

## Minutes

### **Tennessee Music Education Association Council Annual Meeting: August 8, 2009 Riverdale High School, Murfreesboro, TN**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. central time by Ron Meers (TMEA Past President) substituting for President Gary Wilkes. Those present introduced themselves and included:

**Officers:** Ron Rogers, Ron Meers, and Michael Combs (ex-officio)

**Dept of Education Representative:** Jeanette Crosswhite

**State Chairs:** David Aydelott, Dian Eddleman, Christy Bock, Jamila McWhirter, and Andrew Palmer

**Association Presidents and Vice-Presidents (or President-elects):** Gerald Jerome Souther, Jenny Lowe, Joel Denton, Steve Taylor, Mike Short, Chris Clift, Emily Dickens, Ronda Armstrong, Randal Box, Carole Grooms, Valerie DeHoff, Maria Spence, Nancy Beard, Brad Turner, David Chipman, Billy Rayburn, and Dian Eddleman

**Conference Management:** B J Frost (board liason) and Stacey Murray

**All-State Management:** Terry Sanford and Steve Taylor (board liason)

**Project Chairs:** Judith Sullivan, William Lee, Amanda Ragan and Richard Mitchell

Meers asked if there were any items that everyone needed to discuss. Hearing none, Meers read the report from President Wilkes, attached.

McWhirter asked if the all-state fees were not already approved. Meers responded to the affirmative but discussion can happen during caucus. (It was noted that the all-collegiate co-chair has already sent out notice of current fees that reflect a \$5.00 increase over last year.)

Representatives from the regional associations reported. All of those reports were provided in electronic format in advance and a composite of those written reports is attached.

A 15-minute break was called during which time the official Council photo was taken.

## REPORTS

**Vocal Chair** – report on commissions for coming choral groups

**Band Chair** – report on state instrumental festival

Date for next year: April 28-29, 2010

Comments about plans for future events

**Orchestra Chair** - need for sessions at state music conference

**Treble Honor Chorus** (see report attached)

**Higher Ed report** (see report on attached)

**All-Collegiate** ensemble review

Process of college membership (Combs working out details)  
Student teaching requirements

**Jeanette Crosswhite** – State Department of Education (see report attached)

**B J Frost** – State Music Conference

Not ready to report on 2010 yet  
Applications for sessions are way down  
No vocal, no string, few elementary  
Deadline Sept 15! For applications

**All-state:** (see report on attached)

Sanford –

**Website** – Terry offered his expertise to assist other associations

General comments about website

All-state on line registration system will be going in place for 2010

Reconstruction of schedule

Taylor

Use of Polk Auditorium for band and orchestra

All-state band chair position to be appointed

Discussion about all-state jazz band audition finances

JoAnn Hood – **conference exhibits** (absent - sent message)– suggestion about exhibit hours

**CMENC** - (see report on attached)

Notes about Fall Kick-Off on Sept 26<sup>th</sup>

**Research** (see report on attached)

**MIOSM** (see report on attached)

Vivian Miller – (not present)

She will not continue as historian but will continue as Chair of Retired Members

**Combs – finances and The Tennessee Musician**

Financial reports provided in advance; brief review of magazine and note that a position is open for assistant editor  
(final budget report posted on website)

Rogers – advocacy information on TMEA's webpage

Discussion and suggestions

Meers – suggest registering school booster organizations on our website

Meers feels strongly that this is something we should do

Rogers – manage from a state level

Joel Denton- parents' voices carry more weight than teachers' voices  
reference article in USA Today  
Comments about advocacy

The Council meeting adjourned at noon. Lunch was arranged by the Riverdale School Band Boosters. Frank and Patti Powell – band parents hosting lunch  
Most caucuses met during lunch.

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### **Board of Directors meeting**

*The TMEA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Central Time by Past President Ron Meers substituting for President Gary Wilkes.*

Meers called for approval of the minutes from the July 1-2 Board meeting. Combs pointed out that minutes do not normally include a transcription of all conversations and discussions. Meers noted again his concern about the money provided for his (Past President) travel and Combs noted that his line item had been increase and that new amount approved by the Board.

Sanford asked that the first sentence in the 12<sup>th</sup> paragraph under July 2<sup>nd</sup> reflecting his comment be adjusted as per below.

Sanford observed discussions among choral directors reveal that if TMEA does not cooperate appropriately, the choral groups will pull out of TMEA and be involved with another organization.

With that change, the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **November 15<sup>th</sup> was set for the next Board teleconference**

**Time - 8:00 eastern; 7:00 central** [Combs will provided details later.]

No space issues at this point regarding all-state

### **Review of all-state rules**

McWhirter asked if the forms should be notarized.

Discussion

Consider administrator's signature

Combs will work on wording and will get legal review of final document  
discussion

**Motion: Ron Rogers - allocate \$1,000 to mail letter written by Wilkes, along with a brochure, to principals of all Tennessee schools.**

**Motion approved unanimously**

New business:

David Aydelotte - band chair

**Moved that TMEA will pay for recordings of jazz band auditions for up to 3 hrs. Associations will be billed for any time in excess of 3 hrs.**

**Motion passed unanimously**

Concern - boundaries for the 3 divisions; David will review and report in November meeting

Concern – about not releasing names of groups who were selected today to perform at TMEA.

From the band caucus: Proposed - names of groups selected are announced today

Discussion

Rogers – suggested that the list of those groups selected be provided to the three TMEA presidents

Discussion

No action

Motion: release complete list or all groups in order by categories

No action

Motion: list released only after B J has assigned all performance slots

No action

**Suggestion/Motion - have board members (band, orch, gen music, choral chairs) confer with B J during the process of assignments (could preferably be done right away)**

**Passed unanimously**

**Regional presidents recommendation to the Board as a motion – All groups performing at State Music Conference can perform only once every four years.**

**Passed unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 4:51 PM Central Time

Respectfully submitted

Mike Combs  
TMEA Executive Secretary-Treasurer