

**Minutes of Council Meeting  
Saturday, August 12, 2006  
Riverdale High School, Murfreesboro**

The meeting of the 2006-07 TMEA Council was called to order at 9:35 AM by President Ron Meers.

The first item of business was the Role call and introduction of Council members.

**Members Present:**

Ronald Meers, President  
Gary Wilkes, President-Elect  
F. Michael Combs, Executive Secretary  
Jeanette Crosswhite, TN Dept of Ed

Jim Burton, Band Chair  
Francie Beard, Orchestra Chair  
Sandy Elliott, Choral Chair  
Fred Spano, Higher Education Chair  
Laura Coppage, General Music Chair

Christine Bock ETEMEA President  
Gerald Souther, ETEMEA President-Elect

David Butler, ETSBOA President  
Joel Denton, ETSBOA President-Elect

Neshawn Calloway, ETVA President  
Mike Short, ETVA President-Elect

Karen Mueller, MTEMEA President  
Sherry Little, METMEA Vice-President

Mark Garey, METBOA President

Lewis Walling (for Jeanette MacCallum)  
MTVA President  
Vallerie DeHoff, MTVA President-elect

Kenleta Pokorski, WTEMEA President

Barry Trobaugh, WTSBOA President  
Brad Turner, WTSBOA President-Elect

Helen Redding, WTVVA President  
Billy Rayburn, ETVA President-Elect

Project Chairs (non-voting)

Terry Sanford, Web Master  
Lindsey Reed, Middle TN CMENC  
President

T. Earn Hinton, Government Relations  
Chair

Marty Los, Music Merchants Chair  
William Lee, Research Chair

Vivian Miller, Historian/Retired  
Teachers

B J Frost, Conference Manager

Brenda Williams, Treble Honor Chair

**Those Absent:**

David Talbert (MTSBOA President-Elect)

Jeanette MacCallum (MTVA President)  
sub provided

Nicole Robinson, CMENC Advisor

Jo Ann Hood, Exhibits Chair

Mike Aymett, Conference Auditions  
Chair

Billy Stepp, All-State General Chair

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of August 13, 2005. Corrections noted. Corrected minutes approved by a unanimous vote. Approved minutes filed on the TMEA web site.

Reports from areas (handouts provided)

ETSBOA report (David Butler)

MTSBOA report (Mark Garey)  
Handout with details of officers and events

WTSBOA report (Barry Trobaugh)

ETVA report Neshawn Calloway

MTVA report (Lewis Walling for Jeannette MacCallum)

WTVA report (Helen Redding)

ETEMEA report (Christine Bock)

MTEMEA report (Karen Mueller)

WTEMEA report (Kenleta Pokorski)

Commendations from President Meers for the excellent work by the associations. Verbal reports were supported by handouts.

### **Finance report - Combs**

Current balance in bank - \$29,823.58 which includes our CD (\$15,000) and our savings account (\$10,003.08) Members provided with a copy of the approved TMEA budget for 2006-07 and the budget summary for 2005-06.

**Report from finance committee by Jeanette Crosswhite** – indicating policies for investing TMEA funds

**Report on TMEA web site by Terry Sanford.** Use of TnMEAsight reviewed; request for Council members to provide materials for the site - limit font to Ariel and Tahoma and at 12 point at smallest, in original format; association web masters should be in contact with Terry. Request from area presidents that Terry be given passwords to area sites.

Question – Gary Wilkes. Possibility of posting job openings on web site. Terry indicated that can be done – perhaps via bulletin board

B J - membership form available via TMEA site? Yes, direct link (also noted via MENC.com.

Meers - comment on how site can work in mentoring process

### **Meers - Report to the Council**

Concerns about MENC. Changes coming; MENC seems to be responding more to the membership. MENC MUST respond to the members. There must be a way to gauge the responses of the members. Initiatives needed from MENC leadership.

Voice needed to NEB. Connection needed.

More accountable way of having input and accountability.

Need more open financial disclosure from MENC.

Reminder: The National Anthem Project will have grand finale on flag day in Washington, DC

Consideration of hosting MENC national meeting in 2012.

Comments from Jeanette Crosswhite about the 2002 national conference

### **State Department Report – Crosswhite**

Discussion of mentorship; Academy, moved to July, but went well; next year's academy will be slightly different - one week July 8-13 K-12; no reduction of number of participants

Meers - commendations to the excellent work the Academy does for our state.  
Comments and general discussion from members.

Meers – request that all associations add link from their site to the Academy site  
(Tennesseeartsacademy.org)

Discussion about literacy being taught in the music class

Other information from the State Department of Education. Written summary provided to the Council.

Note: [www.nasaa.org](http://www.nasaa.org) web site on critical evidence

Resource: [www.Ecs.org](http://www.Ecs.org) web site (arts in education) “New Arts Ed Report”

Discussion and comments from the membership

### **Break**

### **Photo of Council**

**Bylaws committee report – Bill Lee** (reporting for the committee)

Ellen Koziel and Sandy Morris also serve on the committee

Comments: “Tweaking” may be needed

Will post proposed document for review

Secondary discussion:

Question: who on council votes? Association presidents?

Note: Association presidents and vice presidents DO vote

**Research report - Bill Lee, Research chair**

Coming research activities - special activities by Bill Lee  
Comments about MENC Society of Research in Music Education and encouragement for members to join

**Government Relations - T. Earl Hinton** - no oral report

**Music Merchants – Marty Loss, chair**

Report - caution about recommending products to students  
Written report provided regarding of changes in the industry

**Retired/Historian Vivian Miller, chair**

Advice: Attend retired education association meetings  
67 retired teachers to date

concern about archiving back issues of the state magazine

Proposal - bind past copies of the Tennessee musician for historical value  
motion made and seconded to provide funds of around \$100 for binding  
motion passed Funds to be taken from 2.801 expendable items

**Convention - B J Frost, Conference Manager**

2006 Conference -

60 information slips sent out but only 39 were returned  
Only 5 of the concert slips (reports of attendance) were returned

2007 Opening session in the Symphony Hall; Treble Honor Choir will perform;  
program by the Nashville Symphony listed on web site

All-state concerts in Symphony Hall except jazz band which will be Friday night in  
Renaissance Hotel Ball Room

Discussion about rehearsal facilities

B J requested input and suggestions

Comments from members: concerns about badge checking; suggestions provided by members

**Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:20** with reminder that caucus meeting will begin at 1:00

### **LUNCH BREAK**

Gary and Joy Bergen family prepared lunch for the Council members

### **Caucus meetings**

Following the caucus meetings, was the Board of Directors meeting.

Submitted to the members of the council for review on August 13, 2006

F. Michael Combs  
TMEA Secretary-Treasurer

