

**VCDA BUSINESS MEETING**  
**All-Virginia Chorus – Norfolk, VA**  
**Friday, April 29, 2011**

**I. Call to Order**

VCDA President, Lisa Pennington, Called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**II. Introduction of Officers**

President – Lisa Pennington	Treasurer – Jen Penserga
Vice President – Sherri Matthews	Parliamentarian – Lois Castonguay (for Charlotte Smith)
President-Elect – Lynne Babcock	Secretary–Philip Keirstead

**III. Confirmation of Agenda**

Walter moved to confirm agenda and Nancy Riley seconded.

**IV. Review of Motion and Voting**

**V. Roll Call by Districts**

District	Attend.	Rep.
I	11	yes
II	9	yes
III	7	yes
IV	7	yes
V	9	yes
VI	11	yes

District	Attend.	Rep.
VII	9	yes
VIII	7	yes
IX	14	yes
X	7	yes
XI	6	no

District	Attend.	Rep.
XII	8	yes
XIII	9	yes
XIV	4	yes
XV	6	yes
XVI	11	yes

**VI. Reports**

- A. The Secretary’s written minutes from the November VCA business meeting were presented. Joe Eveler motioned to accept them and Wendy Oesterling seconded.
- B. Treasurer’s Report – General Fund balance - \$56,828.82, All-VA Fund - \$56,630.80
- C. Lisa mentioned that several event reports were still outstanding.

**VII. Old Business**

- A. District Assessments & Results  
 Beth Houff thanked Joe Eveler for helping District 5 begin the sight-reading process at District Choral Assessment. Jay Hartzler requested two examples at each level for more options. District 2 directors mentioned the Alto line in the SSA example was way too low. Nate Miller said the districts did well for being thrown the requirements at the last minute. District 3 pre-assigned which examples to do and projected the sight-reading on a screen. Lisa thanked everyone for being flexible in this process.  
 Results must be sent to Moe Turrentine, Lisa Pennington, and the District Rep.
- B. Literature Manual Committee: Lynne Babcock  
 The committee met Thursday and reviewed about 40 submissions from 2 people. Membership is encouraged to submit literature for the November meeting, especially if considering for Festival.
- C. Honors Choir: Mandi Townley & Brian Kelly  
 Mandi stated that the new audition process did not work well. They are returning to 4 rooms for women and 2 rooms for men. “I Attempt from Love’s Sickness” is the audition piece. Everything will be on the website soon. Auditions are Oct. 1, 2011 at Longwood. All schools will receive only a postcard instead of application hard copies. Online registration deadline is September 14 at 4pm. Mailed-in registration and fee postmark deadline is Sept. 16. Conductor is Axel Theimer from the College of St. Benedict in Minnesota. Brian, as he takes over as Honor Choir chair, does not want to change much but is change the meet-the-director session to a vocal health session.
- D. Bob Stamback Award

Betty Tabor wants to emphasize that the scholarship is not only needs-based. They want applications of top students, regardless of need. The deadline has been extended to be two weeks following the Honors Choir Auditions.

- E. All Virginia Audition Piece: Lynne Babcock  
Considering "Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind" by Thomas Arne. Decision will be final in a couple weeks. She encouraged directors for suggestions for audition songs.
- F. All Virginia Chorus 2012
  - 1. E.C. Glass High School: Dr. Nan Volk-Stalcup, host
  - 2. April 26-28, 2012
  - 3. SATB Director: Dr. Craig Arnold, Manhattan Concert Productions
  - 4. SSAA Director: Dr. Julie Yu, Kansas State University
  - 5. Lisa thanked Don Krudop and everyone that helped out at Salem High School. VA Beach had cancelled all after-school activities but we got special permission from the superintendent to continue with our event. She also thanked Tommy Tutwiler and Lara Brittan for running the SSAA rehearsal in Rollo Dilworth's absence. She thanked Chuck Batt for food.
- G. Advocacy  
Lisa thanked everyone who wrote letters but the bill to require an economics class in high school did pass. The PE bill ultimately did not. We need to continue to be vocal and active when it comes to preserving scheduled curriculum time for the arts.
- H. VMEA information  
Lois Castonguay is asking for 2 mentor names of different teaching levels from each district to post on the website. This list will be used as a resource for new teachers.

## **VIII. New Business**

- A. Missing Event Reports
- B. Performing Group Applications: Lynne Babcock  
Lynn has received only 3 applications for performing groups. She encouraged everyone to send in applications, explaining that it is scary but so enriching for the students. The president-elect puts together a committee to do a blind audition when listening to the submissions, using judges from his/her own area. It was decided that a May 15 deadline would allow more people to submit.
- C. ACDA Voices United Conference: Bethany Houff  
Beth encouraged directors to become a member of VA ACDA. The conference is for MD, DC, DE, and VA. Conference is August 11-13. You will receive close to 100 octavos. She discussed the details of the conference.
- D. Assessment Events
  - 1. Robin Duncan – proposal for Show Choir adjudication form
  - 2. Sight-Reading Committee proposal – Jeremy Craft  
Proposal is a 3-year process. Year 1 is only for Blue Ribbon. Year 2 is for everyone. Year 3 the standards get increased. Jeremy Craft submitted the proposal. The committee is requesting feedback from each district. At the September meeting, district reps will solicit the comments on the proposal and send them to Joe Eveler.
- E. VCDA Manual updates/revisions  
Lisa inquired about districts who house district chorus singers in homes. Megan Cartwright sent a 2-page version of the form. Lisa tweaked some of the wording just to clarify. A director asked about adding a rule about electronic devices during rehearsal. We should add a line about VCDA not being responsible for luggage. We should revamp the district commitment form as well.
- F. Closing Remarks  
Jen Penserga is stepping down as VCDA treasurer and is looking for someone to take over.  
Meeting was adjourned.