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VCDA BUSINESS MEETING

All-Virginia Chorus – Richmond, VA

Friday, April 5, 2019

I. **Call to Order**

Brian Kelly called meeting to order at 1:34 pm

II. **Introduction of Officers**

III. **Confirmation of Agenda**

- Under New Business, Brian added letter E- All VA commitment form deadline, and letter F- notes from the state manager

IV. **Review of Motion and Voting**

- Charlotte asked that motions be made on the Motion Forms- Members of VMEA/VCDA in order to vote.

V. **Roll Call by Districts**

* denotes that District Representative is present at meeting.

District 1: 8

District 2: 15 *

District 3: 9

District 4: 2

District 5: 9 *

District 6: 10*

District 7: 11*

District 8: 7*

District 9: 10*

District 10: 9*

District 11: 11*

District 12: 8*

District 13: 7

District 14: 4

District 15: 8*

District 16: 4*

VI. **Reports**

A. **Secretary's Report-**

- SATB Director corrected to Allen Hightower- University North Texas
Lynn Babcock- motion to accept, seconded by Pat Vaughan

B. **Treasurer's Report**

Approved as presented

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VII. Old Business

A. VCDA Website- District Procedure

- a. Brian will be contacting district reps to give feedback about how each district runs their auditions.

B. Literature Manual Grading Committee- Dana Van Slyke

- a. There have only been 3 submissions- will be collecting at VMEA conference in Nov. 2019.
- b. Committee will also meet to adjust the rubric used to grade literature.
- c. Rep that is listed under two grade levels, should be submitted as an appeal and re-evaluated.

C. ACDA Middle School Honors Choir Report

- a. Philip Kierstead- The students and directors are looking forward to tonight's performances. Philip urged everyone to come to concert at 1:30 tomorrow.

D. All- Virginia Chorus 2019

- a. Brian acknowledged Mandi Steele & Mike Horanski for their help with this weekend. Bethany Houff for workshops
- b. VCDA & VAACDA- Sessions for All-Virginia- Bethany Houff
- c. All-Virginia Chorus Audition Rotation
 - “Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind” (2019-2020)
 - “Where E'er You Walk” (2020-2021)
 - All music for next year's auditions are currently on the VCDA website.
 - Commitment Forms to include t-shirt size, director email & grade level.
- d. All Virginia Song Addition Proposal- Lynne Babcock
 - i. The committee has decided on “Deep River” to replace “She Walks in Beauty” in the rotation. The rotation would be as follows: Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind- 19/20, Deep River- 20/21, and Where E're You Walk- 21/22.
- e. Adjudicator Training- Mike Horanski
 - i. Mike asked directors to contact him if they'd like a localized adjudicator training. He will also be holding a training session in August- information will be sent out.
 - ii. Final Projects submitted by June 1 to mikehoranski@gmail.com- must be completed to be certified.
 - iii. Weds. Before VMEA conference begins will also be an adjudicator training.
 - iv. Adjudicator training certification is good for 5 years.

VIII. New Business

A. All- Virginia Chorus 2020- April 23-25, 2020

- i. Performance: Carpenter Theatre, Dominion Arts Center
600 East Grace St. Richmond, VA 23219
 - Rehearsals/Housing: Richmond Marriott,
500 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219
 - SSAA director: Amy Voorhees- Susquehanna University
 - SATB director: Julie Yu-Oppenheim- Kansas State University

B. ACDA Voices United Conference- Pamela McDermott/Amy Moir August 1-3 at George Mason University. Website has information.

- i. Philip Kierstead mentioned that audition for Voices United aligns with MS audition.
- ii. Rebecca Tyree fund- for scholarship to attend conference.
- iii. Next Direction- HS aged students for music and conducting, Virginia Wesleyan University.

C. District Assessment Sight Reading Committee- Laura Lazarevich

- i. Laura reviewed history of the committee.
- ii. Laura read the motion aloud for discussion:

“I would like to request that the Sight Reading committee reconvene to make final edits to the VCDA Sight Reading Guidelines and Procedures, based on feedback from the VCDA membership.”

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iii. Discussion:

- President cannot reappoint the committee because it is a "special committee."
- Any proposed changes will be voted upon at November VCDA meeting and then implemented in March.

- iv. Motion made by Lara Lezaravich, seconded by Philip Kierstead. Motion carries. Committee will reconvene in Apple boardroom following the meeting.

D. All- Virginia Audition Score Sheet- CJ Redden-Liotta

- i. CJ read the motion aloud for discussion:

"Whereas, the All- Virginia audition sheet lists "vowel placement" in two different scoring areas, Whereas, adjudicators are unsure where to account for this concept during auditions, and Whereas, vowel placement may affect the success of a student's interpretation, but does not define whether or not they are singing with artistic interpretation, Therefore let it be resolved that the All-Virginia audition rubric sheet be amended to remove the term "vowel placement" from the category of interpretation and have it remain in the Diction rubric category."

- ii. Motion made by CJ Redden-Liotta, seconded by Anna Cooper. Motion Carries.

E. All VA Commitment form deadlines- Emilio Pesante

"I move to have All Virginia Chorus Commitment forms submitted after the auditions have been completed and the delegates have been chosen. The commitment forms would be submitted to the district chair within two weeks of the States Delegates Announcements. The chair would then send them to the state."

-Reasoning from Emilio: eliminates the disqualification of students for not having correct information on commitment forms.

i. Discussion

- passing such a motion would eliminate the unnecessary transfer of sensitive materials.
- concerns were expressed about the timeline for turning in the forms to the Event Chair resulting in an amount of disqualifications for not adhering to deadlines, and for incorrect information on the forms.

- ii. Motion made by Emilio Pesante, seconded by Gordon Parr. Motion Carries.

F. Notes from the State Manager: missing reports from districts 1, 3 (MS Choir), 4 & 5-all reports. Brian reminded everyone to turn in event reports in a timely manner.

IX. **Announcements**

- A. Elections for district representatives must be sent to Brian Kelly & Linda Gammon
- B. Complete SOL survey that was sent out by District Reps
- C. Joe Evelar- Honor's Choir 2019
- i. Housing for students will be at Holiday Inn, Staunton.
VMEA 2019 Honor Choir Guest Conductor: Andre Thomas, Florida State University, will be commissioned to write pieces.
- ii. McKenna Stenson will be Honors choir audition chair
- Sat. October 12th at Longwood University, does not conflict with SATs!
 - Audition piece will be "I attempt from love's sickness to fly"

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X. **Closing Remarks-** Brian Kelly

- Brian thanked all directors for being flexible and to a reminder to follow the duty schedule. Lynne Babcock asked that directors be present as the students come up to the floors.
- Dana asked that monitors are a visual presence.
- Thanks to Jeb & Tim
- Thanks to Amy for finding instrumentalists.
- Thanks to Mike & Mandi for leadership and combining the event.
- Thanks to the officers.

Joe Evelar made a motion to adjourn seconded by Philip Keirstead

Meeting adjourned at 2:24.

Respectfully submitted by Elise Ramos Krepcho