



**Tennessee Music Education Association  
Virtual Meeting  
Board Minutes  
Sunday July 17, 2022**

In Attendance:

**TMEA Board**

- President Dr. Ryan Fisher
- Immediate Past President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry
- President-Elect Joel Denton
- Executive Director Michael Chester
- Higher Education Chair Lauren Ramey
- Choral Chair Demetrius Robinson
- General Music Chair Ben Torres
- SMTE/Research Chair Dr. Loneka Wilkinson-Battiste
- NAFME Collegiate Chair Dr. Michael Chandler
- TMEA Publications Managing Editor and Communications Anna Laura Williams
- Secretary-Dian Eddleman
- Absent: Orchestra Chair Cynthia Wright, Band Chair Dr. Ollie Liddell, Advocacy and Government Relations Chair Dr. Christopher Dye

- I. Call to Order** –President Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:02pm Sunday July 17, 2022.
  
- II. Roll Call and Welcome**  
See above.
  
- III. Approval of 3.20.2022 Minutes** – President Fisher  
The motion was made by Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, seconded by Loneka Wilkinson-Battiste and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2022 TMEA Virtual Board Meeting Minutes.
  
- IV. Financial Report-TMEA Executive Michael Chester**  
Executive Director Michael Chester reported the balance in the TMEA checking account is \$86,747.66. He presented a report concerning the FY22 finances. He discussed the wrap up of conference expenses and the role of Conference Direct Jeennifer Rothschild in finding errors and corrections concerning the conference expenses. Additional revenue costs and outstanding revenue costs were also discussed. Plans are to now initiate a working budget.

The motion to accept the financial report of 2022 was made by Michael Chandler, seconded by Ben Torres, and carried unanimously.

Executive Director Michael Chester discussed the fiscal year 2023 budget proposal. Short term liabilities, national/state dues, and revenue line items were discussed. Line items discussed included grant revenue, federal/state grants, program services, and membership dues. Expenses included grants, awards, salaries, contract services, office, travel, program and conference expenses. Revenue regarding membership dues and regional support dues was also discussed. Estimated revenue is approximately \$386,365.00. This is a working budget and subject to change.

The motion was made by Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, seconded by Demetrius Robinson and carried unanimously to approve the proposed working budget of the FY2023 TMEA budget.

**V. Bylaws Amendment Discussion**

President Fisher discussed the TMEA bylaws and presented a summary of the proposed amendments. Proposed amendments include almost every article as it has been impacted with these revisions. The TMEA Council will vote on these revisions in an upcoming scheduled TMEA Council meeting. The Executive Committee is also updating the TMEA Policies and Procedures. President Fisher asked the TMEA board to review the revisions prior to the initial reading which will occur during the August 2022 TMEA Council meeting. The vote on the bylaw amendments will take place in the second council meeting.

**VI. FY22 Membership Report/Proposed rates for FY2023**

Executive Director Michael Chester reported TMEA has 1094 full active members, 64 introductory memberships, 146 collegiate memberships, 16 retired and seven applied faculty.

President Fisher asked the board to consider membership and the possible ways to increase our advocacy efforts to raise our membership numbers.

President Fisher asked the board to peruse the membership component of the TMEA Policies and Procedures document. These documents are on the TMEA website.

Executive Director Michael Chester presented the projected increase of membership dues as well as regional support dues increase for FY2023.

The motion was made by Loneka Wilkinson-Battiste, seconded by Michael Chandler, and carried unanimously to approve the increase of membership dues rate for the 2023 fiscal year.

President Fisher covered the process of the TMEA uniform membership renewal. Implementation of a TMEA deadline penalty process was discussed. Michael Chester stated the issue of TMEA expenses does not change even though revenue of membership dues may not be coming in. Loneka Wilkinson-Battiste asked about an insurance program. TMEA does not offer it, but Executive Director Michael Chester is researching this from the national level. Due to these issues, discussion was in favor of the membership uniform October 31 deadline.

