

VBODA General Membership Meeting
Saturday, April 9, 2016 • 9:00 a.m.
George Mason University

Call to Order

Steve Rice

9:02 a.m.

GMU Percussion Professor John Kilkenny welcomed VBODA members to the All-Virginia Event. President Rice thanked Professor Kilkenny for his organization and GMU's hospitality.

Clyde Hughes was honored with membership in the VBODA Hall of Fame for his years of teaching and service to our profession, and received a standing ovation.

Review of Voting Procedures

Andrew Loft

Three types of motions:

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1) The Constitution and its By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at any regular general meeting. Notice of the proposed amendment shall be published in VMEA Notes prior to a required electronic vote. Two-thirds' majority of the e-vote responders are required for approval.

2) An Administrative Handbook amendment deals with structural items that significantly change an event; first vote requires a simple majority to pass; second vote requires a two-thirds majority e-ballot vote to pass.

3) A Procedural Amendment deals with procedural changes; a simple majority is required to pass; one vote only.

Government of this organization shall be vested in the general membership.

Reminder to please vote with your NAFME membership card.

District Roll Call

Laura M. Thomas

All Districts Represented: District 1: Amy Birdsong for Danielle Yonkers, District 2: Tim Rossetti, District 3: Gordon Rawls for Derek Ramsey, District 4: Jack Elgin for Christina Hans, District 5: Daniel Upton, District 6: Darrell Pearman for David Miller, District 7: Rick Lake for Bruce Miller, District 8: Hunter Kopczynski, District 9: Anthony Agee, District 10: Steve Jacoby, District 11: Alan Johnson for Eric Hoang, District 12: Doug Maloney, District 13: Jason Hackworth, District 14: Matt Yonkey, District 15: Don Leonard for Ryan Addair, District 16: Tim Niebergall for Paul Shoremont

Minutes from last meeting

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Treasurer's Report

Steve Turner

Cash and Bank Accounts

<i>15 Month CD</i>	<i>\$13,855.56</i>
<i>Checking 6957</i>	<i>\$110,432.54</i>
<i>Savings 6949</i>	<i>\$24,752.90</i>
<i>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</i>	<i>\$149,041.00</i>

VBODA Operations

1. VMEA/VBODA Fall Professional Development Linda Gammon
 - a. *Will be at Homestead this year. Planning is well underway; 175 clinic proposals received. Demo and performance groups please apply; notification will be mid-June.*

2. All-Virginia Auditions Andrew Loft
 - a. *Adjudicators from all districts served on band side; each string room had a representative from each of the four regions. Clarinet room was done by 4 p.m.! Technology helping, continues to get more efficient. VBODA President-Elect Doug Spruill will take over as All-Virginia Audition Chair next year.*

3. All-Virginia Event Steve Rice
 - a. *Fantastic ensembles, one of the strongest All-Virginia events ever. Appreciation expressed to George Mason University and its music department.*

2017 Event Location: James Madison University
Orchestra: Anthony Maiello, George Mason University
Concert Band: Jamie Nix, Columbus State
Symphonic Band: Gary Green, University of Miami

2018 Event Location Richmond: Center Stage (With VCDA)
Orchestra: TBA
Concert Band: Rob Carnochan, University of Miami
Symphonic Band: Peter Boonshaft, Hofstra

The Executive Board with VCDA will negotiate room rates and facilities in Richmond.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

All-Virginia Jazz

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Auditions will be October 2-3, will be part of conference at Homestead. Check website for details.

Awards

Linda Gammon

Fuller, Berg, Hall of Fame Award nominations are all due June 1. Check website, please nominate!

Judges Training

Andrew Loft

8th adjudicator training session held this morning, 30 participants. More than 200 have participated to date. Currently revamping final project submission process to utilize Dropbox (within 2 weeks.) VMEA Manager Linda Gammon will send list of trained adjudicators to the District Reps.

Legacy Recording

Steve Rice

We now have all manuals (Administrative Handbooks) from 1950's to current CDs (thanks to Wayne Powell.)

Legislative Report

Steve Rice

*Linda Gammon: 3 person committee from VMEA fulfilling this role
Emails on website. Job descriptions will be posted asap.*

Marching Assessment

Grayson Fore

Committee met Thurs night. Registration online, opens May 1 at 12 p.m. All payments made by Aug 1, or you lose your spot. 24 bands at each sight. Late through Sept 22, late fee \$100. Host will have some leeway to adjust suggested budget. Finished in black last year. May 1: Judges with signed contracts will be posted on website. Events will start no earlier than 10 am. District 8 wants to host their own district event in 2017. Will bring back info to June meeting for board to discuss. Will come up with written documentation of current practices. \$175 fee per band.

