

MEETING
TMEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 26 (day 1 of 2), 2008
Belmont College Campus, Nashville, TN

Meeting called to order by TMEA President Ron Meers at 1:03 p.m.
A meeting agenda was provided

First item of business was to have all members present introduce themselves.

Members present:

Officers: Ron Meers, Gary Wilkes, Jeff Brewer and Mike Combs
Jeanette Crosswhite

Current board members: Francie Beard, Jim Burton, Laura Coppage, Sandy Elliott
B J Frost, Billy Stepp; absent: Fred Spano

Newly appointed board members present: Andy Palmer, Christy Bock, Dian
Eddleman, Jamila McWhirter; absent: David Aydelott

Incoming President Elect – Ron Rogers

Also present: Jo Ann Hood (exhibits chair)

Mike Combs presented the financial reports including several documents that showed all income and expenses for 2007-08 and comparisons to the previous years. Information about trends, projected costs, and related financial information was also provided. Combs stood for questions

The board expressed concerns about hotel room rates and discussion followed

Combs presented details related to the 2008-9 draft budget

Minutes of the April board meeting were presented. It was moved and seconded to accept those minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

At 1:43 there was a break
followed by individual meetings

1) Officers with Billy and B J

No space for SATB at this time

Wed night – opening general session; Location – discussion

Meers: all-state and conference biggest things that our association does

Would like to keep everyone in place

Items that need to be done:

Billy - Pointed out that the person assigned to a job needs to do that job; Have one contact person only

B J conference - Accuracy of conference program needs to be reviewed

B J – all-state chair and convention manager need to work closely together

The idea that the all-state program be produced by the all-state chair was mentioned by Meers. Combs noted being fine with that but commented on concerns about cost, creating the layout/design and getting all needed bios and photos.

Billy discussed concerns about the all-state chair working with the TMEA exec-secretary. A document was provided that detailed specific parameters (boundaries) of those two positions.

It was agreed to add to the clinicians' contract that their bio and photo go directly to the publications editor.

2) Officers with Jo Ann Hood (exhibits chair)

Decorator bids considered; officers agreed to accept a three-year contract with G. Fern Co.

Suggested that our website include listing of exhibitors

Full board and guests convened at 3:34.

The process of voting for TMEA president-elect was discussed and it was agreed to continue with online voting (in spring of 2010) but with post card instruction arriving when the voting is open rather than earlier

The process of sending out e-mail to all association members was discussed

Noted that Mark Garey should have e-mails of all conference attendees

Reports:

Tennessee Musician Editor - Combs

Written report provided with information regarding cost of providing the magazine to the membership; sample copies of magazines from other states provided

Jeanette Crosswhite – State Department of Education report

Written report provided followed by discussion

B J Frost – conference manager

No chance of using Schermerhorn for at least two years

Discussion about Wednesday night program

General discussion about 2009 conference

Suggested using form for professional development (MENC or Mid-West forms referenced)

Performing groups:

Discussion about auditions process; article about the process will be in the fall issue of The Tennessee Musician; Concern expressed about getting responsible judges

All-State – Billy Stepp

All concerts on Saturday - Treble Honor Chorus will be first at 8:45 a.m.

Jazz band remains on Friday evening

Other details of all-state 2009 discussed

State chairs' reports

Jim Burton, State Band Chair

MTSU will not be able to host State Concert Festival; Vanderbilt is a good possibility

Proposal – anyone performing at conference will be invited to the next year's state concert festival – not having to have done to regional festival, etc.

Moved by Jim, second Francie passed unanimously

Francie Beard, State Orchestra Chair Caucus minutes on website

Inclusion of 9th graders – to be brought to council in August

Working on conductor for 2010; Sandy Morris, new all-state orchestra chair

Laura Coppage, State General Music Chair

Written report provided

Sandy Elliott, State Choral chair

Reference minutes of caucus

Discussion about all-state alternates - exchange of ideas

Dian Eddleman indicating her plans to write an article on budgeting time and expenses to attend all-state

Can all-state be Thursday-Sat - not Wed?

