

**Minutes of Council Meeting
Saturday, August 12, 2006
Riverdale High School, Murfreesboro**

The meeting of the 2006-07 TMEA Council was called to order at 9:35 AM by President Ron Meers.

The first item of business was the Role call and introduction of Council members.

Members Present:

Ronald Meers, President
Gary Wilkes, President-Elect
F. Michael Combs, Executive Secretary
Jeanette Crosswhite, TN Dept of Ed

Jim Burton, Band Chair
Francie Beard, Orchestra Chair
Sandy Elliott, Choral Chair
Fred Spano, Higher Education Chair
Laura Coppage, General Music Chair

Christine Bock ETEMEA President
Gerald Souther, ETEMEA President-Elect

David Butler, ETSBOA President
Joel Denton, ETSBOA President-Elect

Neshawn Calloway, ETVA President
Mike Short, ETVA President-Elect

Karen Mueller, MTEMEA President
Sherry Little, METMEA Vice-President

Mark Garey, METBOA President

Lewis Walling (for Jeanette MacCallum)
MTVA President
Vallerie DeHoff, MTVA President-elect

Kenleta Pokorski, WTEMEA President

Barry Trobaugh, WTSBOA President
Brad Turner, WTSBOA President-Elect

Helen Redding, WTVVA President
Billy Rayburn, ETVA President-Elect

Project Chairs (non-voting)

Terry Sanford, Web Master
Lindsey Reed, Middle TN CMENC
President

T. Earn Hinton, Government Relations
Chair

Marty Los, Music Merchants Chair
William Lee, Research Chair

Vivian Miller, Historian/Retired
Teachers

B J Frost, Conference Manager

Brenda Williams, Treble Honor Chair

Those Absent:

David Talbert (MTSBOA President-Elect)

Jeanette MacCallum (MTVA President)
sub provided

Nicole Robinson, CMENC Advisor

Jo Ann Hood, Exhibits Chair

Mike Aymett, Conference Auditions
Chair

Billy Stepp, All-State General Chair

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of August 13, 2005. Corrections noted. Corrected minutes approved by a unanimous vote. Approved minutes filed on the TMEA web site.

Reports from areas (handouts provided)

ETSBOA report (David Butler)

MTSBOA report (Mark Garey)

Handout with details of officers and events

WTSBOA report (Barry Trobaugh)

ETVA report Neshawn Calloway

MTVA report (Lewis Walling for Jeannette MacCallum)

WTVA report (Helen Redding)

EEMEA report (Christine Bock)

MTEMEA report (Karen Mueller)

WTEMEA report (Kenleta Pokorski)

Commendations from President Meers for the excellent work by the associations. Verbal reports were supported by handouts.

Finance report - Combs

Current balance in bank - \$29,823.58 which includes our CD (\$15,000) and our savings account (\$10,003.08) Members provided with a copy of the approved TMEA budget for 2006-07 and the budget summary for 2005-06.

Report from finance committee by Jeanette Crosswhite – indicating policies for investing TMEA funds

Report on TMEA web site by Terry Sanford. Use of TnMEAsight reviewed; request for Council members to provide materials for the site - limit font to Ariel and Tahoma and at 12 point at smallest, in original format; association web masters should be in contact with Terry. Request from area presidents that Terry be given passwords to area sites.

Question – Gary Wilkes. Possibility of posting job openings on web site. Terry indicated that can be done – perhaps via bulletin board

B J - membership form available via TMEA site? Yes, direct link (also noted via MENC.com.

Meers - comment on how site can work in mentoring process

Meers - Report to the Council

Concerns about MENC. Changes coming; MENC seems to be responding more to the membership. MENC MUST respond to the members. There must be a way to gauge the responses of the members. Initiatives needed from MENC leadership.

Voice needed to NEB. Connection needed.

More accountable way of having input and accountability.

Need more open financial disclosure from MENC.

Reminder: The National Anthem Project will have grand finale on flag day in Washington, DC

Consideration of hosting MENC national meeting in 2012.

Comments from Jeanette Crosswhite about the 2002 national conference

State Department Report – Crosswhite

Discussion of mentorship; Academy, moved to July, but went well; next year's academy will be slightly different - one week July 8-13 K-12; no reduction of number of participants

Meers - commendations to the excellent work the Academy does for our state.
Comments and general discussion from members.

Meers – request that all associations add link from their site to the Academy site
(Tennesseeartsacademy.org)

Discussion about literacy being taught in the music class

Other information from the State Department of Education. Written summary provided to the Council.

Note: www.nasaa.org web site on critical evidence

Resource: www.Ecs.org web site (arts in education) “New Arts Ed Report”

Discussion and comments from the membership

Break

Photo of Council

Bylaws committee report – Bill Lee (reporting for the committee)

Ellen Koziel and Sandy Morris also serve on the committee

Comments: “Tweaking” may be needed

Will post proposed document for review

Secondary discussion:

Question: who on council votes? Association presidents?

Note: Association presidents and vice presidents DO vote

Research report - Bill Lee, Research chair

Coming research activities - special activities by Bill Lee
Comments about MENC Society of Research in Music Education and encouragement for members to join

Government Relations - T. Earl Hinton - no oral report

Music Merchants – Marty Loss, chair

Report - caution about recommending products to students
Written report provided regarding of changes in the industry

Retired/Historian Vivian Miller, chair

Advice: Attend retired education association meetings
67 retired teachers to date

concern about archiving back issues of the state magazine

Proposal - bind past copies of the Tennessee musician for historical value
motion made and seconded to provide funds of around \$100 for binding
motion passed Funds to be taken from 2.801 expendable items

Convention - B J Frost, Conference Manager

2006 Conference -

60 information slips sent out but only 39 were returned
Only 5 of the concert slips (reports of attendance) were returned

2007 Opening session in the Symphony Hall; Treble Honor Choir will perform;
program by the Nashville Symphony listed on web site

All-state concerts in Symphony Hall except jazz band which will be Friday night in
Renaissance Hotel Ball Room

Discussion about rehearsal facilities

B J requested input and suggestions

Comments from members: concerns about badge checking; suggestions provided by members

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:20 with reminder that caucus meeting will begin at 1:00

LUNCH BREAK

Gary and Joy Bergen family prepared lunch for the Council members

Caucus meetings

Following the caucus meetings, was the Board of Directors meeting.

Submitted to the members of the council for review on August 13, 2006

F. Michael Combs
TMEA Secretary-Treasurer

