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**THE TENNESSEE MUSIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING**

SATURDAY, August 10, 2008

(approved via e-mail vote)

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Wilkes at 9:42 A.M. central time.

Members in attendance introduced themselves and included:

Officers and Board: Gary Wilkes, Ron Meers, Ron Rogers, Mike Combs, David Aydelott, Dian Eddleman, Christy Bock, Jamila McWhirter, Andrew Palmer, and Jeanette Crosswhite

Association officers: Gerald Souther and Kathy Tallent (ETEMEA), Joel Denton and Steve Taylor (ETSBOA), Mike Short and Chris Clift (ETVA), Angela Roberts (MTEMEA), David Talbert and Randal Box (MTSBOA), Valarie DeHoff and Jeanette MacCallum (MTVA), Sandra Hunt (rep from WTEMEA), Brad Turner and David Chipman (WTSBOA), Billy Rayburn and Dian Eddleman (WTVA)

Project chairs: Terry Sanford (webmaster and all-state general co-chair), William Lee (research chair), Richard Mitchell (Music in our Schools chair), B J Frost (conference manager), Stacey Murray (treble honor chorus chair), Steve Taylor (all-state general co-chair)

Guest: Ray Bell, Secretary, TMEA Council of Past Presidents

Documents provided (via e-mail in advance): 2008-09 budget, 2007-08 budget summery report, minutes of 2008 council meeting and previous board meetings. Other hard copy documents available. Agenda provided by President Wilkes.

Opening remarks by President Wilkes

General welcome

Points:

TMEA is desperately trying not to raise dues or registration rates

Goals to keep TMEA conference here in middle Tennessee

Would like to see happen during my administration –

Have a “united Tennessee”

Become united in our audition standards and adjudication process

Serge in the growth of CMENC membership

Hope that Dr. McWhirter, DaCapo, retired teachers, and our historian can establish a traveling exhibition of TMEA archives

[President Wilkes asked for a moment of silence in memory of Dr. T Earl Hinton and also to remember Vivian Miller who is recovering from a broken hip.]

Announcement made of the new cycle of commissions for the all-state groups starting with the treble honor chorus this fall.

“Please don’t hesitate to call me if there is anything that I can do for you”

Announcement of all-state co-general chairs: **Terry Sanford** (all-state choral general co-chair) and **Steve Taylor** (all-state instruments general co-chair)

Meers: discussion about fitting tribute in the memory of T. Earl Hinton

Ray Bell: consensus of DaCapo committee that a contribution be made from TMEA to the Hinton scholarship

McWhirter provided details of Hinton scholarship - interest of fund goes to one student for the time they are in school and as long as they meet minimum requirements

Meers: requested requirements; board will discuss later

Wilkes: Recognition of and congratulations to **Jeanette Crosswhite** for having received the Lorin Hollander Award in recognition of her contributions to arts education and the Tennessee Arts Academy.

Individual reports: (Many association representatives provided hard copy reports; Below are just a few points brought to the council.)

WTSBOA (Brad Turner) review of hits on their website; notes that all music is currently on their website; developing mentoring program; notes about plans for this year

WTVA (Billy Rayburn) review of choral activities and mentoring program

WTEMEA (Sandy Hunt, reporting) review of activities

MTSBOA (David Talbert) continuation of activities; new junior high jazz ensemble;

MTVA (Valerie DeHoff) added new men's choir; concerns about securing venues

MTEMEA (Angela Hensley) brief report; working toward being better organized and doing more things

ETSBOA (Joel Denton) written report provided; notes about increased participation and increase in quality; notes on organization of the association; plans to discuss representation policy

ETVA (Mike Short) report of numbers of students participating and various programs that happened and are planned; two schools performed at So Division ACDA meeting

ETEMEA (Gerald Souther) review of past programs and coming activities; perhaps change name of association and term of officers; mentoring plans reviewed

Wilkes: open floor to reaction
General discussion

Meers: Letter to principals across the state suggested;
Conversation - Sanford – note about info on TMEA website; Box – points about “erasing the lines” and thoughts about music teachers who are not members of the association; Eddleman – notes about number of vocal teachers in West Tennessee who were not aware of WTVA
Aydelott - points about making contacts; Bock – better communication needed between elementary teachers and the other associations; Denton – comments about representation policy
other general discussion

Wilkes: comments about his personal experiences
“challenge to the leadership of all associations to follow lead of some of the associations in their efforts to identify those we have missed contacting” “I would like to see us have a website where we can speak to one other – chat room”
Terry Sanford – investigating that possibility; comments about websites of other associations - also suggested: mass e-mail system to contact all members via e-mail - general comments about website and notes from Terry about the possibility of direct e-mail contact with all members (will investigate and report back)

Reports from chairs:

Jamila McWhirter - CMENC advisor (written report provided) comments about the fall kickoff this past fall and plans for this coming event; - Sept 27th

State higher education chair - report from past caucus meeting; suggestions related to conference; all-collegiate ensemble and other plans

Meers: we need to do whatever it takes to get higher ed people to be part of what we are doing

B J Frost: applied teachers at most colleges feel it impossible to join TMEA; it was suggested to have institutional membership for these people (adjunct faculty)

Bill Lee: all music teachers in higher ed should be obligated to join TMEA; we need to have all scholars and applied faculty as members - we need their expertise and influence; suggest contact head of the music schools in Tennessee

Denton: perhaps colleges join as associate memberships?

Conversation - thoughts about some actions that would encourage college teachers to join

Jeanette Crosswhite - comments about background checks

TMEA has more “weight” that you might realize - if you want to use it

Review of high school transition policy; new commissioner Dr. Tim Webb is now Commissioner of Education; notes about “budget crunch” at state government; report on

summer NAMM show this past summer and coming again this next summer;
multicultural music symposium will be Oct 8-11 this fall

Frost: Tenn Assoc for Arts Ed(?) being restructured; comments about their activities

Wilkes: consider official letter to that organization - agreed to wait

11:38 President Wilkes called for break

11:53 The council was brought back to order

Eddleman: discussion about New Horizons Tours and Travel - review of history of commission and the new cycle; suggested considering using this company because of what they do for our state

Bill Lee: report on music research

Review of recent poster session and his sessions at state music conference; notes Tennessee way above average on research in Tennessee; report of various music meetings this year in Tennessee; comments on T. Earl Hinton

Wilkes: suggest middle Tennessee people present something special about Hinton at the state music conference

Reminder: Sept 15th is deadline for proposals for presentation at conference

Christy Bock: report on commission for Treble Honor Chorus; thoughts about text; other general comments

David Aydelott - review of topics that will be discussed in caucus

Sanford – note about website report and comments

Wilkes - comments about needs for accuracy of names for all-state students

B J Frost: - review of state music conference schedule; need topics of interest from council members, ideas that you feel that is needed

Suggested by Denton: send applications to appropriate association presidents for review and input

Request for numbers of people attending sessions

Suggestion: more sessions later in the day

Request: provide some basic information for associations in October

Question about budget: noted we do not pay for conference clinicians; some may be sponsored

Combs: comments about magazine, extra copies of magazine provided; copies of production schedule provided

Richard Mitchell: Music in our Schools report provided in hard copy

12:25 break for lunch

Caucus meetings following (and during) lunch

2:45 TMEA Board of Directors meeting
(minutes on separate document)

Respectfully submitted

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