



Tennessee Music Education Association

Council Minutes

October 23, 2022

In Attendance:

TMEA Board of Directors

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

TMEA Project Chairs

- Music In Our Schools Month: Lisa Crunk
- Guitar Education (Modern Band): Michael Parson
- Retired Teachers: Deb Gouge
- Jazz Education Policy: Frank Zimmerman
- Music Merchants Industry: Scott Lane
- Absent: Webmaster John Womack, TRI-M Pam Wilensky

TMEA Conference and All-State Management Team

- TN All-State Choral Chair: Dr. Brian Russell
- TN All-State Instrumental Chair: Carter Noblin
- TN All-State Jazz Band Chair: Cord Martin
- TMEA Conference Performance Chair: Susan Kelly
- Absent: TN Treble Honor Choir Chair Tiffany Barton, TMEA Conference Performance Chair John Mears

TMEA Council (Regional Leaders)

WTGMEA President Jennifer Proseus

WTGMEA President-Elect Allen Moody

WTVMEA President-Elect Reachel Hudgins

WTSBOA President Jennifer Cupples

MTVA President Lorna Pyka

MTSBOA President J. R. Baker

MTSBOA President-Elect Stacy Jernigan

ETVA President Kristen Wiram

ETVA President Elect William Brimer

ETSBOA President Jim Burton

ETSBOA President-Elect Megan Christian

Absent: WTVMEA President Adrian Maclin;; WTSBOA President-Elect Benjamin Martin;

MTGMEA Representative Corynn York;

MTGMEA President-Elect Abbi Miller; MTVA President Elect TJ McLaughlin

I. Call to Order

President Dr. Ryan Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. Sunday October 23, 2022.

II. Roll Call and Introductions

III. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Jim Burton, seconded by Ollie Liddell and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the TMEA Council meeting August 14, 2022.

IV. Executive Director Report/Financial Statement

TMEA Executive Director Michael Chester reported TMEA has a current balance of \$14,435.00. TMEA now has a savings account. The total in this account is \$30,583.21. Mr. Chester reviewed the reasons and process of incorporating the savings account. The 990 for fiscal year 2021 has been filed.

V. Membership Drive

Executive Director Michael Chester reported the first set of memberships has been sent to NafME. This set included WTSBOA, collegiate and university faculty members, collegiate students, and general music association members. The next membership deadline is October 31 and includes WTVMEA, MTVA, MTSBOA and ETSBOA. President Fisher asked Mr. Chester to send a reminder, concerning the upcoming renewal date, to our collegiate chapter sponsors and asked TMEA Communication Manager Anna Laura Williams to remind all higher ed members to renew their NafME memberships before the October 31 deadline.

VI. Communications Manager Report

Communications Manager Anna Laura Williams shared that she intends to reach out to all the regional association leaders concerning the “Across the State” feature in the *Tennessee Musician*. She also asked for referrals for advertising in our state publications.

VII. 2023 TMEA Conference Updates/Announcements

- TN All-State Choral Chair Dr. Brian Russell updated the Council on the 2023 All State Choral Clinicians. TN All-State Instrumental Chair Carter Noblin updated the Council on the 2023 All State Instrumental Clinicians.
- TMEA Conference Performance Chair Susan Kelly reported the online conference performance adjudications have been completed and sent out invitations and refusals to all appropriate parties. Performance groups include Music City Chorus, Tennessee Wind Symphony, six large ensembles and five small ensembles. Invitations and acceptances have been completed. The next step is accumulating the performing ensembles information.
- President Fisher reported the TMEA Board reviewed all TMEA conference interest session presenters and headliners. Invitations and refusals have also been sent. President Fisher also announced Chris Judah-Lauder will be serving as the TMEA Conference headliner in the elementary division. President Fisher reminded Ollie Liddell and Cynthia Wright to send in recommendations for headliners in their division.
- President Fisher reported the board approved the changes in the TMEA Conference rates. Rates were reviewed and presented and will be posted on the TMEA website upon registration.

VIII. Proposed Amendments to Bylaws (first reading)

President Fisher presented the first reading of the proposed TMEA Bylaws and amendments. This revision is posted in the TnMEA 2022-23 google drive document. Discussion continued concerning the addition/revisions of board positions.

IX. Project chair reports

- All State Handbook Updates: TN All-State Instrumental Chair Carter Noblin reported there were not significant changes made in the all state handbook concerning the instrumental ensembles. TN All-State Choral Chair Dr. Brian Russell reported minor changes included clarification of in-print copies of music as well as gender clarifications.

X. Equity in Music committee established

President Fisher shared the composition of the Equity in Music committee. Invitations have gone out.

XI. Future conference plan task force (needing regional association representation)

President Fisher asked the regional association officers to consider future leaders in our regional association to serve as candidates on this committee.

XII. Adjournment

It was moved by Ollie Liddell, seconded by Ben Torres and carried unanimously to adjourn the TMEA Council meeting at 1:56pm.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Dian Eddleman