roll Call Laura M. Thomas  
*District 1: John Sarvay for Danielle Yonkers; District 2: Tim Rossettini for Ken Poe; District 3: Eric Ramsey for Jay Sykes; District 4: Matthew Phillips; District 5: Daniel Upton for Matthew Schucker; District 6: David Webb for Frankie Nettles; District 7: Mark Collins for Justin Camacho; District 8: Darren Kirsch for Martin Blount; District 9: David Van Gelder; District 10: Steve Jacoby for Joe LaBrie; District 11: Eric Hoang; District 12: Grayson Fore; District 13: Jason Hackworth for Laura Bock; District 14: Ryan Dempsey; District 15: Ryan Addair; District 16: Tim Neibergall for Paul Shoremount.*

Confirmation of Agenda  
*Motion to approve by Steve Jacoby; seconded by Rob Carroll; approved*

Minutes from last meeting (Norfolk, VA) Laura M. Thomas

### REPORTS

Treasurer's Report Steve Turner

#### VBODA Operations

1. VMEA/VBODA Fall Professional Development (AKA Conference ) Steve Rice  
*Deadline for performance applications: May 1; go to VMEA website*

2. All Virginia Auditions Carrie Finnegan/Andrew Loft  
February 28, 2015 – JMU      February 27, 2016 – JMU  
*Thanks to Steve Bolstad and Scott Ridders for logistical help*  
*No registration anomalies (no one who was not qualified showed up to audition)*  
*Registration was expedient and processed over 800 students in under 50 minutes*  
*Special thanks to Stan Schoonover and to Mike Hackbarth for technical help*  
*Thanks to District Reps and SRO Chairs and Orch Rep for submitting info*  
*iPads were tested successfully in saxophone, horn, cello, and bass rooms.*  
*See All-Virginia Auditions 2015 report for more detail*

3. All Virginia Band & Orchestra Event 2015 Steve Rice  
*CNU, John Lopez, Doug Spruill, Darren Kirsch, Wayne Powell*  
*Appreciation expressed to Carrie Finnegan for arranging for excellent replacement conductor*  
*C. Finnegan read message from Tony Maiello; he will return in 2017 to conduct.*

#### 2015 Event April 9-11

Location: Christopher Newport University  
Conductors: Symphonic Band: Dr. Lawrence Stoffel, California State University, Northridge  
Concert Band: Damon Talley – LSU  
Orchestra: Col. Thomas Palmatier US Army Band

#### 2016 Event April 7-9

Location: George Mason University  
Conductors: Orchestra: Kathleen Horvath, Case Western  
Concert Band: Greg Bimm, Marion Catholic High School, Ret.  
Symphonic Band: Col. Michael J. Colburn, USMC (ret.)

#### 2017 Event April 6-8

Location: TBA  
Conductors: Symphonic Band: Gary Green – U. Miami  
Concert Band: Jamie Nix, Columbus State University  
Orchestra: TBA

#### 2018 Event 5-7

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Conductors: Symphonic Band: Petere Boonshaft, Hofstra University  
Concert Band: Rob Carnochan, University of Texas  
Orchestra: TBA

**Committee Reports**

1. Awards Committee Steve Rice for Linda Gammon  
*Go to VMEA website to nominate, by May 1.*
2. Scholarship Committee Carl Bly  
*Please make sure all requirements are fulfilled and submitted on time (in one envelope.)*
3. Legislative Report Rob Carroll for Steve King
  - a. *Senate Bill 823 (PE) did not pass; this is good for us. House bill 1626 (Tebow) failed again.*
  - b. *State song legislation passed: "Our Great Virginia" is the Official State Song, "Sweet Virginia Breeze" is Official Popular State Song*
4. Manual Committee Stan Schoonover for Dan Kosko
  - a. *See detailed report on website*
  - b. *Total number of fees: 1055 (\$46,005) (Record number)*
  - c. *400 pieces reviewed at Conference meeting of Manual Committee*
  - d. *VBODA Directory—lots of improvements this year, thanks to M. Hackbarth. District Reps supplying contact info, being added to "Members" tab*
  - e. *We recommend putting graded music on public side of website (done)*
  - f. *Still working on adding info re hosting or chairing events*
5. Legacy Recording Stan Schoonover
  - a. *New Chair: Rob Carroll*
  - b. *Some All-Va recordings have been posted online; check them out at vboda.org*
  - c. *Technology: We are looking at being able to use credit cards to pay fees online*
6. Website Report Mike Hackbarth
  - a. *Data discrepancies will start to disappear*
  - b. *975 active users since inception; 925 have used site this year (2015); 450 unique visits average per day*
  - c. *If you are responsible for web content, contact M. Hackbarth—you will become editor*
  - d. *Solo and Ensemble list is now public*
7. All-VA Jazz Ensemble Committee Steve Turner  
*Second All-Virginia Jazz Band recommended by committee; Ex Bd recommends*  
***Motion passes***
8. Solo and Ensemble Adjudication Report (formerly Concert Adjudication) Carl Bly  
*Nothing to report today; hopefully will have something in June*
9. Sight Reading Committee Report Band Diana Love  
*Your feedback is helpful and appreciated. G. Fagan contracted to write 2016 sight reading material.*
10. Sight Reading Committee Report Orchestra Carrie Finnegan for Tina Hans  
*Email [cfinnegan@k12albemarle.org](mailto:cfinnegan@k12albemarle.org) with feedback. Looking for composers to write next year's material. Also looking for additional committee members; T. Hans is currently a committee of one.*
11. Judges' Training Andrew Loft  
*Fourth session held this weekend. More than 450 have undertaken training. A. Loft is handing off training to Sharon Jeanes. Working on Adjudication Training Manual. Reminder to complete final project.*
12. VBODA Marching Band Assessment Committee Brandon Neal  
*Will post following info on website: Approved judges list, 2015 Judges panel and locations. Working to balance locations at 20-25 bands each, as per MBA Committee recommendations.*

