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VCDA BUSINESS MEETING

VMEA Conference – Norfolk, VA

Friday, November 21, 2014

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

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

VI. **Reports**

- A. Secretary's Report – Presented by Jeremy Craft, accepted with no corrections
- B. Treasurer's Report – Presented by Toni Cotturone, accepted with no corrections

VII. **Old Business**

- A. VMEA – Participation Fee \$.25 per student/per event. Please update your forms to reflect this change before you send it out. Please return your event reports in a timely manner. If you need help, please ask.
 - a. Forms on the website have been updated, please use updated forms
- B. Literature Manual Committee and Literature Manual “re-construction” – Mandi Townley, My-Van Nguyen & Jennifer Kaufmann

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- a. Mike will investigate a way to create a web/searchable document similar to the Texas list
- C. Honor's Choir Report – Brian Kelly
 - a. Anyone who wants the packet from Dr. Eklund's session, email Brian Kelly
- D. VMEA/VCDA Website – There have been some additions and revisions. Please be sure to use the most up to date forms that are online.
 - a. Addition of a page on the VCDA website for adjudicator training
 - b. Please use the Documents page of the VMEA website for the most up-to-date forms
- E. All-Virginia Chorus 2015
 - 1. Sheraton Premiere – Tyson's Corner – 8661 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182
 - 2. April 23 – 25, 2015
 - 3. Housing, Meals, Performance – Sheraton Premiere – Reservation link available NOW on VCDA website – you must use this link to make your reservation. If you think a student(s) has a good chance of making it in to the ensemble, make a reservation now; you can always cancel later.
 - a. Please call the hotel to confirm your reservations
 - 4. SSAA director: **Dr. Christopher Aspaas**, St. Olaf College
 - 5. SATB director: **Dr. Brady Allred**, Artistic Director, Salt Lake Choral Artists
 - 6. ACDA Middle School Honor Choir: Amy Moir, Jordan Markwood
 - a. Audition information is currently online
 - b. Suggested to use the Sheridan for hotel accommodations
 - c. Conductors: Judy Bowers (treble) and Pat Vaughn (mixed)
 - 7. Looking ahead: All-VA Chorus 2016 and 2017: **Mike Horanski**
 - a. Conductors: Deanna Joseph (SSAA) and Daniel Bara (SATB)
 - b. Additional updates to come
- F. **All-VA Commitment Form** – The form has been re-formatted to be one page front and back. The content has remained the same. Please copy the form so it is **ONE page, no staples, please**. The form should be proofread by THREE people before it gets to VCDA President: 1) the students' choral director, 2) the All-VA Auditions Chair, and 3) the District Rep. Please be SURE to dot every "I" and cross every "T". BE METICULOUS. Some of the "Paperwork" will be moved to electronic forms for submissions.
- G. **All-VA Music Packets** – ALL district reps see Mandi Townley after the meeting to pick up your packets. You must sign them out. If your district rep is here, please designate someone from your district to pick them up after the meeting today. The packets MUST be picked up by every district today. A link for rehearsal files will be sent to all Directors.
- H. **All-Virginia Audition Rotation**
 - a. "Whither Must I Wander" (2014-15)
 - b. "Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind" (2015-16)
 - c. "Danny Boy" (2016-17)
 - d. "Shenandoah" (2017 -18)
- I. **Redistricting Update – Mandi Townley**
 - a. Info so far is only a proposal, feedback is being sought through appropriate means of communication (i.e. district representative, district chairperson, etc.)

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- b. Request for clarification on voting procedures: Membership votes on changes to constitution and by-laws, Re-districting will be a recommendation from a committee formed and therefore will not be voted on by the body, but rather by the Council of Review
- c. Request for clarification on feedback: How should feedback been submitted when the chair and the representative are different sections? Instrumental and choral should be equally heard
- J. **Assessment Rubric Updates** – Lois Castonguay
 - d. John Brewington has created some templates for the committee to review and attain feedback
 - e. 2015 Assessments, the old form will be used with the hope of having a new form by 2016
- K. **Adjudicator Training** – Lisa Spruill and Tom Law
 - a. Approximately 30 people attending the training on Wednesday, November 19, 2014
 - b. An additional training will tentatively be scheduled for the All-Virginia Choir event
 - c. Names of trained persons will be documented on the VCDA website (suggested to have one trained adjudicator for district choral assessment for 2014-2015)
- L. **ACDA Voices United Conference:** Bill Podolski
 - a. Clinicians: Bruce Chamberland, Andrea Ramsey, Scott Tucker
 - b. Music and Worship Clinic (January 17, 2015) Reveley United Methodist Church – Singers and directors

VIII. **New Business**

- A. Music In Our Schools Month
- B. Conference 2016 – Consider applying for interest sessions, and performance. If you attend a wonderful session at another conference (ACDA, NAFME) please encourage the presenter to apply for a session at VMEA.
 - a. Please provide feedback on this year's conference, interest sessions, etc.
 - b. Encourage other clinicians to fill out a session proposal on the VMEA website
- C. Communication – Hopefully you are receiving “news” updates. If not, please contact Mike Horanski and your District Representative.
- D. VMEA Honors Choir Audition Deadline Policy – Philip Keirstead

Appreciation is shown to the district reps and event hosts for their work for the organization.

- IX. **Closing Remarks** – Mike Horanski, Motion – Charlotte Smith; Second – Michael Ehrlich. Approved

Announcement – Please come to the VCDA reception following this meeting.