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VCDA Business Meeting Friday, April 19, 2024 at 1:00PM Richmond, Virginia (Marriott Salon 1-3)

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Agenda QR

- I. **Call to Order – Corbin Pinto**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.
- II. **Introduction of Officers – Officers**
- III. **Confirmation of Agenda – Corbin Pinto**
 - a. Motions added to the agenda will be presented at letter VIII. h.
 - b. Agenda approved
 - i. Pat Vaughn moved, Caelyn Davis seconded
 - a. Agenda was approved unanimously
- IV. **Review of Motion and Voting – Bill Podolski**

[VCDA Motion Request Form](#) – monitored by Jordan Markwood

 - a. Corbin Pinto reviewed the voting rules in Bill Podolski's absence
- V. **Roll Call by Districts – Jordan Markwood**

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

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VI. Reports

- a. Secretary's Report – **Jordan Markwood**
 - i. [Minutes VCDA November 2023](#)
 - a. Helai Karim moved to approve the minutes and Annabelle Mills seconded
- Motion to approve minutes passed unanimously
- b. Treasurer's Report – **Sherri Matthews**
 - i. [Treasurer's Report April 2024](#)

VII. Old Business

- a. **All-Virginia Chorus 2024 - April 18-20, 2024 in Richmond**
 - i. Thank you to Mike Horanski and Steve Turner our Co-Event Chairs
 - ii. Thank you to the VCDA officers, district reps, and choral directors
 - iii. Teacher Professional Development - **Evan Ayars** emayars@fcps.edu
 - a. [All-Virginia Chorus Professional Development Evaluation](#)
 - b. Evan will be the coordinator of PD again next year. Please contact him if you would like to present next year.
 - iv. Thank you to our VCDA logistics chairperson, Nigel Tangredi.
- b. **Literature Manual Committee - My-Van Nguyen**
 - i. Thank you to Willis Rosenfeld for cleaning up and standardizing the entire manual.
 - ii. We will transition to a Jotform for submissions in the future.
 - a. This transition is due to challenges using the google form.
 - iii. Next grading session at VMEA in November. A firm deadline for Assessment grading will be communicated, likely at the end of January 2025.
- c. **Choral Adjudicator Training - co-chairs - Mary-Hannah Klontz** mhsongbird@gmail.com
- **Annabelle Mills** annabelle.mills14@gmail.com
- d. **Choral Assessment rubric feedback - Mary-Hannah Klontz** mhsongbird@gmail.com
 - i. [Provide your feedback for the Choral Assessment rubric here](#)
 - ii. Waiting to schedule the next adjudicator training until we receive more feedback. Likely to be in August 2024. Feel free to contact the co-chairs now to receive information about any future training sessions.

VIII. New Business

- a. **VMEA Honors Choir November 21-23, 2024**
 - i. Audition Chair: **Robin Duncan** robin.duncan@cpschools.com
Audition Piece: "If Music Be the Food of Love"
[Link for Honors Choir Timeline](#)
 - Overwhelming majority of teachers wanted to keep auditions online due to schedule conflicts, costs of travel.
 - Zoom workshop on how to audition will be held in advance of the auditions.
 - A list will be provided on what teachers can and cannot do during the audition process.
 - ii. Honors Choir Event Chair - **Helai Rutan** Helai.Rutan@lcp.org
2024 Conductor: Dr. Jeffery Redding, University of Central Florida
[VMEA Senior Honor Choir \[Co-Chair Interest Form\]](#)
 - Please fill out the form if you are willing to co-chair this event with Helai.
- b. **VMEA Conference November 21-23, 2024 in Norfolk**
 - i. Hotel reservations now open
 - ii. Session proposals and performing group applications are due May 1, 2024
 - iii. Wednesday night before conference we will have a "Beer Sing"

