



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 7, 2024

9am Conference Planning

10:15am VMEA Leadership Training

11:00am VMEA Meeting

1. Call to Order –Michael Horanski, President
Introduction of Presiding Officers
2. Review of Voting Procedures – Danielle Yonkers
3. Confirmation of the Agenda –Michael Horanski
 - a. Motion to confirm- Alice Hammel, seconded by Marie Weber- PASSED
4. Attendance Registration – Mike Horanski for Mandi Steele
 - a. [Submit Roll Call](#) - 74 People in attendance
5. Approval of [minutes](#) of the June 2024 meeting – Mike Horanski
 - a. Motion to approve- Allen Hall, seconded by My-Van Nguyen- 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- \$178,760.34
 - ii. Conference Account- \$185,244.99
 - b. Section Treasurers
 - i. VCDA –\$79,328.01
 - ii. VBODA- \$158,894.76
 - iii. VEMEA – \$16,635.17
 - iv. VGDA – \$4,203.14
 - v. VAMEA – \$3,529.97
 - vi. Higher Education – \$5,530.15



vii. Collegiate – \$3,633.09

8. Reports

a. Section Presidents

i. Choral – My Van Nguyen

1. Featuring VA Teachers instead of headliner at Conference
2. Transferring literature grading application to JotForm
3. Cleaning up literature manual for consistency, and quality
4. Working with VBODA and VMEA leadership to solidify structure and plan for All VA
5. Committee studying adding Tenor/Bass choir to All VA
6. Revising Assessment rubric and Assessment sight reading guidelines

ii. Instrumental – Darren Kirsch/Carrie Finnegan (orchestra rep)

1. 189 schools, 10 sites, and a Virtual site for Marching Assessment
2. Committee will initiate Program of Honor for Middle and High School band and orchestra
3. Increasing regional orchestra sites from 4 to 6 for 2025-2026
4. Enjoyed working with VCDA and VMEA in developing the All VA structure.

iii. Elementary – Stephan Castro

1. Very excited about conference- 3rd annual All VA Orff Ensemble
2. Regional Professional Development Day February 15, 2025
3. All VA Elementary choir celebrating 20 year anniversary- Event on April 26, 2025
4. Initiatives to build Elementary membership through Orff and Kodaly

iv. Guitar – Hart Wells

1. All VA Guitar auditions have record number of registrations
2. Very excited about All VA Guitar Concert
3. 1st ever Guitar Association General Meeting at Conference
4. Loudoun Youth guitars performing at conference
5. Uke Flash mob back at conference
6. Added 52 new titles to graded guitar literature manual

v. Administrators – Christopher Mosely

1. Adding new members, and presenters at conference
2. Collegiate job fair at conference is very strong
3. Working in strategic plan to support all sections
4. [A Blueprint for Strengthening the Music Teacher Profession](#)

vi. Higher Education – Kim Ankney

1. Call for poster session registrations
2. Creativity and Innovation collaboration
3. Revisiting bylaws, and including studio instructors
4. Invitation to teachers to roundtable at conference regarding teacher prep

vii. Collegiate – Brennan Putt

b. Department of Education – Kelly Bisogno, Sherry Hatton

- i. [AppalachianMusicEpisodeGuide- RK4DaxD.pdf](#)
([microsite-vadoc-prod.s3.amazonaws.com](#)) - Short segments and lesson plans highlighting Appalachian music, aligned with SOLs.



