

VIRGINIA CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

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VCDA Meeting – District Representatives Orientation – September 2015

Welcome and Introductions

Fall Meeting – Schedule a meeting in the coming weeks with your District. Please help new people. If you need help or have questions, please feel free to contact Mike. Sometimes a phone call is best.

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

Online registration is due – September 16th, 6:00 PM

Paper registration postmark deadline – September 18th

Auditions – October 10th and Longwood University

VMEA Student Participation Fee

\$0.25 per event, per student. Double check that forms are up to date.

VCDA Directory & Communication

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

Create an e-mail group for the folks in your district. Forward e-mails ASAP.

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.**

VMEA Conference

Google Sign-up Sheet for room chairs – we need your help ☺

Assist President – Mike or Mandi with room set-up and equipment (if needed)

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).

Literature Manual Submissions

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

VCDA “operations” Manual – Most up to date version will be available next week online.

ALL-Virginia 2016

Audition selection is available online.

Forms being updated and will be posted online by the end of next week.

All-VA Power Point is ready to go and will be sent to you as well.

Conductors

SATB – Dr. Daniel Bara, University of Georgia

SSAA – Dr. Deanna Joseph, Georgia State University

Sandler Center for the Performing Arts – (rehearsal and performance), Westin VA Beach Town Center, Hilton Garden Inn (Housing)

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

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

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Notes:

Please take notice of potential candidates for the VMEA leadership symposium. Email Mike with names prior to Pre-Registration date for conference. Those chosen for the symposium will need to be at Conference a day early.

Literature manual submissions should ONLY be photocopies, paper clipped. The box for submissions at Conference will be at the Honors Choir Registration Table and then will be outside of the York-Strafford Room.

Discussion of Transgender students – Mike would like to form a committee to research how other states are changing/adapting policies for transgender students, specifically with regard to legality. (Mike will announce this to the VCDA body at the Nov. meeting) Currently the policy states that female students must audition for soprano or alto and male students must audition for tenor and bass. VMEA is also investigating this issue.

Do you have to be registered for conference to be a part of the Assessment judges training? No – Additional information to come. Is there a fee coming for the training? Yes, about \$20. Mostly to cover the cost of music and the actual training.

Websites for districts – Can a district website be hosted by the VMEA website? Mike to ask VMEA leadership.