

# VIRGINIA CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

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### VCDA Business Meeting Friday, November 18, 2023 at 4:00PM Richmond, Virginia

<https://vbschools.zoom.us/j/82306681252?pwd=RFhCOVR1bkU2MU5iVitlTUYYMy9mUT09>

Meeting ID: 823 0668 1252

Passcode: 707222

monitored by My-Van Nguyen

**I. Call to Order – Corbin Pinto**

- a. Meeting called to order at 4:00

**II. Introduction of Officers – Officers**

- a. Please note updated VCDA leadership email addresses  
b. Officers introduced themselves

**III. Confirmation of Agenda – Corbin Pinto**

- a. Motions added to the agenda will be presented at letter VIII. f  
b. Agenda approved  
i. Corbin Pinto moved, Holly Hoey-Johnson Seconded  
1. Agenda was approved unanimously

**IV. Review of Motion and Voting – Bill Podolski**

- a. [VCDA Motion Request Form](#) – monitored by Jordan Markwood  
b. Bill reviewed the procedures and only VCDA members may make motions and vote.

**V. Roll Call by Districts – Jordan Markwood (\* District Rep was present)**

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| 1. 10 * | 9. 19 *  |
| 2. 7    | 10. 7 *  |
| 3. 9 *  | 11. 4 *  |
| 4. 5 *  | 12. 8 *  |
| 5. 5    | 13. 4 *  |
| 6. 11 * | 14. 5 *  |
| 7. 3    | 15. 10 * |
| 8. 5 *  | 16. 11 * |

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### VI. Reports

- a. **Secretary's Report** – Jordan Markwood
  - i. [April 2022 meeting minutes](#)
    - i. Philip Keirstead motioned to approve minutes, Cristin Cini seconded
      - a. Minutes were approved unanimously
- b. **Treasurer's Report** – Amy El-Khoury
  - i. [November 2022 report](#)

### VII. Old Business

- a. **VMEA Conference 2022**
  - i. Thank you to our Headliner: Dr. Erin Plisco from Missouri State University and our other presenters including Denise Bernardini, Kevin Brawley, Edryn Coleman, Kyle Cook, Jason Dungee, Michael Ehrlich, Erik Jacobs, Ær Queen, Jo-Anne van der Vat-Chromy.
  - ii. [VCDA Adjudicator Training](#) by Mary-Hannah Klontz [mhsongbird@gmail.com](mailto:mhsongbird@gmail.com)
    - i. Training now takes place on Zoom instead of in-person
      - a. Participants noted that they liked this for the breakout rooms
  - iii. VCDA reception at 6:30 in the Hilton Gerhardt room
- b. **Literature Manual Committee – My-Van Nguyen**
  - i. Literature Manual Committee met on Thursday, November 17 at 8pm and graded approximately 130 pieces including new selections and appeals
  - ii. Request a committee expansion project
    - i. Discussion of new Literature Manual Committee that will meet more often than just the November and April meetings that are currently scheduled
      - a. Interested individuals are able to sign-up today or contact My-Van Nguyen about joining the committee.
- c. **VMEA Honors Choir Report – Joe Eveler**
  - i. Audition Chair: Jordan Markwood
    - i. Suggestion made to create new audition accompaniment recordings that allow for more musical expression and do not include the vocal line.
  - ii. Report from Event Chair, Joe Eveler
    - i. All is going well so far. Dr. Copley and the students are having a great time so far. They are sounding great!
    - ii. Please note who checks should be made out to when sending them to the Honors Choir Chair. It is clearly documented in the information that is distributed. Help our younger teachers with this.
    - iii. Music should be ordered and distributed to accepted students as soon as possible so they can prepare for the event.
  - iii. Conductor: Dr. Edith Copley
  - iv. Performance: Saturday, Nov 19 at 1:00PM

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### d. All-Virginia Chorus 2023

- i. [Audition piece](#): Whither Must I Wander
- ii. Conductors:
  - i. SATB - Dr. Ethan Sperry, Portland University
  - ii. SSAA - Dr. Lynnel Joy Jenkins, Westrick Music Academy
- iii. Teacher Professional Development - Evan Ayers [emayars@fcps.edu](mailto:emayars@fcps.edu) request for committee
  - i. **Submit ideas for sessions to Evan Ayers by due Feb 10, 2023**
  - ii. **Anyone interested in helping to plan and coordinate the professional development should also contact Evan Ayers.**

## VIII. New Business

### a. Virginia ACDA Updates - Erik Jacobs & Philip Keirstead

- i. Feb 22-25, 2023 ACDA National Conference. Cincinnati OH
- ii. Aug 4-5, 2023 Voices United Conference. Manassas, VA
- iii. VA-ACDA clinician and collaboration grants: Rolling application for rural and urban school programs in Virginia. Visit [www.vaacda.org](http://www.vaacda.org) for details.
- iv. Apr 27-29, 2023 Middle School All-VA Honors Choirs. Glen Allen, VA
  - a. **Conductors:**
    - i. **Treble Choir - Coty Raven Morris**
    - ii. **Mixed Choir - Elizabeth Hogan**
  - b. Updates to the auditions
    - i. **New audition piece commissioned by VA-ACDA and composed by Mark Patterson for the MS All-VA auditions.**
      1. **Meets many parameters to help provide valuable feedback to better adjudicate auditions and have consistency from one audition to the next.**
    - ii. **The membership sang through the piece together.**

### b. Choral Assessment -

- i. One adjudicator should be from the [list of those who have been trained](#).
- ii. Sight Reading Factory - Dana Van Slyke
  - i. **We were never able to get Sight Reading Factory to produce examples that met the exact parameters to assist with practicing for assessment.**
  - ii. **By January we hope to have the examples and levels accurate to provide practice examples to help prepare for assessment.**

### c. [Event Accommodation Form](#) - Corbin Pinto

- i. **This form is modeled after a VBODA form and each section has been asked by VMEA to create something like this to deal with any questions, issues, or concerns that may arise during events.**
  - i. **Too often these issues were brought up with very little time to**
  - ii. **Corbin Pinto moved, Jordan Markwood seconded the motion to approve the form.**
    - a. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

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- d. **All-VA Audition Piece committee** - Joel Shapiro
  - i. A piece was commissioned by VCDA through Jordan Markwood and the Wolf Trap Arts in Education Grant.
    - i. Dr. B.E. Boykin wrote a piece entitled “Nature’s Song” and is going through the final editing stages. A final copy will be sent out to the membership by the end of the calendar year.
- e. **VCDA Operation Manual Updates** - Dana Van Slyke
  - i. Our manual has not been updated in a long time and Dana went through to update wording like pronouns and other items that do not require the membership to vote first.
  - ii. A document with suggestions of edits will be sent out by Dana to allow the membership adequate time to review and give feedback for the membership to vote on at the Spring 2023 VCDA meeting.
    - i. Examples include adding wording for online auditions, deleting items that are no longer relevant

### IX. Closing Remarks

- a. **District Representatives** – Thank you for your assistance throughout the year, for being room chairs at this event, and for picking up your All-VA music packets after this meeting.
- b. **Committee Sign-Ups** - If you are interested in any of the three committees mentioned before, please make sure to sign-up or contact the person responsible for the committee to join.

### X. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Corbin Pinto, seconded by Pat Vaughn.
  - i. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jordan Markwood