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VCDA BUSINESS MEETING - Minutes

VMEA Conference – Norfolk, VA

Friday, November 20, 2015

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Introduction of Officers**
- III. **Confirmation of Agenda**
- IV. **Review of Motion and Voting**
- V. **Roll Call by Districts**

1	9, Y	5	9, Y	9	10, Y	13	5, Y
2	10, Y	6	9, Y	10	4, N	14	5, N
3	7, Y	7	13, Y	11	8, Y	15	5, Y
4	8, Y	8	6, Y	12	11, N	16	13, Y

VI. **Reports**

- A. Secretary's Report
- B. Treasurer's Report

VII. **Old Business**

- A. VCDA Website – Website design update.
 - a. Mike is planning to update the website prior to the end of his term.
- B. Literature Manual Grading Committee – Mandi Townley
 - a. Approximately 150 pieces were added to the Literature manual. If you would like to appeal a rating, use the appropriate form and submit prior to the All-VA event in the spring.

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- C. Honors Choir Report – Brian Kelly
- The Virginia Honors Choir performance will begin at 1PM, unlike prior events.
 - An amount of money has been moved from the “rainy day” fund to supplement the Robert Stanback Award fund.
- D. All-Virginia Chorus 2016
- Sandler Center for the Performing Arts - 201 Market St, Virginia Beach, VA 23462
 - April 28 – 30, 2016
 - Housing & Meals – Westin Virginia Beach Towne Center & Hilton Garden Inn
 - SSAA director: **Dr. Deanna Joseph**, Georgia State University
 - SATB director: **Dr. Daniel Bara**, University of Georgia
- District Reps and Directors will receive information in January. – From Mike.
- E. ACDA Middle School Honors Choir – Amy Moir
- Audition information is currently on the organization website. Deadline is January 22nd, snow date will be pushed back by one week (past that, no other delay).
 - Tenor and Bass keys were changed from previous years, please utilize the resources to make sure your audition is correct.
 - Venue: Crown Plaza hotel
 - Participation costs will be increased this year.
- F. All-Virginia Chorus 2017 – Mandi Townley
- April 27 – 29, Blacksburg VA
 - Location: Virginia Tech, Moss Performance Center
- G. All-Virginia Chorus 2018 – Combined Event with VBODA - Update
- Decision to be made by VBODA; information to be presented soon.
- H. **All-Virginia Music Folders** – All District Reps should see Mandi Townley today after the meeting to pick up music for your District. Please sign-out the music with Mandi. If your District Rep is not present, please designate someone to pick-up the music today. A link with rehearsal files will be sent to all directors through your District Representative.
- I. **All-Virginia Commitment Form** – Please produce on **one single sheet of paper, NO staples please.** Any dietary restrictions/food allergies should be clearly marked. The form should be proof-read by three people before it is mailed to the VCDA President.
1. Choral Director
 2. All-VA Auditions Chair
 3. District Representative

Please be accurate with results tabulation. Double and triple check before posting results. If your District calls an alternate – please notify Mike Horanski, not just your District Representative. **Mike Horanski will create an online form for alternate “call-ups” that should be completed by the alternate’s director. Alternate calls should be made no later than (Monday, 3 PM) the week of All-Virginia Chorus.**

- J. **All-Virginia Chorus Audition Rotation**
- “Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind” (2015-16)
- “Danny Boy” (2016-17)
- “Shenandoah” (2017-18)

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“Whither Must I Wander” (2018-19)

A. Motion: “I would like to make a motion to reconvene the All-Virginia Song selection committee.”

Motion by: Amy El-Khoury, Seconded by: Janet Stanley - Motion passes, please see Lynne Babcock if you are interested in serving.

K. **Re-Districting Update** – Terry Hall

- a. VMEA has decided to not continue with the redistricting process and data collection, with exception to the Orchestra section.

L. **Assessment Rubric Updates** – Lois Castonguay

- a. 70-80% complete, with a goal of presenting in January for use in 2017
- b. The rubric will be presented to the body for feedback prior to final adoption

M. **Adjudicator Training** – Lisa Spruill, Tom Law, Mike Horanski

- a. Mike reported from the training since this training was different from previous sessions. No date has been set for a particular number of trained adjudicators.
- b. A “fully trained adjudicator” will be classified as someone who has gone through the longer training and complete a final project. A certificate will be presented to identify the person as a adjudicator for 5 years.
- c. The next official training will take place next November at conference.

N. **ACDA Voices United Conference:** Bill Podolski

- a. Worship event will take place in February in Fredericksburg, VA
- b. Southern Division: March 19th, Chattanooga, TN.
- c. Voice United: GMU campus

VIII. **New Business**

A. Legal advice for VCDA Gender Policy - All-District and All-Virginia Eligibility

- a. In the fall meeting, many district Reps requested suggestions for Transgender or Transsexual students in district and state events.
- b. The VMEA manual was sent to legal council for review by Linda Gammon, the VMEA state manager
 - i. Suggestions by legal council for a change in policy for the VCDA manual:
 1. “Eligibility for choral groups shall be determined solely on the basis of objective competencies.”
 2. Motion: Joe Eveler, Second: Jamie Eggleston “To adopt the changes provided by legal council” (as dictated above) – **Motion Passes, by hand vote**
 - a. Clarification: This would fall under district chorus and All-State

IX. **Closing Remarks** – Mike Horanski

- a. Mike expresses his appreciation to the district representatives for their service to the organization
- b. Mike expresses his appreciation to the hosts of events throughout the state
- c. Congratulations to those presenters or performing groups during the conference

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