

TMEA Board Meeting – August 2, 2014

Approval of Minutes of June, 2014 Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes – Burton/Cook

Approved

Old Business:

Institutional Membership

Discussion focused on implications of institutional membership and circumventing regional and national associations. The value of membership and the benefits etc. were discussed. Collegiate budgets need to be set before they decide.

Proposal has been tabled until April Meeting. Regional associations and the higher education caucus should discuss this further and make additional recommendations and revisions.

New Business

Da Capo proposal: the immediate past-president duties regarding TMEA awards, slate of candidates for president elect, and appointing a chairperson to serve year-to-year to handle Da Capo business (see attached).

Motion entertained to approve– Burton/Vest

Motion Approved

Auditions Chair Updates: Randal Box

Audition numbers were down but 10 groups were selected. No string groups submitted audition materials. Box suggested the idea of using “street” performers – i.e. small groups to play in the hallways, etc. Randy Box to step down after 2015; he will help guide a replacement through next year and then turn it over to them. He told the board to begin looking for a person.

Conference Groups Selected:

Choral

- University of Memphis Chamber Choir
- Memphis Central Concert Singers
- White Station Chorale

Innovations Groups

- TN Tech Percussion Ensemble
- Hume Fogg HS Silver Jazz Band

Instrumental

- UT Martin Wind Ensemble
- Belmont University Wind Ensemble
- Oliver Middle School Wind Ensemble

- MLK Wind Ensemble

TBA Hall of Fame Band – Tullahoma HS Band

Accepted application process works well.

Band/Orchestra Caucus Meeting

Music For All partnership: will sponsor a clinician for state concert festival in exchange for branding rights, etc.

Issues regarding cost effectiveness versus experience at State Concert Festival; consensus was to raise the group fee to \$350.00 for participation in the TMEA State Concert Festival.

Did not want to put a “cap” on All-State music purchase. Prefer to “suggest” that conductors provide music and take this on a case-by-case basis; programs should be checked also to make sure selections aren’t repeated. Recommendation made to increase the line item for All-State music to \$1200.

Vocal Caucus Meeting

Concerns were expressed over scheduling of conference performing groups and encouragement of submitting application for performance. It was recommended for the promotion for groups who are selected.

There is no seamless transition from middle school to high school; proposal for an honor group for the middle range grades 7-9; some discussion to focus on having a select 7-9 honor choir. The board recommends that the caucus develop a proposal for this and bring before the board.

Elementary Caucus

Ideas discussed trying to encourage membership. No benefits beyond treble choir; state testing schedule is an issue. Can we look at the conference having an elementary focus on Friday and Saturday (as was done several years ago)? Revamping and reorganizing the West TNGMEA was discussed. Would like to develop “rolling” summer workshops (one day in W, next in M, then in E) for elementary music teachers.

Ed Technology

Discussions about website, effectiveness, using mailchimp for monthly newsletters; Non-TMEA events use facebook, etc. Perhaps we can develop something like the NafME model of the “Executive Recital” for board communication? T.I.M.E membership explained.

Other business

Ron Meers: Set aside money for collegiate NafME member regional presidents for attendance to the NLA.

Motion made to provide \$1500 (\$500 for each region) to defray costs for collegiate NafME regional presidents to attend the NLA-Vest/Phillips

Motion Passed

Ron Meers went through a brief report on Memphis Sheraton and how they have not fulfilled their contractual obligations to TMEA.

An Emergency Medical Notary form for students will be added as additional form for All-State Events. This will be kept with the ensemble chairs and will cover us with liability.

Check-in procedures/storage/parking issues at conference were discussed and debated.

We need to make sure that all Collegiate members from TN are receiving the Tennessee Musician magazine.

Motion to adjourn – Vest/Cook

Motion passed

Meeting adjourned 3:28CST