Minutes of Board Meeting - approved via e-mail

March 29, 2006

Renaissance Hotel, TMEA Suite, Nashville

3:05 p.m. Meeting called to order by President Jeff Brewer

Board members present included:
Voting members: Jeff Brewer, Ron Meers, Steve Coleman, Jeff Phillips, Sandy Morris, Dian Eddleman, Karen Blooding, Lee Harris,
Ex-officio: Michael Combs (Executive Secretary), Jeanette Crosswhite, (Tennessee Dept of Education),
Others invited: B J. Frost (conference manager), Billy Stepp (all-state chair)
One guest?

President Brewer provided, in advance, an agenda for the meeting

Board members exchanged contact information

B J talked about the new symphony hall and presented a brochure of the new facility. She also presented a draft of the all-state concert schedule and talked for a while before proceeding into the agenda

Financial report- M. Combs
   Projections and summary of current finances; agreement that all-state conductors’ salaries will remain the same ($1500) for 2007. Any considerations after that would be negotiable.

The board unanimously agreed that Terry Sanford be offered the position of TMEA web master beginning in June. Financial arrangements and other details will be discussed at the next board meeting. Combs will contact Terry to make the appointment.

State Chairs’ Reports

Jeff Phillips – band report
   State Concert Festival report:
      Discussion of time of festival; discussion of jazz band commission (Mark Taylor)
 $2500

Sandy Morris - orchestra report

Dian Eddleman – choral report
Karen Blooding – general music

Lee Harris - higher education

Special acknowledgement of outgoing state chairs - Combs

Legislative Report – Jeanette Crosswhite
   Arts caucus report; National Anthem project report; high school summit this summer; June 22-23; report Tennessee Alliance for Arts Education meeting

Conference report: BJ Program very comprehensive; already have 12 applications for sessions for next year. BJ talked for a while about the conference.

All-State report – Billy Stepp Note that BJ reserves all facilities, including the all-state venues; only two conductors confirmed for 2007; others TBA.

Dian prepared welcome baskets for all-state conductors. (note – cost will be added to budget item next year)

Billy requested that everything regarding all-state come through him.

DaCapo Committee Report - Steve Coleman
   President Elect Candidates announced: Dian Eddleman and Gary Wilkes; no other nominations were made by the board.

New Business:

General conversation and discussion; no recommendations brought forward by members of the committee

Spring/summer retreat
   Will involve the five new state chairs

Meeting adjourned at 5:05

Submitted by Michael Combs, TMEA Executive Secretary-Treasurer