

**Minutes of Board Meeting of the Board of Directors  
June 29-30, 2006  
Nashville, Tennessee**

*Minutes approved by e-mail; filed July 23, 2006*

All board members were provided with packets of materials including a copy of the meeting agenda

1:05 p.m., (Central Time):

President Brewer called the meeting to order

First order of business was to introduce all members of the board and others present

**Officers:** President Brewer, Pres-elect Meers, Past President Coleman, Executive Secretary-Treasurer Combs

**Board:** Jeanette Crosswhite, Dian Eddleman, Lee Harris, Sandy Morris, Karen Blooding

**Others:** President –elect for 2006-08 Gary Wilkes, B.J. Frost, Billy Stepp, Jo Ann Hood, Jim Burton, Francie Beard, Sandy Elliott, Fred Spano, Laura Coppage

presentation of the 2005-06 finance report by Combs

Brewer lead some discussion and the report was file as presented [report will be posted on TMEA web site, provided to the Council, and published in the magazine]

Brewer : suggested to provide board with “rules” of the 501c3; Combs will comply

Commendation of newly appointed TMEA finance committee; report of establishment of that committee as well as the bylaws committee

Review of contact list of board members; corrections noted

Review of coming board meetings; (normally 4 annually); [bylaws indicate two different meeting requirements; bylaws committee reviewing and correcting]

**1:30 – 3:00 Time for incoming and outgoing state chairs to have conversation**

Also, during this time, the executive committee met with Daphne Garey (for Mark Garey, registration chair), Billy Stepp (All-State) Jo Ann Hood (TMEA Exhibits), B.J. Frost (Conference); Mike Aymett (auditions committee) was not present but provided a written report

**3:00 – 3:30 Break**

3:35 - **Publications report** - Combs -  
commendations to the magazine from Brewer

financial report for 2005-06 as well as production schedule for 2006-07 provided to all

**State Dept of Ed report** – Crosswhite - written report provided

Recommended to include link to national board certification site on the TMEA site

It was noted that TMEA CAN make a difference . . . reference special situation where Brewer's letter had an impact

Discussion on mentoring system

Discussion of Tennessee Alliance for Arts Education

**State conference** report B.J. Frost

Symphony hall has not figured out their costs for our association for the 2007 all-state performances and rehearsals.

24 conference proposals to date; discussion of balancing sessions

Colleges are interested in sponsoring a Thursday night reception for everyone rather than their own receptions

**All-State** report - Billy Stepp

All concerts on Saturday and dress rehearsals on Friday

(jazz band on Friday night in hotel ball room; all others in symphony hall Saturday)

Enforcement of attendance policy for all-state groups: Students must be in place 10 minutes before rehearsal: first time late is warning; second time they are dismissed (no loss of chair on a warning)

suggested - have students sign attendance policy form; Stepp will work on procedure.

Stepp reviewed tentative all-state schedule and deadline date

**State chairs** reports:

(brief reports from outgoing state chairs)

Band State Chair - Jim Burton for Phillips

(Jeff Phillips provided written reports including State Concert Festival)

Orchestra State chair - Sandy Morris

State Choral chair - Dian Eddleman

State Higher Education chair - Lee Harris

State General Music - Karen Blooding

## **New Business:**

Finance Committee: resolution to invest excess funds to generate income presented to the board followed by question and the agreement that the investment must have: Protection of the principle; Access to money at any time with no penalty

Master calendar should be on web site

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 for dinner

Officers had informal discussion after dinner

## **June 30, Friday morning**

Meeting called to order 9:03 a.m.

Noted: Combs to receive Tennessee Arts Academy lifetime achievement award for 2006

Discussion about use of reserve fund

Motion: moved that we accept the recommendation of the finance committee regarding investment of part of our reserved funds (\$50,000).

seconded; motion passed unanimously

Motion: all-state ensemble chairs receive \$50 in personal expenses in addition to their regular business expense. Seconded; motion passed unanimously

President Brewer: noted this is the first step toward providing personal expense reimbursement for the very hard-working ensemble chairs; it is hoped TMEA will be able to do more in future years

President Brewer: refund polity - needs to be provided in written form to students and parents

Discussion about procedure

Discussion about out of state teachers wanting to relocate to Tennessee; source of information about potential jobs

Recommend webmaster post link to school director - dept of ed web site

## **Other new business**

Report from bylaws committee - work in progress

Note: keep current list of presidents of other music organizations on TMEA web site

District two band directors?

The draft budget for FY 2006-07 was discussed. Combs provided a detailed draft and open discussion followed. Several minor changes were suggested and the draft budget was adjusted accordingly.

Specific discussions related to honor choir, conference pianos, conference auditions committee

Regarding ensembles performing at conference: discussion reflected the importance of providing B.J. with a ranked list by group levels/category; also discussion about the audition process;

Recommendation: same process this year, use judges that would be willing to drive and return in one day; input from caucus

The recommendation was presented in the form of a motion and was seconded; motion assed unanimously

Motion made and seconded to approve draft budget as presented  
Seconded and passed unanimously by the Board of Directors

Closing comments by  
President Brewer

Special commendation for outgoing (6-year) executive committee member Stephen Coleman; applause from everyone

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Michael Combs  
Executive Secretary