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VCDA Meeting – District Representatives – September 2014

Welcome and Introductions

Senior Honors Choir Registration Reminders: <http://www.vmea.com/index.php/honors-choir.html>

Online registration is due – September 17th, 6:00 PM
Paper registration postmark deadline – September 19th
Auditions – October 11th and Longwood University

VMEA Student Participation Fee

NEW!!!! For 2014-2015

\$0.25 per event, per student. Ask your event hosts/chairs to update forms.

- *"If a child is in multiple ensembles, are we paying \$0.25 per kid per event?"*
- *Answer from Moe - \$0.25 per child per event (from VMEA) and different amount depending on district requirements*

VCDA Directory & Communication

Thank you to those who have completed already. The link is: <http://www.jotform.us/form/31565956652161>

This will replace the District spreadsheets used in the past. Create an e-mail group for the folks in your district.

It is each director's responsibility to register in the online directory. Please send this link to everyone in your district or set up a computer at your meeting for people to enter their information. **This registration must be completed by October 3rd.**

- *Mike will send out who has registered and who hasn't, then communicating with reps.*

VMEA Conference

Thank you to everyone who completed the VCDA survey. Feedback was appreciated and taken into account when choosing conference sessions.

1. Sign-up Sheet for room chairs – we need your help ☺
2. Assist Presider – Mike or Mandi with room set-up and equipment (if needed)
3. Check badges at the door for SESSIONS. Concerts are open to the public, no conference badge is required. We cannot allow persons into sessions without a badge (or performer sticker).
4. Please be available to help if needed with All-VA Jazz and Honors Choir transition.

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- *Mike is appreciative of feedback provided regarding VCDA portion of conference, via survey*
- *District reps are to email Mike regarding room chair preferences*

Literature Manual Submissions

Online form needs to be updated with Mandi's contact information.

Submissions should be given to Mandi Townley by 4:00 PM on Friday. If you are interested in being a part of the grading committee, please let Mandi know.

Submissions from last All-VA last April will be added once the new format is in place and we are working from that document.

- *Voicings MUST match the manual*

VCDA "operations" Manual – Lynne Babcock made updates. If any changes requiring a vote by the membership, we will send out to district reps to forward and we will vote on the changes (if needed) at the meeting during Conference.

- *Mike suggests district reps to review the event manual AND the VCDA manual – continues to suggest to have more than one person hosting events*

VCDA Literature Manual – Committee (My-Van Nguyen and Jennifer Kaufmann - chairs) have been working on making the manual more consistent the way composer/arranger information is entered, added a separate column for arranger and other improvements. This is a huge job and is due for completion at the end of September. The second step is to take the new format and investigate a format to make the literature manual web searchable so there no need to download an Excel file year after year. This should also help to eliminate confusion so people are all working from the same data and not older versions.

ALL-Virginia 2015 – May 23 - 25

Audition selection is "Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind" – **CORRECTION, "Whither must I wander"**

Forms being updated and will be posted online by the end of September with music and accompaniment files.

Sheraton Premiere, Tyson's Corner

SATB – Dr. Brady Allred, Salt Lake Choral Artists

SSAA – Dr. Christopher Aspaas, Saint Olaf College

Singing Sergeants – United States Air Force – performing for students Thursday Evening and possibly one other group.

Shared Concert and rehearsal space with ACDA-VA Middle School Choir, MS concert will need to be after the HS concerts are over with a little "buffer" time.

- *ACDA will "co-habitate" with VCDA event*

Make reservations **NOW** if you think you have a student(s) who have a decent chance to make it.

Reservation code – [LINK VCDA Meeting Attendees](#)

CPR Training -Teaching License Recertification will be made available on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning at All-VA. Limit 12 per session. Cost \$35 - includes a card. More information will be sent prior to All-VA and reservations will be taken on a first come, first-served basis.

- *Sign-up quickly if interested*
- *Adjudicator training will be available during this weekend*

I am working on consolidating the All-VA paperwork. Director information and student dietary needs will be submitted online (and possibly other things as well)

- *All-VA paperwork will be easier, including a line for dietary concerns*

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Please pick All-VA music at Conference (or designee) after VCDA Business Meeting.

All-Virginia 2016

Audition selection is "Whither Must I Wander" – CORRECTION "Blow, Blow thou Winter Wind"(?) – I need to get the rotation.
Westin Virginia Beach Town Center (Lodging & Meals) & Sandler Center for the Performing Arts (Rehearsals & Concert)
SATB – Dr. Daniel Bara, University of Georgia
SSAA – Dr. Deanna Joseph, Georgia State University

All-Virginia – The Future Possibilities for 2017 and beyond.

- *Not many changes on the VCDA event, more drastic changes for VBODA*
- *Altria Theater (Richmond) is the potential location*
- *Mike made a request for the state to try this new process for three years*
- *In the VA – SOLs choral there is a suggested list of repertoire based on voice part and standards*
 - *McGraw-Hill also has a new line for beginning choral directors*

VCDA – What are we about and what can we do for the membership?

- *Reading session perhaps at All-VA?*
- *Please ask your district for their input...*

- *More choral sessions, several co-sponsored things at conference*
- *Revisions to All-District commitment form? To be sent to webmaster this week –*
- *District choral assessment – preferred to have one trained judge, not required (for 2014-2015)*
 - *List of judges and recommendations for judges comments will be forwarded*
- *Honors Choir date changed due to Jewish holiday*

Thank you – your job is so important, and I can't thank you enough for being willing to serve. It is NOT always easy.