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**Old Business**

1. General
  - a. All-Virginia Workshops Allen Hall  
*92 participants this weekend, very successful. Come hear Mike Oare's piece, which is written for band but also transcribed for orchestra*
  - b. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission Orchestra Carrie Finnegan  
*Brian Balmages commissioned to write for 2016 premiere*
  - c. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission Band Andrew Loft  
*David Maslanka is commissioned; will work with Gary Green, for 2017 premiere*
2. Addendums for the VBODA Handbook Steve Rice  
*Several committees working now to create these 'task lists' for running VBODA events. Please get this info to Steve Rice well before June Executive Board meeting.*
3. Orchestra Carrie Finnegan  
*none*
4. Band Andrew Loft
  - a. *Combined All-Va Survey: 149 members voted for pursuing; 140 voted not to pursue. We will not take action to combine All-Virginia Band, Orchestra, and Chorus for 2017.*
5. VBODA Orchestra Representative constitutional change Steve Rice  
*Vote to place Orchestra Representative on VBODA's President's Committee  
Membership will receive email vote after VMEA Notes is published*

**New Business**

1. Orchestra Carrie Finnegan  
*Need orchestra person to be on Performance Submission Committee to listen to performance recordings for VMEA committee; could be MS or HS; please email C. Finnegan if interested. Involves meeting in Staunton May 16-17, 2-year commitment.*
2. Band Andrew Loft  
*Need a middle school band person to be on committee to listen to performance recordings for VMEA committee; please email A. Loft if interested. Involves meeting in Staunton May 16-17, 2-year commitment.*
3. Nominations Committee Andrew Loft  
*The following names have been forwarded as slate:*
  - a. *President: Doug Spruill and Amy Birdsong*
  - b. *Secretary: Laura M. Thomas, Jenny Ryan*
  - c. *Orchestra Rep: Carrie Finnegan*
  - d. *Middle School Rep: Sharon Bonneau, Joe LaBrie*  
*Brian Baldwin nominated Aaron Mynes for Orchestra Representative. Seconded by Deb Myers.  
Motion to close nomination process: Rob Carroll; seconded by Doug Armstrong; passes.*
4. Action items from committees  
*(Added second All-Virginia Jazz Band.)*

**Announcements**

- Honor Band Laura M. Thomas  
*2014-15 Honor Bands read; directors recognized  
Special recognitions read*

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Music For All National Concert Band Festival Bands

Steve Rice

Featured Bands

*Lake Braddock Secondary School, Mike Lully Director*

*McLean High School Symphonic Band, Chris Weiss*

Invited Band

*Yorktown High School Symphonic Band, Brian Bersh*

Sandy Feldstein Music For All National Percussion Festival

*Yorktown Percussion Ensemble, Brian Bersh*

Committee Report

Steve Rice

1. *Committee chairs, please submit reports to secretary electronically/digitally*
2. *Please submit a list of the members of your committees to president, secretary, website chair*
3. *VBODA inventory and contracts go to Steve Turner*

*Steve Rice expressed appreciation to membership for participation.*

*Next General Membership Meeting will be at the Professional Development Conference, Norfolk, November 20, 2015*

*Motion to adjourn by Gary English; seconded by Jonathan Hargis*

*Motion adjourned at 10:43 a.m.*

*Respectfully submitted by Laura Mulligan Thomas*

*April 18, 2015*