

**VCDA Business Meeting
VMEA Conference—The Homestead
Friday, November 17, 2006**

I. Call to Order

VCDA President, Lois Castonguay, called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Special Announcement--Beeper Coffman was introduced

- A. World's Largest Concert has been lost. Music in Our Schools Showcase has been instituted instead.
- B. There will be a video contest. Winning video used on the website and as a Public Service Announcement.
- C. National Anthem Project will conclude in Washington, D.C. on June 14th. Information at the MENC booth.

II. Introduction of Officers

President--Lois Castonguay	Treasurer--Elaine Stanford
Vice President--Michael Ehrlich	Parliamentarian--Charlotte Smith
President-Elect--Sherri Matthews	Secretary--Gretchen Davis

III. Confirmation of Agenda

Additions were made by Lois Castonguay to include:

- The State Database--under VII. B. Website
- Jay Hartzler to speak about ACDA--under VII. G. 4.
- Survey--under VIII. B.

A motion was made Kevin Sapp and seconded by Jeff Benson to accept the agenda with the additions. The motion passed.

IV. Review of Motion and Voting

- A. You must be a member of VCDA to vote.
- B. Motions are to be made in writing on the forms provided.

V. Roll Call by Districts

District	Attendance	Chair		District	Attendance	Chair
I	6	YES		IX	14	YES
II	9	YES		X	6	YES
III	7	YES		XI	6	YES
IV	8	NO		XII	9	YES
V	8	YES		XIII	4	NO
VI	16	YES		XIV	4	NO
VII	13	YES		XV	3	YES
VIII	9	YES		XVI	5	YES

VI. Reports

- A. Secretary's written minutes were approved.
- B. Treasurer's report was corrected by Elaine Stanford to reflect a balance of \$59,672.67. The General Fund has a balance of \$46,600.81. The balance in Certificates of Deposit is \$14,150.33. The All-State Fund currently shows a negative balance of \$1,078.47, due to purchase of practice CD's. Cathy Carter made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. It was seconded by Jen Penserga. Motion passed.

VII. Old Business

- A. Suggestions for Guest Conductors were accepted from the floor.
 1. Paul Head--University of Delaware
 2. Eugene Rogers--University of Michigan
 3. Brady Allred--University of Utah
 4. Scott Buchanan--Indiana State
 5. Alan Raines--Stetson University
 6. Nicholas McBride--Westminster Choir College
 7. Lynell Joy Jenkins--University of Arizona (cannot confirm location)
Recommended for Treble All-State
 8. Ruth Dwyer--Butler--Recommended for Middle School
 9. Dan LeJeune--The Blake School--Recommended for Middle School
 10. Al Holcomb--University of Central Florida--Recommended for Middle School
 11. Patrick Walders--James Madison University
 12. Philip Silvey--University of Maryland
 13. Brian Gendron--Virginia Tech
 14. James Daugherty--University of Kansas
 15. Lisa Fredenburgh--Meredith--Recommended for Treble Choir
 16. Diane Loomer--Elektra--Recommended for Treble Choir
 17. Judy Bowers--Florida State
 18. Kevin Fenton--Florida State
 19. David Castonguay--Radford
- B. Website
 1. Check out the VCDA website at VMEA.com. Scott Lambert is the webmaster.
 2. Items to be found on the site are:
 - The Manual--no longer for sale, only online
 - Literature Manual--thanks to Sherri Matthews
 - Links to NY and Texas manuals
 - Link for literature evaluation for festival
 - All-State commitment forms with current signatures
 - All-State Registration may be added
 3. Any additional Suggestions should be emailed to Lois Castonguay
 4. Database information is missing from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 13, 15, 16.

C. Literature Manual Forms

These are available online. Paper copies were available at the meeting.

D. All-Virginia Auditions Procedure

The committee is still working on possible changes. There are none yet.

E. VMEA Voting Procedures

1. Michael Ehrlich is chairman of the committee.
2. Scott Lambert has investigated the feasibility of voting online.
3. VMEA will attempt this first, and the sections will follow if successful.
4. Aim is for equity for all members.
5. Online voting must be anonymous and secure.
6. Read discussions in "Notes" and discuss with your colleagues.

F. Honors Choir--Report from Terry Hall, Chair of Honors Choir Committee

1. Introduction of Committee: Auditions--Jeff Benson, Lois Castonguay and Charlotte Smith; Registration--Gretchen Davis; Head Chaperone--Cindy Freeman; Assistant to the Conductor--Theresa Severin (who has been with the choir every moment)
2. Off-site location has added considerable cost, liability and logistics
3. In spite of difficulties, it is running smoothly and they sound terrific.
4. Next year's conductor will be Dr. Craig Jessup of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.
5. Audition piece will be the same as this year.
6. Cindy Freeman, Head Chaperone, mentioned the problems of helping kids who are sick when the directors are 20 miles away. She also said that those helping cannot attend any sessions.

G. All-Virginia Chorus 2007

1. Christiansburg High School, Mandy Townley, Host
2. April 26-28, 2007
3. Students will be housed in two hotels, assigned by district.
4. ACDA Middle School Choir will be hosted by Charlotte McKee, from Blacksburg Middle School.
 - a. Jennifer Penserga is the Coordinator
 - b. R. D. Mathey from Bowling Green State will be the Clinician
 - c. Musical Source has the forms at their display booth
5. ACDA Voices United will be a George Mason University
 - a. Anton Armstrong and Stephen Hatfield are the clinicians
 - b. 135 attended the 2006 conference

VIII. New Business

- A. Elaine Stanford will make personal contact with the Districts for missing event reports. Reporting has been better this year.
- B. The VCDA Manual is in need of revision to correct format, wording and eliminate outdated information. All-State and Honors Choir information is especially in need of updating. There is no section covering Middle School Events. A committee was formed to complete this task. Several members were appointed due to existing positions and other volunteers were added to the list. The committee will meet at Sherri Matthew's school in winter or

early spring with a goal of having the changes ready to present at All-State in April.

Gretchen Davis, Chair

Sherri Matthews

Jen Penserga

Sharon Wills

Terry Hall

Elaine Johnson

Claire Rowan

- C. A reminder was made to complete the conference survey and turn it in. We were asked to make recommendations countering any criticisms of the conference. The goal is to improve the conference.
- D. Closing remarks included an invitation to the VCDA reception in the Stratford Ballroom, in hopes that we would get to know each other better. Snacks and a cash bar will be available.
- E. Claire Rowan made a motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Margy Woods and passed. Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen H. Davis, Secretary