



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 3, 2023

Conference Committee

9:00am

Executive Board Meeting

10:30am

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. Moved by Allen Hall, seconded by Corbin Pinto - PASSED
4. Roll Call – Jennifer Ryan
5. Approval of [minutes of the January 13, 2023 Meeting](#) – Jennifer Ryan
 - a. Moved by Ed Stephenson, seconded by Michelle Milligan - 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. Strategic Plan Update – Mike Horanski
 - a. Provide professional development and Resources
 - i. Working toward creating a members-only section of our website
 - b. Develop and enhance membership
 - i. 3 new membership chairs
 - ii. Monthly email newsletters
 - iii. Orff ensemble
 - iv. Online voting procedures
 - v. Increased social media presence
 - c. Develop current and future leaders



- i. Revising the structure of the leadership symposium
- d. Advocate for music education
 - i. 2 new government relations chairs are in place
 - ii. All-VA event - state senator and state delegate were both present
 - iii. State representative was at conference this year
- e. Organizational vitality
 - i. Budget presentation
 - ii. Exec director is working on partnerships and sponsorships
 - iii. Looking to streamline financial procedures
- f. Ranking opportunity at Sept. meeting - what things are most important to you in this plan?

8. Financial Reports

- a. VMEA Chief Financial Officer – Steve Turner
 - i. General fund - \$154,344.25
 - ii. Conference fund - \$159,620.86
- b. Section Treasurers
 - i. Choral –Amy El-Khoury/Corbin Pinto
 - 1. \$111,683.21
 - ii. Instrumental – Steve Turner/Laura Mulligan-Thomas
 - 1. 130,582.01
 - iii. Elementary – Ernie Stokes/Kimberly Upshaw
 - 1. \$14,572.19
 - iv. Guitar – Kathy Robinson/Kevin Vigil
 - 1. \$1370.57
 - v. Administrators – Holly Sunderland/Ed Stephenson
 - 1. \$2944.61
 - vi. Higher Education – Steve Turner
 - 1. \$4715.03
 - vii. Collegiate – Steve Turner
 - 1. \$4361.56

9. Reports

- a. Section Presidents
 - i. Choral – Corbin Pinto
 - 1. Both All-VA groups will have a commissioned piece this year
 - 2. Literature manual is actively seeking new repertoire
 - 3. All-State audition piece committee
 - 4. Choral assessment sight-reading committee formed
 - 5. Choral assessment stage rubric committee formed
 - ii. Instrumental – Laura Mulligan Thomas & Carrie Finnegan (orchestra rep)
 - 1. All-VA went well
 - 2. Several committees have been formed - All-VA audition process, etudes, audition times
 - iii. Elementary – Kimberly Upshaw
 - 1. Professional development day went great - representatives from 12 districts
 - 2. February - Elementary district choir in District 15
 - 3. All-VA elementary chorus concert in April - 24 schools participated



4. Planning for the All-VA Orff Ensemble is underway
5. July 1 - Kim will move into the Past President position and Stephan Castro will take over as president
- iv. Guitar – Dr. Kevin Vigil
 1. 39 ensembles went to assessment this year
 2. Creating adjudicator training
 3. District 16 did a high school and a middle school guitar ensemble
 4. Started a collegiate guitar ensemble committee
- v. Administrators – Dr. Ed Stephenson
 1. James Weaver is coming to conference - will talk on copyright and advocacy
- vi. Higher Education – Dr. Stephanie Standerfer
 1. No report
- vii. Collegiate –Tori Rogers & Dr. Taryn Raschdorf
 1. Had to postpone the adopt-a-student program
 2. Having some issues planning events due to lack of communication - would like suggestions to improve this issue
- b. Department of Education – Kelly Bisogno - Sherry Hatton
 - i. Gearing up for their summer academy
 - ii. It will be separated by discipline
- c. MIOISM – Marie Weber
 - i. No report
- d. VMEA Professional Development Conference – Amy Birdsong & Alan Johnson
 - i. Rooms at both hotels are still available
 - ii. Performing ensembles have been chosen and will be announced on June 15
 - iii. Sessions and clinics have been chosen
 - iv. We are in Richmond this year and then go to Norfolk next year
- e. Advocacy/Government Relations – Michelle Milligan & Jo-Anne van der Vat-Chromy
 - i. MIOISM - lots of resources were provided by NAFME
 - ii. Share your ideas with Michelle
 - iii. Hill Day is June 23
- f. Tri-M – Jennifer Morris
 - i. 116 active chapters but only 5 are middle school
 - ii. There is a great Facebook page for Tri-M Advisors
- g. Elementary Grant Program – Kimberly Upshaw
 - i. Two were awarded this year
 - ii. Applications are due November 1 for next year
- h. Leadership Symposium – Mike Horanski
 - i. Change from inviting people to attend 2 years to 1 year
 - ii. Also opening an application process where interested teachers could apply
- i. Awards – Mike Horanski
 - i. Nominations are due September 30
 - ii. Don't forget that there are service time awards available also
- j. Membership – Brandy Buckles Baxter, Austin Johnson, Caroline Player
 - i. Divided into three areas:
 1. Brandy - Districts 5,6,7,13, and 14
 2. Austin - Districts 9,10, 11, 12, 16
 3. Caroline - Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 15
 - ii. Working on ways to show elementary teachers why they need to join VMEA
- k. Mentorship – Claire Leeper



- i. Chat panels have been started at VMEA
- ii. Connecting newer teachers to veteran teachers
- iii. Working with new membership chairs
- l. Council for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion – Ashley Cuthbertson
 - i. Continuing to work to get all districts represented in this committee
- m. Council for Creativity & Innovation – Mary Jo West - JR Snow
 - i. Working on the upcoming composition festival
 - ii. Seeking composers and teachers to work with the young composers
- n. Historian – Jack Elgin
 - i. No report
- o. State Executive – J.R. Snow
 - i. Welcome to the new membership chairs
 - ii. Monthly email newsletter is successful
 - iii. All-VA opening session posts on Facebook and Instagram
 - iv. Always looking for content for the newsletter
 - v. District reps and chairs got the new leadership form - please fill out
 - vi. Trying to put together a past president scholarship committee
 - vii. Looking to increase sponsorships and tell stories
 - viii. Working to create a members-only space on the website
- p. President's Report – Alice Hammel
 - i. NAFME National Assembly
 - ii. Advocacy All-VA
 - 1. Increased communication with state legislature
 - iii. VMEA photos will be part of the new NAFME website (Art Pittman)
 - 1. This is awesome!

10. Old Business

11. New Business

- a. 2023-24 Budget Adoption — Steve
 - i. Budget was presented
 - ii. Motion to approve - Jon Wilson, seconded by Ed Stephenson - PASSED
- b. [Code of Ethics Sign](#) — JR
 - i. Please sign this electronic form

This Concludes the Business Part of the Meeting

12. Announcements

- a. Upcoming Elections — Mike Horanski

Motion to Adjourn - Corbin Pinto, seconded by Kevin Vigil - PASSED
Adjourned at 11:38AM

Respectfully submitted by Jenny Ryan, VMEA Secretary