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- c. **All-Virginia Chorus - April 24-26, 2025 in Richmond**
 - i. [All VA audition materials](#): “Nature’s Song”
 - ii. Conductors:
 - a. SATB - Dr. Jace Saplan, Arizona State University
 - b. SSAA - Dr. Kari Adams, University of Missouri
 - iii. Teacher Professional Development - **Evan Ayars** emayars@fcps.edu
- d. **Virginia ACDA Updates** - Meredith Bowen mbowen@vaacda.org
 - i. [Voices United](#) - Aug 2-3, 2024 in Manassas, VA - **Bonny Tynch & Felix Polendey**
 - a. Headliners: Dr. Felicia Barber, Dr. Lynnel Joy Jenkins, Dr. Amanda Quist
 - b. Honor Chorus Auditions (Ages 10-15) directed by Dr. Lynnel Joy Jenkins
 - c. Children’s Chorus, Community Chorus, Conducting Master Classes, Social Hours, please join us!
 - Audition are due May 13
 - **Children’s Chorus, Community Chorus, Conducting Master Classes, Reading Sessions, Social Hours, and more so please join us!**
- e. **Operation Manual Committee - Bill Podolski** bill.podolski@apsva.us
 - i. On behalf of the VCDA Operations Manual Committee, we move to adopt our [amended version](#) of the Manual. Per the current Manual’s amendment requirements, these revisions have been submitted in writing to the President’s Committee, presented at our last general business meeting and have been disseminated to membership through District Representatives. In addition, we wish to include the following 6 additional revisions that have come forward during the review process:
 - ii. Under School Affiliations by District, change Eastern Mennonite College to University, **change Clinch Valley College to The University of Virginia’s College at Wise and remove Virginia Intermont College.**
 - iii. Section III, #1, letter d, point #3 “All District Chorus Audition Procedures, remove *“For virtual auditions, students will be given one chance to record their song and one chance to complete their sight-singing. If the student has technical difficulties, they may request their account be reset by their teacher and their teacher may make this request to the Audition Chair.”*
 - iv. Section IV, #2, All-VA Chorus Rules/Eligibility, add an additional point: *“All participants must have attended all rehearsals and the culminating concert of the All-District Chorus unless excused. Excused absences due to illness will be determined only on the condition that the student’s illness is severe enough that continued participation would be harmful to the student’s health and/or that of other participants.”*
 - v. Section V, #4, letter d “The judges shall use the *current VCDA Assessment Adjudication form.*” (Deleting the mention of the form ratified in April 2010.)
 - vi. Section V, #4, letter g “Each adjudicator shall be supplied with a copy of music to be sung. Each copy of music *must be a legally purchased octavo or e-print.*”
 - vii. Section V, #3, letter j: update the Blue Ribbon Eligibility to be consistent with VMEA’s current Blue Ribbon Eligibility statement.
 - a. **Keri Staley seconded the motion**
 - Discussion
 - i. Thank you to the committee for all their hard work.
 - ii. The list of All-VA songs in the updated manual do not align with those in the rotation.

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- iii. When illness is involved, it is still up to the District Chorus Committee that will decide the student's eligibility on a case-by-case basis.
 - b. Voting
 - Motion passed unanimously
 - viii. Lara Brittain made a motion to revise the VCDA manual to include "Nature's Song" in the All-Virginia audition songs and Keri Staley seconded.
 - a. Motion passed with only one member objecting.
 - f. **Choral Assessment Sight Reading Committee - CJ Redden-Liotta cjreddenliot@fcps.edu**
 - i. [Proposed changes](#) based on membership feedback over the last year
 - ii. Motion to approve procedures as recommended by the committee.
 - a. Discussion
 - Thank you to the committee for all their work!
 - b. Voting
 - The motion was unanimously passed
 - iii. Motion to approve levels as recommended by the committee.
 - a. Discussion
 - Amount of groups sight reading at Level 5 or 6 is very small and while we hope that those numbers will increase, this change would only provide Levels 1-5 to use at assessment. Levels 6 and 7 will be provided for instructional purposes only.
 - b. Voting
 - Motion was withdrawn
 - iv. Motion to rescind procedures voted on in section ii by CJ Redden Liota
 - a. Discussion
 - Since membership did not have the correct reference material at the time of the vote, CJ Redden Liota motioned to rescind the previously approved motion to approve procedures as recommended by the committee. This motion was seconded by Pat Vaughn.
 - b. Voting
 - Motion passed unanimously.
 - g. **Committee creation to investigate the addition of a TTBB All-Virginia Chorus**
 - i. [Sign up to join the committee](#)
 - a. Our hope is that it will encourage more Tenors and Basses to participate in the auditions and event.
 - h. **Other Motions -**
 - i. Motion presented by Emilio Pesante and seconded by Lynn Ballou
 - a. I move to reconvene the State Assessment Rubric committee to create an averaging chart for the categories, to accompany the new rubric.
 - Discussion
 - Without the guidance of a chart like what is being requested, there can be some confusion about how to create a final rating for each subcategory.
 - Voting
 - Motion passed unanimously

IX. Closing Remarks

- a. President remarks and passing the gavel

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X. Adjournment

- a. Corbin Pinto moved to adjourn the meeting and Ajee Church seconded. Motion passed unanimously.