



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](#)

June 1, 2024

Conference Committee: 9:00am

Executive Board: 10:00am

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 - Corbin Pinto, seconded by Annamarie Bollino - PASSED
4. [Roll Call](#) – Jennifer Ryan
5. Approval of [minutes of the January Meeting](#) – Jennifer Ryan
 - a. Motion to approve - Joe Eveler, seconded by Laura Thomas - PASSED
6. Strategic Plan Objectives
 - 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 - \$160,333.85
 - ii. Conference account - \$169,701.69
 - iii. VCFAE - \$9743.51
 - iv. Total VMEA - \$330,035.54
 - b. Section Treasurers
 - i. VCDA - \$78,773.98
 - ii. VAMEA - \$3,529.97
 - iii. VEMEA - \$16,680.17
 - iv. VGCA - \$2,779.27
 - v. CoVMEA - \$2,659.35
 - vi. VBODA - \$149,115.32



vii. Higher Ed - \$5,530.15

8. Reports

a. Section Presidents

i. Choral – Corbin Pinto

1. Been working on cleaning up the literature manual
2. New choral assessment rubric used in March
3. Overhaul of VCDA operations manual

ii. Instrumental – Laura Mulligan Thomas & Carrie Finnegan

1. Increasing the number of regional orchestras from 4 to 6
2. Program of Honor passed - a way to recognize middle and high school bands and orchestras
3. New mission and vision statement
4. Approval of etude books for All-VA auditions
5. Carrie - attended NAFME orchestra council meetings

iii. Elementary – Stefan Castro

1. February 17 Professional Development Day
2. All-VA elementary chorus was in April
3. All-VA Orff Ensemble coming up at conference
4. 2025 All-VA elementary chorus location - Colgan HS

iv. Guitar – Dr. Kevin Vigil

1. Hart Wells will be the new president
2. All-VA guitar ensemble director - Chuck Houlihan
3. 20% increase in the number of assessments around the state
4. Active ballot going on right now - event procedures aligning with VBODA
5. Accommodations form for assessment - do they need to vote on including it? Laura will chat with him
6. House resolution 339 recognizing over 300 Loudon County students who took part in a cultural festival
7. Advocacy help from NAFME
8. Program of honor initiative - they will discuss

v. Administrators – Chris Moseley

1. in January went to NAMM show in CA - grand rally for music education
2. NAMM foundation sponsors the Best Communities for Music Education award
3. NAFME program - Protecting your music program
4. June 4 - VA Coalition for fine arts - Chris and JR will be speaking about standards for graduation - trying for a fine arts diploma seal
5. VDOE Coalition for Fine Arts has a great report on studying the effects of chronic absenteeism - guess which students aren't chronically absent?

vi. Higher Education – Dr. Stephanie Standerfer - Kim Ankney for Stephanie

1. Working on bylaws
2. Discussing some auxiliary positions
3. Poster sessions will happen at VMEA

vii. Collegiate – Brennan Putt & Dr. Taryn Raschdorf - Brennan Putt for them

1. Freshman initiative - social media info - sending to all incoming freshmen in the state
2. Want executive board members to have regional town halls
3. Trying to create connections with new teachers



- b. Department of Education – Kelly Bisogno, Sherry Hatton
 - i. May 8 conference at Longwood University
 - ii. Working on instructional resources, guides, and assessment resources
 - iii. Instrumental resources with Appalachian Music - 20 year anniversary of Crooked ROad
 - iv. Canvas resource hub will launch this summer
 - v. Highlighting groups for board of education meetings
 - vi. Summer institutes happening
- c. MIOSM – Marie Weber - Stefan Castro for Marie
 - i. 2025 will be 40 years for MIOSM
- d. VMEA Professional Development Conference – Amy Birdsong & Alan Johnson
 - i. Hotel rooms are still available
 - ii. Working on selecting session proposals now
 - iii. 45 minute sessions
 - iv. Navy Sea Chanters are headline group Thursday night
 - v. 18 performing groups selected, representing 11 districts
- e. Advocacy/Government Relations – Michelle Milligan & Jo-Anne van der Vat-Chromy - Carrie Finnegan for them
 - i. National Hill Day June 12
 - ii. Virtual hearing of revamping of accreditations and standards
- f. Tri-M – Jennifer Morris
 - i. 100 active chapters, 63 lapsed
 - ii. Focusing on middle schools - we now have 8
 - iii. Goals - encourage lapsed chapters to rejoin, get feedback from active chapters, try to get more middle school chapters
- g. Elementary Grant Program – Kimberly Upshaw - Stefan Castro for Kim
 - i. There are 2 \$500 grants available - info sent out shortly, applications due before conference
- h. Leadership Symposium – Mike Horanski
 - i. Doing the applications again - deadline is September 30
 - ii. Jonathan Hargis will take it over
- i. Awards – Mike Horanski
 - i. Outstanding administrator, teacher awards available
 - ii. Also years of service awards
- j. Membership – Caroline Player, Brandy Buckles Baxter, Austin Johnson-Stawarz
 - i. No report
- k. Mentorship – TBA - JR Snow
 - i. Claire is stepping down
 - ii. All call for people interested in mentorship - will take on a new look
- l. Council for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion – Ashley Cuthbertson
 - i. Site for DEI resources for teachers
 - ii. Always looking for new members
- m. Council for Creativity & Innovation – Taylor Walkup-Amos
 - i. 2 new co-chairs for the Composition festival
 - ii. Elementary, middle, high school, and college students are welcome to submit
 - iii. Adding a master class to the festival this year
 - iv. Just finalized a resource list - will launch in the fall
 - v. Working on how to harness the wealth of knowledge of members
- n. Historian – Jack Elgin
 - i. No report



- o. State Executive – J.R. Snow
 - i. Newsletter - please help make sure it's getting to everyone in your district
 - ii. Open rate of newsletter has improved
 - iii. Blue ribbon - 128 recipients
 - iv. Email transitions will be happening as officers change
 - v. District chairs - please let JR know of any changes in your district
 - p. President's Report – Alice Hammel
 - i. State of the organization and our priorities
 - 1. We are very strong!
 - 2. NAFME has joined with art, dance, and theater to form an umbrella organization
 - 3. In the past two years we have made great strides in equity, inclusion, and transparency
 - ii. Thank You to the President's Committee
 - iii. Passing the gavel to Mike
9. Old Business
- a. None
10. New Business
- a. [2024-2025 Budget Adoption](#): Steve Turner
 - i. Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Budget - David Holley, seconded by Annamarie Bollino - PASSED
 - b. Motion to adjourn - Evan Ayars, seconded by Yvonne Daye - PASSED

This Concludes the Business Part of the Meeting

11. Announcements
- a. Next Executive Board meeting will be on **September 7, 2024**: VIRTUAL
 - b. Other Announcements