

**TMEA Board & Conference Team Meeting Minutes**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**2019 TMEA Conference: Opryland Hotel & Convention Center**

In Attendance:

**TMEA Board and Conference Team**

- Executive Director: Ron Meers
- President: Lafe Cook
- President-Elect: Alexis Yatuzis-Derryberry
- General Music Chair: Linzie Mullins
- Orchestra Chair: Anna Maria Miller
- Band Chair: Megan Christian
- Choral Chair: Reachel Hudgins
- Collegiate Chair: David Royse
- Technology Chair: John Womack
- Advocacy Chair: Christopher Dye
- SMTE/Research Chair: Jamila McWhirter
- Editor, Tennessee Musician: Michael Chester
- TMEA All-State Instrumental Chair / TDOE State of the Arts Program Director & Fine Arts Coordinator: Todd Shipley
- Conference Chairs: Paul Waters
- Newsletter/Tri-M/Minutes: Anna Laura Williams
- Exhibits Chair: Jo Ann Hood
- TMEA All-State Vocal Chair: Amanda Ragan
- TN Treble Honor Choir Chair: Tiffany Barton
- TMEA Ensemble Auditions Chair: John Mears
- NAFME Southern Division President: Dian Eddleman

*Absent – Past-President: Jonathan Vest; Higher Education Chair: Barry Kraus;  
Conference Chair: Brad Turner*

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12:32 p.m. - Call To Order (Lafe Cook)

**Action: Approval of August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, TMEA Board & Council Meeting Minutes (Lafe Cook)**

**Motion: Tiffany Barton / Second: Linzie Mullins**

**Vote: Passes (unanimous)**

**Action: Approval of February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, TMEA Board & Conference Management Team Zoom Video Call Meeting Minutes**

**Motion: Reachel Hudgins / Second: Tiffany Barton**

**Vote: Passes (unanimous)**

**Executive Director Report (Ron Meers) included the following:**

- An update was given on expenses for the 2019 TMEA All-State Conference, and information was shared regarding donations from exhibitors (monetary, food, and door prizes) for the reception in the Exhibit Hall

**Conference Update (Paul Waters) included the following:**

- Details were presented about preparations that had been made for the Friday and Saturday All-State Concerts venues. TMEA has invested funding into making the GOEC performance venue the best quality it can be for the All-State Concerts. Discussion also included a summary on the 2019 TMEA Conference scheduling and spaces (specifically for the large-ensembles).

**TMEA Chair Reports presented as follows:**

- General Music Chair - Linzie Mullins
  - 2019 TMEA Conference General Music session presenters and clinicians were highlighted.
- Band Chair - Megan Christian
  - The TMEA Band Caucus will include discussion about considering state-wide audition music that could be used for all band regional associations across the state (East, Middle, and West).
  - The 2019 TMEA Band State Concert Performance Assessment currently has thirty-two spots filled and eight bands on the waiting list.
- Orchestra Chair - Anna Maria Miller
  - Due to unforeseen flight delays/cancellations, the current 2019 TMEA All-State 11-12 Symphony Orchestra guest clinician has been unable to arrive (as of the time of this TMEA Board Meeting) - since this ensemble is in

- immediate need of an interim conductor, discussion occurred regarding options of possible interim conductors until the guest clinician can arrive.
- The All-State Orchestra clinicians are lined-up for 2020 Conference.
- Choral Chair - Reachel Hudgins
  - A full agenda is scheduled for the TMEA Vocal Caucus, and TMEA Board members were urged to please encourage all vocal colleagues to attend the caucus.
- Collegiate Chair - Dr. David Royse
  - A total of fifty-seven C-NAfME members (representing seven universities across the state) have volunteered to assist at this TMEA Conference as session presiders and concert ushers. The TMEA C-NAfME Caucus is scheduled to have a great panel.
- Higher Education - (Presented by Lafe Cook on behalf of Dr. Barry Kraus)
  - The 2019 TMEA All-Collegiate Band has had outstanding participation and representation from universities across the state.
- Technology Chair - John Womack
  - TMEA Board members can let John Womack know if they need any help with their sections on the TMEA website.
- SMTEA/Research Chair - Dr. Jamila McWhirter
  - The 2019 TMEA Poster Session and Research Session is scheduled to have outstanding presenters share their research at the conference this week.
  - An update will be made to the online submission form next year for applicants to indicate their current education status (ex: Graduate student).
  - Dates for upcoming SMTE/Research opportunities include the SMTE National Symposium (Deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019) and the 2020 NAFME Conference (“Call for Collaborative Action Research” proposals - Deadline: June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019).
- TMEA EventMobi Chair - Anna Laura Williams
  - TMEA Board Members are asked to please review and submit any revisions for the 2019 TMEA Conference Post-Conference Survey form questions
- TDOE “State of the Arts” Program Director & Director of Arts Education - Todd Shipley
  - Eight Awardees have accepted the “State of the Arts” Grant - more information will be provided about these recipients soon. As Director of Arts Education, Todd Shipley shared part of his role is to provide updates on future possible projects and ways the department can provide resources to better support educators in the classroom; he is glad to help with any advocacy needs arts educators may have.

