



*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 10, 2022

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

11:00 a.m.

**MEETING MINUTES**

12:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Dr. Alice Hammel, President  
Introduction of Presiding Officers
2. Review of Voting Procedures – Danielle Yonkers
3. Confirmation of the Agenda – Alice Hammel
  - a. Motion to confirm - Laura Mulligan Thomas, second Corbin Pinto - PASSED
4. Roll Call – Jennifer Ryan
5. Approval of [minutes](#) of the June 4, 2022 meeting – Jennifer Ryan
  - a. Motion to confirm - Allen Hall, second Ed Stephenson - 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. General fund - \$177,665.64
    - ii. Conference fund - \$126,620.24
    - iii. Grant fund - \$1840.49
    - iv. Total - \$306,126.837
  - b. Section Treasurers
    - i. Choral –Amy El-Khoury/Corbin Pinto



- 1. \$81,437.51
- ii. Instrumental – Steve Turner/Laura Mulligan-Thomas
  - 1. \$171,236.68
- iii. Elementary – Ernie Stokes/Kimberly Upshaw
  - 1. \$16,077.04
- iv. Guitar – Kathy Robinson/Kevin Vigil
  - 1. \$1128.00
- v. Administrators – Holly Sunderland/Ed Stephenson
  - 1. \$1,624.61
- vi. Higher Education – Steve Turner
  - 1. \$4,715.03
- vii. Collegiate – Steve Turner
  - 1. \$4,801.36

## 8. Reports

### a. Section Presidents

- i. Choral – Corbin Pinto
  - 1. Lots of variety of sessions at conference
  - 2. Literature grading
- ii. Instrumental – Laura Mulligan Thomas & Carrie Finnegan (orchestra rep)
  - 1. SRO auditions Sept. 24 and 26
  - 2. Band assessment schedules going out
  - 3. Got a great conference planned
  - 4. All-Virginia conductors are lined up
  - 5. A couple district rep positions are still in flux
- iii. Elementary – Kimberly Upshaw
  - 1. First All-VA Orff ensemble will be at conference this year
  - 2. Great conference offerings
  - 3. Regional professional workshop day in February
  - 4. All-Virginia Elementary Chorus April 29
- iv. Guitar – Dr. Kevin Vigil
  - 1. Just created their website
  - 2. Started collegiate guitar committee
  - 3. Sept. 21 virtual town hall for people teaching guitar but not guitar players
  - 4. All-VA guitar ensemble at conference - celebrating 10th year
- v. Administrators – Dr. Ed Stephenson
  - 1. Looking forward to conference
- vi. Higher Education – Dr. Stephanie Standerfer - Annamarie for Stephanie
  - 1. Planning a pre-conference at conference to discuss teacher shortage
- vii. Collegiate – Bailey Kinsella & Dr. Taryn Raschdorf
  - 1. New code of conduct being sent out in packets to collegiate chapters
  - 2. Adopt-a-student program

### b. Department of Education – Kelly Bisogno

- i. Michelle left for another job - thanks for two years of service!
- ii. Her move leaves a part-time position available at DOE - reach out to Kelly for more info
- iii. Putting out resources for music careers and skills needed
- iv. Forming a steering committee for 2023 stipend positions for music educators to work with DOE

### c. MIOSM – Marie Weber



- i. No report
  - d. VMEA Professional Development Conference 2022 – Amy Birdsong & Alan Johnson
    - i. We have a new website
    - ii. New registration portal for conference
    - iii. Hopefully we will get access to the new conference app in early November
  - e. Advocacy/Government Relations – Michelle Milligan & Jo-Anne van der Vat-Chromy
    - i. Just accepted this position recently - introduced themselves
    - ii. Thanks to Steve King for all his work in this position
  - f. Tri-M – Jennifer Morris
    - i. Chapter enrollment was down from last year
    - ii. Goals - get current chapters to renew early, get new ones to start, start programs at middle schools
    - iii. Working on a handbook - now that I have a chapter, what do I do with them?
  - g. Elementary Grant Program – Kimberly Upshaw
    - i. Accepting applications for 2 \$500 grants - due November 1
  - h. Leadership Symposium – Mike Horanski
    - i. Development program for future leadership of VMEA
    - ii. Thursday morning at conference
  - i. Awards – Mike Horanski
    - i. Nomination forms are on the website - please nominate people!
  - j. Membership – Lisette Satterwhite
    - i. No report
  - k. Mentorship – Claire Leeper - JR Snow for Claire
    - i. Working on this - want representation from all districts
  - l. Council for Music Education – Dr. Jeremy Craft
    - i. No report
  - m. Council for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion – Ashley Cuthbertson
    - i. Second “connect and chat” event at conference
    - ii. Good sessions ready to go for conference
    - iii. Seeking more members - want representation from all districts - need from 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 16
  - n. Council for Creativity & Innovation – Mary Jo West
    - i. No report
  - o. Historian – Jack Elgin
    - i. All is quiet
  - p. State Executive – J.R. Snow
    - i. Conference sponsorships - something new he’s working on
    - ii. Thanks to Mary Macmahan for developing our new website
    - iii. Keep an eye out for the VMEA newsletter
  - q. President’s Report – Alice Hammel
    - i. Lots of new faces in leadership - thank you for your patience!
    - ii. Thanks Annamarie for your support!
    - iii. Alice wants to increase the transparency of the organization
9. Old Business
- a. [Calendar 2022-2024](#)- J.R.
10. New Business
- a.



**This Concludes the Business Part of the Meeting**

11. Announcements

- a. Location of the Executive Board meeting on **January 14, 2023**– Virtual
- b. Other Announcements
  - i. Laura Thomas - performing groups at conference
    - 1. Bands - Cooper MS, Lake Braddock, Grafton HS, JMU Wind Symphony, Shenandoah Big Band, Alexandria City HS Jazz Band
    - 2. Orchestras - Rachel Carson MS, South County HS, Fairfax HS, ODU

Meeting adjourned at 1:20PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenny Ryan  
VMEA Secretary