President Fisher proposed an assessed late fee penalty of \$50.00. The motion was made by Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, seconded by Michael Chandler and unanimously approved.

## **VII. Caucus Reports**

Division Caucus reports were shared with the TMEA Board of Directors.

## **VIII. TMEA Editor Report**

TMEA Editor Anna Laura Williams discussed TMEA publication expenses and revenues. She also presented an item summary and advertising information. Upcoming publication information was presented as well as some new initiatives such as the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Tennessee Musician*. Proposed advertising rates were presented and discussed. A motion was made by Ben Torres, seconded by Loneka Wilkinson-Battiste and unanimously approved to adopt the new ad rates for the *Tennessee Musician*. President Fisher recommended the TMEA Board reappoint Anna Laura Williams as TMEA Editor and Communications Manager. A motion was made by Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, seconded by Michael Chandler, and unanimously approved. TMEA Editor Anna Laura Williams and President Fisher led the discussion of the TMEA Newsletter concerning messaging and deadlines.

## **IX. Conference Discussion.**

Executive Director Michael Chester, Immediate Past President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry and President Fisher led the report concerning the 2022 TMEA conference and planning for the 2023 conference. Information included:

- Conference Financials/Registration/TMEA Awards Banquet/WHOVA app
- Feedback re: conference
- MS All State Choir
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade eligibility in All State Choirs
- Modern Band
- 2023 Performance ensemble applications being reviewed now
- Interest session reviews by board to take place July 18-29. President Fisher asked the Board to have these reviews completed by July 29.
- Invited presenters to attract more members to conference (receiving recommendations now)
- Call for research session applications were originally scheduled to be announced August 15, close October 14; however, this may be delayed per the request of the SMTE/Research chair.
- Call for Award nominations Oct 10, close Nov 30
- Conference Direct Coordinator – Jennifer Rothschild and Gaylord Opryland space concerns
- 2023 Conference rates  
The motion was made by Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, seconded by Michael Chandler, and unanimously approved to accept the rates for the 2023 TMEA conference registration rates.
- All-State Handbook revisions  
All State Choral Chair Brian Russell composed revisions to the All State Handbook. President Fisher reported these revisions to the board.  
The motion was made by Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry, seconded by Ben Torres, and unanimously approved to accept the 2023 All State Handbook revisions.

- TBA student recital future  
President Fisher and Executive Director Michael Chester led the discussion regarding the move of the TBA student recitals (previously held during the TMEA State Conference) to be held as regional events.
- Task Force to explore post-Gaylord contract options for conference. President Fisher asked the board for feedback on how the task force should be composed.

**X. State Concert Band Festival**

Executive Director Michael Chester reviewed the history of this TMEA sponsored event. It was not held during the pandemic and discussion was led whether to continue the event. It was decided to set up a meeting with presidents of TN ASTA and TBA to consider hosting/sponsoring this event in the future.

**XI. New Initiatives**

President Fisher presented information to the TMEA Board concerning the following initiatives:

- Form a TMEA “Equity in Music” committee
- Appointing a task force for new advocacy efforts and the process of working with our lobbyist
- State music licensure
- SWOT analysis

Immediate Past President Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry reported on the TMEA SWOT analysis which was compiled previously to the pandemic. The Board collaborated to create a new SWOT analysis live during the meeting.

- Future Fall Meeting Schedule (CST)(tentative):  
8/14/22 1-3 p.m. Council  
8/22/22 7-9 p.m. Board Division Chairs (Interest Session Review Discussion)  
9/18/22 1-3 p.m. Board  
9/22/22 4-5 p.m. Project Chairs  
10/23/22 1-2 p.m. Council  
2-3 p.m. Board and Conference Chairs  
11/20/22 1-3 p.m. Conference Planning Committee

**XII.** It was moved by Ben Torres, seconded by Demetrius Robinson and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:48pm.

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Dian Eddleman*