



*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 Executive Board**

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

**January 13, 2024**

**Conference Committee: 9:00am**

**Executive Board: 10:00am**

**President's Cabinet: 11:00am**

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 to confirm - Annamarie Bollino, seconded by Laura Thomas - PASSED
4. Roll Call – Jennifer Ryan
5. Approval of [minutes of the September 9, 2023](#) – Jennifer Ryan
  - a. Motion to approve - David Holley, seconded by Marie Weber - 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 balance \$197,619.34
    - ii. Conference balance \$188,388.39 (haven't paid hotel bills yet)
    - iii. Total balance is \$401, 200.35
  - b. Section Treasurers
    - i. VCDA - Kathy Robinson - \$16,226.94
    - ii. VCDA - Corbin Pinto - \$75,969.52
    - iii. VBODA - \$176,356.89
    - iv. VAMEA - \$5530.15
    - v. VEMEA - \$19,038.32
    - vi. CO-VMEA - \$5294.87
    - vii. VAHMEA - \$4264.61



## 8. Reports

### a. Section Presidents

#### i. Choral – Corbin Pinto

1. A new piece has been put into the All-VA audition rotation
2. Choral assessment has a new stage rubric
3. Literature manual committee has graded new submissions and corrected errors
4. Working on professional development for All-VA

#### ii. Instrumental – Laura Mulligan Thomas (Darren Kirsch) & Carrie Finnegan (orchestra rep)

1. 1000 string, wind, and percussion students auditioned for SRO
2. 180 bands participated in marching band assessment
3. Four SRO events in November
4. Now working on all-VA auditions and event
5. Allen Hall has stepped up to chair the all-VA workshops
6. Currently a vote is on the table to update the honor band award - votes due by January 20

- a. Carrie Finnegan - attended the Orchestra Council meeting that works with NAFME

#### iii. Elementary – Stefan Castro

1. Record attendance at VMEA
2. All-VA Orff Ensemble more than doubled in size
3. Feb. 17 - annual professional development day
4. All-VA Elementary Chorus April 20 at Spotswood HS

#### iv. Guitar – Dr. Kevin Vigil

1. Record attendance at conference
2. Revamping their manual and event procedures
3. Building up their graded rep list
4. Starting a solo and ensemble committee

#### v. Administrators – Chris Moseley

1. Did you know that music administrators started NAFME?!
2. Going to the NAMM show
3. Outstanding administrator award given to Dr. Joleen Neighbors

#### vi. Higher Education – Dr. Stephanie Standerfer

1. Reviewing their bylaws

#### vii. Collegiate – Alyssa Camejo & Dr. Taryn Raschdorf

1. Sent 2 students to NAFME Hill Day
2. Helping Radford set up their collegiate chapter

### b. Department of Education – Kelly Bisogno, Sherry Hatton

#### i. VDOE 2024 Leadership Conference date is TBA - will know by the end of the month

#### ii. Steering committee starting the end of January

#### iii. New committee to create instrumental resources that highlight Appalachian music

### c. MIOISM – Marie Weber

#### i. Theme is I See Music Education

### d. VMEA Professional Development Conference – Amy Birdsong & Alan Johnson

#### i. Back in Norfolk for 2 years - this means we will have less space to work with so expect fewer sessions and performances



- ii. Hotel reservations open February 1
- e. Advocacy/Government Relations – Michelle Milligan & Jo-Anne van der Vat-Chromy
  - i. Met this week with the VA Coalition for Fine Arts Education
  - ii. Advocacy presentation (virtual) on January 18 at 7PM - JR will send out info
  - iii. Arts Education Data Project - updated data available
  - iv. Lots of talk about bringing back a state hill day - it would be a month-long virtual event - reach out and introduce yourself and share positive news
- f. Tri-M – Jennifer Morris
  - i. 79 active chapters; 200 schools who have had chapters in the past and do not currently - this is her focus
  - ii. Mon. Jan. 15 is Tri-M Service Day
- g. Elementary Grant Program – Kimberly Upshaw
  - i. Awarded 2 \$500 grants - teacher in York Co. Schools and Chesapeake Schools
- h. Leadership Symposium – Mike Horanski
  - i. Had 8 participants, representing VBODA, VCDA, and VEMEA
  - ii. Please be on the lookout for people to encourage to apply
- i. Awards – Mike Horanski
  - i. Nominate people!
- j. Membership – Caroline Player, Brandy Buckles Baxter, Austin Johnson
  - i. 2383 members; added 107 since 2023
  - ii. New membership email: [membership@vmea.com](mailto:membership@vmea.com)
- k. Mentorship – JR Snow for Claire Leeper
  - i. Revamping and revising this committee
  - ii. Working with the membership committee
  - iii. Creating a space for new members to ask questions
- l. Council for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion – Ashley Cuthbertson
  - i. No report
- m. Council for Creativity & Innovation – Taylor Walkup-Amos
  - i. 22 schools/26 student composers represented in the Composition Festival at conference this year
  - ii. Seeking a new chair for this committee
- n. Historian – Jack Elgin
  - i. No report
- o. State Executive – J.R. Snow
  - i. Make sure your school divisions aren't blocking the VMEA newsletter
  - ii. Change in Blue Ribbon Award process - application window is now March 1 - April 1 - don't apply until all groups have gotten superiors
  - iii. Revitalized the past president's scholarship - thanks Dan Helm for your work on this
- p. President's Report – Alice Hammel
  - i. VMEA is noticed and being replicated by other states
  - ii. We are keeping a close eye on advocacy

## 9. Old Business

## 10. New Business



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

11. Announcements

- a. Next Executive Board meeting will be on **June 1, 2024**: VIRTUAL
- b. Other Announcements

Meeting adjourned at 10:56AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenny Ryan, VMEA Secretary