



VMEA Mission:

To promote quality music education throughout the Commonwealth by providing leadership, instructional resources and professional development opportunities for Virginia's music educators.

Meeting of the Council of Review

All Meetings will Occur at [THIS ZOOM LINK](#)

September 9, 2023

9am Conference Planning

10:30am Section Leadership Training

11:15am VMEA Leadership Training

12:00pm VMEA Meeting

1. Call to Order – Dr. Alice Hammel, President
Introduction of Presiding Officers
2. Review of Voting Procedures – Danielle Yonkers/JR Snow for Danielle Yonkers
3. Confirmation of the Agenda – Alice Hammel
 - a. Motion by Evan Ayers, motion; Corbin Pinto, second - PASSED
4. Attendance Registration – Jennifer Ryan
5. Approval of minutes – Jennifer Ryan
 - a. Motion by Marie Weber; Will Satterwhite, second - PASSED
6. [Strategic Plan](#)
 - a. Provide professional development and resources/materials for music educators to support best practices in music education
 - b. Develop and enhance membership
 - c. Develop current and future leadership
 - d. Advocate for music education in all Virginia schools
 - e. Organizational Vitality
7. Financial Reports
 - a. VMEA Chief Financial Officer – Steve Turner
 - i. VMEA main account - \$160,206.20
 - ii. Conference - \$169,875.37
 - iii. Total of two accounts - \$330,081.57
 - b. Section Treasurers
 - i. Choral –Corbin Pinto
 1. \$92,979.14
 - ii. Instrumental – Steve Turner
 1. \$165,286.72
 - iii. Elementary – Ernie Stokes/Stefan Castro



1. \$16,524.17
- iv. Guitar – Kathy Robinson
 1. \$971.62
- v. Administrators – Holly Sunderland/Chris Moseley
 1. \$2764.61
- vi. Higher Education – Steve Turner
 1. \$5715.03
- vii. Collegiate – Steve Turner
 1. \$5294.87

8. Reports

a. Section Presidents

- i. Choral – Corbin Pinto
 1. Headliner for conference is from Hanover College
 2. Working on All-State
 3. Working on increasing transparency, increasing membership
 4. Working on operations manual and updating language
 5. New piece into rotation for All-VA auditions
 6. Choral assessment sight-reading committee - redoing pieces and process
- ii. Instrumental – Laura Mulligan Thomas & Carrie Finnegan
 1. Preparing for events that are about to begin
 2. Candidates running for office in November at conference
 3. Inclusion committee has identified many pieces to remove from state list
 4. Working to streamline the grading process
 5. Strategic planning committee working to replace honor band award with more inclusive award, including elem and orchestra
- iii. Elementary – Stephan Castro
 1. Excited about conference presenters
 2. Varied presentations
 3. 2nd annual Orff Ensemble - registration closes on Sept. 15
 4. Feb. 17 regional professional development workshops - hopefully in person but will offer a virtual option
 5. April - All-VA elem choir
- iv. Guitar – Dr. Kevin Vigil
 1. All-Va Guitar auditions - increased from last year and all four regions are represented
 2. Started talking about a middle school All-VA guitar event
 3. All 4 regions will be represented at assessments this year
 4. Graded ensemble rep has increased
 5. Forming a committee about graded solo and ensemble literature with other instruments
 6. Discussions about adding guitar to Blue Ribbon program
 7. Online summit to reach out to colleges about guitar and music ed
 8. All-VA guitar ensemble fundraiser with Strings by Mail
- v. Administrators – Chris Moseley
 1. Congrats to former president Ed Stephenson on his new position
 2. Michelle Millegan is now the President-Elect
 3. Conference - job fair, sessions on copyright
 4. Working on connecting with NAFME



- vi. Higher Education – Dr. Stephanie Standerfer
 - 1. VDOE new Praxis II exam that differentiates between vocal and instrumental music - 18 month process to get it approved
- vii. Collegiate –Tori Rogers
 - 1. Still having communication issues - working to find ways to fix
 - 2. Congrats and thanks to teachers who finished college and are now new teachers!
- b. Department of Education – Sherry Hatton
 - i. New admin at VDOE - they are very supportive of the arts - you should invite them to your events
 - ii. Working on developing High Quality Instructional Materials
 - iii. Forming a steering committee to develop and produce assessment resources
 - iv. Fine arts leadership conference May 8 at Longwood University
 - v. Push for getting the department of ed into classrooms
- c. MIOSM – Marie Weber
 - i. No info yet on new theme but lessons will be available on the website
- d. VMEA Professional Development Conference – Amy Birdsong & Alan Johnson
 - i. Thanks to the conference team
 - ii. Go ahead and register now - price goes up October 15
 - iii. Hotel conference rate is only good through the end of October
 - iv. Lobby concert applications due Sept. 15
 - v. Classroom/session spaces are now in the same building as exhibits
 - vi. Food court will be open for lunch
- e. Advocacy/Government Relations –Jo-Anne van der Vat-Chromy
 - i. Looking for more members - next meeting is Sept. 25
 - ii. Virginia participated in Hill Day 2023 - will do it again in 2024
 - iii. Please participate in advocacy efforts as you feel appropriate
 - iv. NAFME has noticed Virginia's advocacy efforts and highlighted some of them to their members
- f. Tri-M – Sara Harkrader for Jennifer Morris
 - i. 116 active chapters
 - ii. NAFME offers 10 scholarships for chapter fees for new chapters
- g. Elementary Grant Program – Stefan Castro
 - i. 2 grants offered for professional development - applications due by November 1
- h. Leadership Symposium – Mike Horanski
 - i. Need to get more people knowing about this opportunity - an application to attend is on the website
- i. Awards – Mike Horanski
 - i. We want to recognize as many people as possible
 - ii. There are several different categories of awards
 - iii. Applications are on the website and due September 30
- j. Membership – Brandy Buckles Baxter, Austin Johnson, Caroline Player
 - i. Caroline represents districts 1,2,3,4,8, and 15
 - ii. Brandy 5,6,7,13, and 14
 - iii. Austin 9,10,11,12, and 16
 - iv. We have 2274 members
 - v. Focus is on recruitment and retention
- k. Mentorship – Claire Leeper
 - i. No report
- l. Council for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion – Ashley Cuthbertson



- i. 3rd annual DEI Connect and Chat at VMEA Conference - Nov. 17 at 4PM
 - m. Council for Creativity & Innovation – a chair is needed for this committee
 - n. Historian – Jack Elgin
 - i. Congratulations to Alice on her recent award!
 - o. State Executive – J.R. Snow
 - i. New email addresses - vmea.com
 - ii. Code of conduct form will be sent from JR to everyone - needs to be filled out and submitted
 - iii. Sponsorships and partnerships
 - iv. Continuing to be transparent in leadership needs
 - v. Newsletter comes out in the middle of the month - 60% open rate
 - vi. Members-only section on website this fall
 - p. President's Report – Alice Hammel
 - i. So proud of everyone and all the work that is being done!
- 9. Old Business
 - a. 2023-2026 Calendar review
- 10. New Business
 - a. Bylaws changes/revisions - JR
 - i. Most all changes are just semantics
 - ii. Addition of President's Cabinet

This Concludes the Business Part of the Meeting

- 11. Announcements
 - a. Location of the Executive Board meeting on **January 13, 2024**– Virtual
 - b. Other Announcements
 - i. Congrats again to Alice!

Meeting adjourned at 1:01PM
Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Ryan, VMEA Secretary