- TMEA Advocacy Chair - Dr. Christopher Dye
  - Current All-State students are encouraged to submit their “All-State Stories”, and they may continue to provide these submissions after the conference throughout the Spring 2019 semester. Short-term and long-term goals were discussed about the possible uses and positive impacts of these “All-State Stories” when TMEA leadership attends Hill Day and future endeavors with Tennessee legislation.
- All-State General Chair – Todd Shipley
  - This year during the conference, a survey will be given to the 2019 All-State students to compile academic-related data (including their ACT scores, GPA’s, and Scholarship award offers).
- ArtsEdTN (Presented by Ron Meers)
  - ArtsEdTN consists of all arts across Tennessee and is helping to fund our lobbyist efforts. Special thanks was given to Steven Coleman on all of his efforts with ArtsEdTN.

### **New Business**

- Potential Expansion of All-State Chorus – Reachel Hudgins & Lafe Cook
  - Discussion regarding Freshman eligibility with the All-State vocal ensembles and the new proposal of creating a 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade All-State Vocal Ensemble included the following:
    - The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade All-State Vocal Ensemble is being discussed for the future  
(not the 2020 TMEA All-State Conference)
    - Proposed 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade All-State Vocal Ensemble would have 144 total vocalists represented through equal allotments from each of the three divisions across the state, then use a three-year formula; audition recordings would be submitted digitally and hired adjudicators would use a rubric (current draft borrowed from the TN Treble Honor Choir rubric); two proposals for the rehearsal and concert schedules:
      - (1) Friday rehearsal, Saturday performance, or
      - (2) Thursday rehearsal, Friday performance
    - One benefit of this possible ensemble is a new sector of music educators and students would be included in the TMEA Conference. Another benefit is the addition of this ensemble could increase the amount of hotel rooms in TMEA’s Opryland room block which could positively impact TMEA’s Opryland Hotel conference contract negotiations (more performance and session venues)

- TMEA Performance Ensembles - John Mears & Lafe Cook
  - Discussion regarding the current TMEA Performance Ensemble application process included the process of selecting the adjudication panel and the recording component of application.
  - After discussion, the TMEA Board agreed that the application recording guidelines should be revised to reflect the following: each application's audio submissions should include TWO recording selections, not to exceed 15 minutes total in length (the judges will not listen to more than 15 minutes of music per application)
  - The 2020 TMEA Conference Performance Ensemble Application will open in May 2019 and close in July 2019; this information should be communicated at the 2019 TMEA caucus meetings.
- Additional TMEA Membership Options- Higher Education Applied Faculty & Parent/Friends of TMEA Membership - Lafe Cook & Ron Meers
  - At the last TMEA Board Meeting, discussion was started regarding a possible TMEA Membership option for Higher Education Applied Faculty; the discussion about this prospective membership option continued during this meeting.
  - The TMEA Board is also exploring creating a membership option for TMEA Parents/Friends of TMEA; this potential additional membership category will be revisited and added to the June 2019 TMEA Board Meeting agenda.
- Update on the TMEA Regional Professional Development Grants - Lafe Cook
  - TMEA has received high-quality applications for the Regional Professional Development Grants (sponsored by TMEA and the CMA Foundation). Total funding available for this endeavor was originally set at \$6,000; however, this amount will now increase due to the CMA Foundation allowing TMEA to use additional funding for these grants. The current plan is to include at least two grant recipients from each of the three regions of Tennessee (East, Middle, West).
- Update on NafME / TMEA Membership scholarships - Lafe Cook, Dian Eddleman, Ron Meers
  - The TMEA Board is discussing ways in which to provide music teachers in economically disadvantaged schools with the resources of NafME and TMEA membership by exploring providing membership scholarships. Discussion included possibilities of NafME and TMEA membership dues waivers. The NafME Executive Board has agreed to put TMEA's motion on their agenda, and the TMEA Board will be finalized a formalized proposal at the June 2019 TMEA Board Meeting.

Announcements

- TMEA All-State Choral Chair - Amanda Ragan
  - There is an immediate need for a violinist for one of the All-State vocal ensembles (Friday rehearsal and Saturday concert).
- TMEA Conference Exhibits Chair - Jo Ann Hood
  - Plan to visit the Exhibit Hall and thank our exhibitors.
- TMEA Conference Food & Beverage - Dian Eddleman
  - Please remind conference attendees about the free food and beverages available during the conference, specifically the Exhibit Hall Reception.

**Meeting Adjourned (Lafe Cook): Approx. 2:00 p.m.**