JR Snow and Tim Rossettini are going to write a draft of the MBA personnel (job descriptions.)

Grayson Fore is head of MBA Committee. JR Snow is doing winter/spring work (hiring judges, etc.) Martin Blount is going to handle Fall nuts and bolts of preparing sites (recorders, etc.)

Publications and Fees

Stan Schoonover

Newly-named committee, reflects current practices and technology. Membership approved wording to update Section 3 in Administrative Handbook to reflect Publications and Fees (rather than Manual, etc.) 500 pieces were graded this fall for the Selective Music List.

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Scholarship Committee

Carl Bly

We met, we chose, we'll present at concert today. More people need to apply. Single numbers last two years.

Sight Reading Committee Band

Steve Rice (for Diana Love)

D. Love sent a survey to the Sightreading judges for input or suggestions based on this year's SR. Will forwarding the responses to Gary and will compile and forward to the committee.

Sight Reading Committee Orchestra

Carrie Finnegan (for Tina Hans)

Committee will revise rubric and will present suggestions to board in June.

Strategic Plan Committee

Allen Hall

Website

Mike Hackbarth

Close to 1 million hits to date. Coming soon: meeting minutes will link to committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS

General

1. All-Va Workshops

Allen Hall

75 participants this weekend; Daniel Upton will be new chair. Online component went well yesterday, should continue.

2. 75th Anniversary Project Band

Andrew Loft

Last year, Concert Band premiered a piece by Mike Oare. This year, the Orchestra will premiere a piece by Brian Balmages. Next year, the Symphonic Band will premiere a piece by David Maslanka; he will be here for the performance. Donations for Maslanka commission (and others) gratefully accepted.

3. 75th Anniversary Project Orchestra

Carrie Finnegan

Brian Balmages' piece "A Moment for Peace" is written for double string orchestra. It's really tough but the students are doing a terrific job. Very beautiful, will premiere this afternoon

4. Reimbursement Guidelines

Steve Turner

Posted on website

5. Section 3 Language

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“Publications and Fees” language replaced older verbiage by membership vote; will be incorporated into the Admin Handbook online asap

NEW BUSINESS

Orchestra

Carrie Finnegan

Motion by Carrie Finnegan, seconded by Stan Schoonover:

I move that All-Virginia violin seating be as follows: First two ranking violins will be seated first stand Violin I, next two violins will be seated first stand Violin II. Violins ranking 5-24 will fill out the Violin I section, and those ranked 25-44 will complete the Violin II section. Titles will be Concertmaster, Associate Concertmaster, Principal Violin II, and Assistant Principal Violin II.

Discussion

Motion passes by majority, now goes to email ballot. (This is an Administrative Motion)

Band

Andrew Loft

Executive Board

Steve Rice

1. Joe LaBrie proposed a new [Solo and Ensemble Percussion Adjudication Form \(link here\)](#). Executive Board approved this yesterday, need simple majority approval today to put in place.

Approved by membership vote. Amended motion to start 2017 (districts may use this year if they wish.)

2. Posting of All-Virginia Audition Results

Discussion re privacy concerns, board advises not publishing names. Some concern expressed about numerical scores being sent to directors (two expressed desire to have numerical scores sent to all directors.) VMEA lawyer being consulted about legality.

Dave Webb: Concern re “All possible octaves” wording at All-Virginia. Would like to specify exactly what is expected for each specific instrument. Would like to specify scale pairings. Tim Rossettini concurs; would help judges. Steve Rice: Dave Webb will join All-Virginia Audition committee. Justin Ratcliff will join, as will Adam Foreman. Committee will report at June board meeting.

3. Posting Paid Positions

Log in to vboda.org, then click on Resources/Documents/VBODA Job Descriptions. Currently there are five positions posted; expect to see all soon. Thirteen ‘jobs’ currently; some are more than one person. For example, a person needs to transcribe the All-Virginia etude into Finale. Write President@vboda.org for more information

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4. Open Executive Board

Executive Board meetings are open to all members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honor Band Awards

Music for All National Concert Band Festival

West Springfield High School

Eric Hoang, Director

American String Teachers Association National Orchestra Festival

Woodson Chamber Orchestra, 2nd place

Kathy Thompson, Director

In Memoriam: A moment of silence was held for James Simmons, former president of VMEA and VBODA

ODU has commissioned a piece in honor of Dennis Zeisler, to be written by David Holsinger. To contribute, please email dtowens@odu.edu.

Steve Rice expressed appreciation to membership for allowing him to serve, as this is his last meeting as president. *"We all strive to play in tune, never going to be perfect but we keep striving."*

Motion to Adjourn by Denny Stokes, seconded by Eric Hoang.
Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Mulligan Thomas
April 12, 2016