The person who asked would like written response

Discussion pro-con of this possible option

Sandy will respond

Fred Spano, Higher Education Chair, (absent)

Discussion about signing cards at exhibits -

Jamila McWhirter, incoming Higher Education Chair

Referenced higher ed caucus during conference (posted on website)

Suggestions included: All-collegiate choir/band/orch; Higher Education webpage on the TMEA website

Meeting adjourned 5:06

CONTINUATION OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Day 2 of 2

June 27, 2008

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

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Jeanette Crosswhite

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B J Frost; absent: Fred Spano and Billy Stepp

Newly appointed board members present: Christy Bock, Dian Eddleman, Jamila

McWhirter; absent: David Aydelott and Andy Palmer

Incoming President Elect – Ron Rogers

Positive comments about dinner the evening before

Meers: Review items from August meeting

Mentoring - Combs – will contact regional association presidents to get names of mentors

Combs will invite all Tenn legislators to attend our all-state concerts

Vocal caucus to provide helpful hints for new teachers

Meers: Ideally have on our web sites a page of vocal, page on instruments, etc helpful hints

Pass info to Combs for magazine AND website

“IF they are a part of our association, we are obligated to support them; Should not be optional”

Meers: Jeff Brewer asked to work with others to create letter to principals

Concerns expressed about reaching NEW teachers

Move application for performing groups deadline date to June 1?? Motion to move deadline date back to July 1 was presented and approved unanimously.

Board meeting during conference will be on Friday, not Sat morning as in past

Mike Combs president a draft of the 2008-09 budget

There was some explanation by Combs followed by general discussion and then a line-by-line item review of the entire budget.

Brewer - suggest a way to help immediate past president

General agreement that immediate past president travel expenses needs to be same as president and president-elect. The budget was tweaked to make that happen.

It was moved and seconded that the 2008-09 budget be approved as adjusted. The vote was unanimous to approve.

The Commission Project was discussion - consensus to continue

**Motion: to include in the commission cycle a work for our treble choir
Laura Coppage made the motion and was seconded by Sandy Elliott
Unanimously approved**

The motion that that we continue the commission cycle in same rotation beginning in 2010 was made by Jim Burton

Discussion:

Dian Eddleman suggested that this should be discussed at full council meeting

Note from Sandy Elliott that the men's choir composition was very positive

Rogers noted we must be flexible in the cycle

Other general discussion

Business considerations – Combs will approach New Horizons Tour and Travel and report back to the Council

Gary Wilkes brought up the possibly of a competition among young composers

Open to anyone

Age? No limits

Dian – discussion of past history of commissions

Meers - suggested we table the motion until August

**Gary Wilkes made the motion to table Jim Burton's motion
Second by Dian Eddleman
Passed unanimously**

Meers: Possible ways of increasing income - discussion

Possible contract with nearby hotel – Combs will investigate

It was suggested that the conference registration form include housing info

Combs will investigate and report back to the board

Continued review of how to increase income; Combs provided 10 possible ways

Concern expressed about the number of college teachers who are members of TMEA
discussion

Chairs - proposal Combs will draft a proposal for named chairs

Registration

Consideration of Mark Garey's suggestion to allow one day conference registration only
on Friday. Suggested to table by Gary Wilkes to be discussed in August

Need more information

Recognition of outgoing board members

Citation presented to each

Recognition of Jeff Brewer, leaving the Board after 6 years of service. Gift provided
from the officers

Parting words from Jeff

Got to see the "big picture" -

The great improvements of our association need to continue on

Note that every decision has been made unanimously

Biggest challenge - getting the presidents to work with the chairs

Meers: plan to increase communication with DaCapo

Dian Eddleman: suggest Gary communication with chairs what should be their charge
and what they should address in August

Suggestion to have a second council meeting during the year - perhaps during conference

For lack of a gavel, President Ron Meers "passed the buck" to incoming President Gary
Wilkes.

Meeting adjourned 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mike Combs
TMEA Executive Secretary/Treasurer