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**VCDA BUSINESS MEETING  
Friday, April 22, 2022 - 4:45 PM  
Henrico, Virginia**

**I. Call to Order - Dana Van Slyke**

- a. Meeting called to order at 4:45

**II. Introduction of Officers - Officers**

- a. Dana introduced the officers.

**III. Confirmation of Agenda - Dana Van Slyke**

- a. Motions added to agenda will be presented at letter I and J  
b. Agenda approved as presented

**VI. Review of Motion and Voting**

<https://forms.gle/YTf5xcwpTfY6pHit6>

**- Monitored by Corbin Pinto**

- a. Sherri reviewed the process to make motions, must be members.

**VII. Roll Call by Districts - Elise Krepcho**

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

## VIII. Reports

- A. **Secretary's Report - Elise Krepcho**
- B. **Treasurer's Report - Amy El-Khoury**
  - all reports approved as presented.

## IX. Old Business

### A. **All - VA Chorus 2022 Update - Dana Van Slyke**

Dana updated membership on the success of the event so far. She filled directors in the switch made for the SSAA choir's director.  
Dana thanked those who have been helping behind the scenes, especially the hosts at each school.

### i. **Transition to JR Tucker - Clint Miller**

- Clint Miller talked about the transition to JR Tucker HS- he reminded directors to read and follow the directions for parking. Directors should park in the lot next to the school (5 min walk)
  - SATB 9:00
  - SSAA 10:00
  - Students/director luggage can be dropped in the Band room

### B. **All VA Audition Piece Committee - Jordan Markwood and Joel Shapiro**

- i. Approved for Wolfrap grant- \$5k
- ii. Brittney Boykin accepted commission
- iii. Draft will be sent to Jordan by May 2 and will be performed by Jordan's students as part of the grant.
- iv. Piece will be presented at the Fall 2022 meeting; piece will be used in fall 2023

### D. **Assessment Sightreading - Sight reading Factory - Dana Van Slyke**

- i. Laura Lazaravich has been in touch with Sight reading factory, Brian Kelly has been researching SRF examples that fit the parameters. All efforts for making the parameters more cohesive for preparing for assessment.

## IX. New Business

### A. **Honors Choir 2022 Auditions - My-Van Nguyen**

i.  $\frac{2}{3}$  of responses from surveys were in favor of continuing HC auditions virtually starting with Fall 2022.

### ii. **Audition piece - I Attempt from Love's Sickness to Fly**

- the audition window will be open for 1 week.
  - 1. Feedback:
    - a. A 24-hour period to review students' submissions
    - b. List of recommended materials
    - c. 2 chances to record
    - d. Hold a Zoom Q&A on the princess
    - e. Video on coaching for appearance, and what to do in the event of a technical difficulty.

### D. **Honors Choir Event 2022-2023- Joe Eveler**

- i. Richmond, Nov 17-19 at VMEA conference
- ii. Dr. Edity Copely will be guest clinician

### E. **VMEA Conference Nov. 17-19, 2022, Richmond -**

#### i. **Performance application due April 22**

- a. Deadline to submit an application to perform is today.
- b. May 1 is deadline to submit proposals for a clinic or presentation

<https://www.vmea.com/index.php/events-menu/conference#performance-app>

**G. All Virginia Chorus 2023**

1. **Audition Procedures - Opusevent or in person- District Discussion**
  - a. Districts will continue to decide whether they will do virtual or in-person auditions.
  - b. a more structured window of submissions will be back in place.  
“Whither Must I Wander” - Audition piece
2. **All Virginia Chorus April 27-29, 2023; April 18-20, 2024**  
**- Location : Richmond ( with VBODA) at the Convention Center**  
**-SATB Chorus - TBD**  
**-SSAA Chorus - TBD**

**H. VA-ACDA Updates - Amy Moir**

- a. Conductors are great, the students are having a great time and the directors love the venue.
- b. Voices United conference- “Summer of Renewal” August 5 & 6 in Manassas at Hilton Center for the Performing Arts.
- c. Jason Max Ferdinand is headlining.

**Motions**

**Motion 1:**

Brian Kelly

Seconded by Claire Rowan

Members of the All-District Chorus may not miss the concert. Members of the All-District may not miss any rehearsal during the event; the only exemption is....

Discussion was had

In Favor: **Motion passes Unanimously**

**Motion 2:**

Jordan Markwood

Seconded: Helai Karim

I would like to make a motion to change the wording of the VCDA Manual in Section V in the last paragraph of part 1 about District Assessments to read:

If a school has a legitimate conflict with the date of the Assessment event in their home district, they can apply to participate in a neighboring district’s event. The event should be comparable to that of their home district (i.e. High School Assessment for High School Assessment or Middle School for Middle School Assessment) with the permission of the District Choral Representatives from both districts and the VCDA President.

Discussion:

- There should be no competition between choirs.

**Motion passes with 2/3 majority**

**Motion 3:**

Nick Brata

Seconded by Greg Vick

I motion to allow choirs to select music for Assessment from any state's approved list. The three approved lists are decent but there is so much more music on other lists.

Discussion:

-If a piece is graded differently in another manual, would the selection be VA grade, or another state's grade?

-Would it be possible to link the approved lists on our website?

-Judges will not know what level the choir sings if the selections are graded differently in each state.

-This may dissuade people from bringing in new music to be evaluated at conference.

-A suggestion was made that we find lists that are similar to VA guidelines and to add those few lists first before adding all state's lists.

**Motion is tabled, Greg will form a committee to do research and will resubmit motion in the fall.**

**X. Closing Remarks - Dana Van Slyke**

- Dana gave her farewell speech and passed the gavel to President-Elect Corbin Pinto.

Corbin Made motion to adjourn, Brian Kelly seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47pm

Respectfully submitted by Elise Ramos-Krepcho