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### VCDA BUSINESS MEETING

VMEA Conference- Hot Springs, VA  
Friday, November 22, 2019- 4:45 pm

**I. Call to Order**

Brian Kelly called meeting to order at 4:46 pm.

**II. Moment of Silence**

**III. Introduction of Officers**

**IV. Confirmation of Agenda**

**V. Review of Motion and Voting**

Charlotte asked that motions be made on motion forms.

**VI. Roll Call by Districts**

\* denotes that District Representative is present at meeting.

1:10 *	7: 8*	13: 4
2: 7 *	8: 5	14: 3*
3: 7	9: 20*	15: 11*
4: 6*	10: 5	16: 14*
5: 6 *	11: 7 *	
6: 21 *	12: 11*	

**VII. Reports**

**A. Secretary's report**

Lynne Babcock made a correction that the audition art song Deep River will be the audition piece for next school year (2020-2021).

Motion to amend minutes as corrected passed.

**B. Treasurer's report-** approved as presented.

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### VIII. Old Business

#### A. Literature Manual Committee- Dana Van Slyke

- Manual will be updated by the end of 2019.

#### B. Honor's Choir Report- Joe Evelar

- Joe reported that all is going great, students are excited to be working with Dr. Thomas and are doing great.

#### C. All Virginia Chorus, 2020

##### 1. Audition procedures

a. "Blow Blow Thou Winter Wind" will be the audition song. Reps will be receiving sight reading in January.

b. Clarification on manual- We cannot prohibit students from auditioning for All VA if they have qualified and participate fully in All- District chorus.

##### 2. Workshops- Bethany Houff

a. Google forms to apply to present a session are due by Feb. 15, 2020.

##### 3. All- Virginia Chorus- April 23-25, 2020- Richmond, VA

a. SATB Director- Dr. Julie Yu-Oppenheim, Kansas State University

b. SSAA Director- Dr. Amy Voorhees, Susquehanna University

- Carpenter Center will not be used. All rehearsals and concert will take place at the hotel and conference center only.

- A question was asked if the price per student would be cheaper since there is a change in performance venue, Mike Horanski confirmed that it will be.

- District Reps were asked to pick up music from Dana Van Slyke in the back of the theatre at the conclusion of the meeting.

- Thanks to Musical Source.

#### D. Adjudicator Training- Mike Horanski

1. Mike encouraged all teachers to participate in the adjudicator training

- If directors have not heard back from Mike after submitting their final projects, they should email him.

-Adjudicator Training will be offered at All VA in April.

#### E. All VA Song Addition Proposal- Lynne Babcock, and Amy El-Khoury

- "Deep River" is in public domain, the Committee has taken out a repeated section in order to keep the length brief. Recordings and a PDF of the music will be sent by Brian.

### IX. New Business

#### A. District Assessment Sight Reading Committee- Laura Lazarevich

- Committee reconvened to update documents- Documents are available online and were sent out by Brian in September.

- The new documents, if approved, will be put in effect for the next two years.

- Committee will reconvene in 2021.

- Laura reminded membership that Blue Ribbon this year is

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Discussion:

- Blue Ribbon for the 2020 Assessment will 1 level below highest graded pieces.
- Why aren't minor keys earlier in the levels

Vote: New Assessment Sight Reading guidelines have been accepted.

### **B. Statement about Students with Special Needs- Brian Kelly, Dana Van Slyke.**

- Brian asked that the membership advocate for all students- ie, students with IEPs and other accommodations.
- Directors who have concerns or who have implemented accommodations should talk to Brian.
- Discussion about equal opportunities for students across the Commonwealth.
- Dana reminded membership that IEP and 504 accommodations are required by law.
- Directors were encouraged to be familiar with individual student's accommodations and to use them on an as needed basis.

### **C. VA ACDA- Amy Moir & Philip Kierstead**

1. VA ACDA MS All VA- Audition packet is ready, will go on website and will be sent to Reps via Brian Kelly.
  - In order to submit auditions for this event, directors must be a member of ACDA.
  - Audition submissions are due by Feb. 11
  - Clinicians- Derrick Fox SATB, Christopher Fox, SSA
  - Anabelle Mills will be All VA MS event chair.
2. Next Direction"- July 28-31, Virginia Wesleyan University, Norfolk.
  - Conducting Workshop.
3. VA ACDA Conference is in Mobile, Alabama in March 11-14, 2020
  - left over reading packets from Voices United are available
  - Amy encouraged VCDA membership to participate in the adjudicator training.
  - Voices United Conference is at George Mason University- August 1-3, 2020

### X. Announcements

### XI. Closing Remarks, Brian Kelly-

- Brian acknowledged and congratulated all presenters, and directors who performed.

- Margie Woods made motion to adjourn  
Seconded Megan Cartwright

Meeting adjourned at 5:27