- ii. [VDOE Fine Arts Resource Hub - Virginia Department of Education Professional Learning Catalog \(instructure.com\)](#)- Resource Hub for all disciplines
- iii. [Virginia Department of Education - Sign up for the Department of Instruction Update \(govdelivery.com\)](#) - Newsletter
- iv. Looking for performance groups for Virginia BOE Meeting each month at the Library of Virginia. In person and potentially virtual performance options available. Last Thursday of each month in Richmond.
- c. MIOSM – Marie Weber
 - i. 45th Anniversary- Theme to be announced.
- d. VMEA Professional Development Conference– Amy Birdsong & Alan Johnson
 - i. Lobby concert applications in VMEA Newsletter
 - ii. 5K is back in Norfolk. Registration information will be included on the VMEA website.
 - iii. Beer Sing available on Wednesday evening.
 - iv. Wellness room at Sheraton and Marriott as a quiet space during conference.
 - v. Modern Band session, pre register when signing up for the conference.
 - vi. Hotels still available through VMEA site.
 - vii. Boxed lunch option during registration
 - viii. October 15 is the early bird registration deadline.
- e. Advocacy/Government Relations – Michelle Milligan
 - i. Seeking Co Chair to share the workload.
- f. Tri-M – Jennifer Morris
 - i. 118 active chapters
 - ii. Working to build Middle School involvement.
 - iii. Sharing ideas with other states.
- g. Elementary Grant Program – Stefan Castro
 - i. Professional Development grant- 2 available
 - ii. Applications on website, due before conference.
- h. Leadership Symposium – Jonathan Hargis
 - i. Watch for an application link. Reach out to leadership candidates, from all areas geographically. Encourage applications
- i. Awards –Jonathan Hargis
 - i. Encourage applications and nominations for awards and years of service awards. Awards require applications and nominees.
- j. Membership – Brandy Buckles Baxter, Austin Johnson, Caroline Player
 - i. 2381 Members as of last spring.
 - ii. NAFME has increased dues VMEA is now \$139 for active membership.
 - iii. 1st year teachers that were collegiate members need to call NAFME for a special rate. Other rates listed on site.
 - iv. Working on an updated list of teachers and schools.
 - v. Hoping to increase outreach, particularly at elementary level.
- k. Council for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion – Ashley Cuthbertson
 - i. [Interested in Serving](#) - need some new members!!
 - ii. Annual DEI chat session at conference. All teachers are invited.
 - iii. Section leaders, District Reps and Chairs will be receiving communications for input
- l. Council for Creativity & Innovation – Taylor Walkup Amos
 - i. All sections are represented in committee.
 - ii. Hosting virtual share sessions to inspire creativity and innovative inclusion



- iii. Creating materials and resources hub to share with educators
 - iv. Preparing for the composition festival.
 - m. Historian – Jack Elgin
 - i. 80th Anniversary for VMEA. Looking for ways to celebrate this year.
 - ii. Looking for someone to run celebration ideas, with support.
 - iii. Encourage any past presidents to come in and stay connected.
 - n. State Executive – J.R. Snow
 - i. Online Newsletter: <https://www.vmea.com/newsletter>
 - ii. Encourage teachers to access newsletter via email or website.
 - iii. Support former collegiate members who are now teachers in special NAfME rate.
 - iv. First Presenting Sponsor at conference- Disney Imagination Campus
 - v. Awards applications due by October 15.
 - vi. Podcast expanding with Maggie Haegy from Richmond
 - vii. Two positions available in VMEA. Collegiate Advisor, and Government Relations.
 - o. President's Report – Mike Horanski
 - i. Event Report Submission Deadlines and Registration for Yearly Events
 - 1. Event reports are still outstanding from the previous school year.
 - 2. Beginning 25-26, registration for upcoming events will not be allowed if event reports are still outstanding.
 - 3. This is to ensure compliance with financial policies for non profit status.
 - ii. Encourage our collegiate members however possible.
 - iii. VMEA is very grateful for volunteer service in leadership.
9. Old Business
- a. [Calendar](#) 2024-2027- J.R.
 - i. Calendar will be going through some updating in layout and formatting.
10. New Business
- a. [Policy Manual Revisions](#)- J.R.
 - i. Last updated in 2021. Hoping to have updates by January 2025.
 - ii. [Board Norms](#)
 - 1. Documents to ensure professionalism in organization
 - 2. Potential adoption in January
 - b. [Conflict of Interest Signatures](#)- J.R.
 - i. Leaders need to sign the conflict of interest form
 - c. Motion to Adjourn- Alice Hammel, Seconded by Jack Elgin. -PASSED

This Concludes the Business Part of the Meeting

11. Announcements
- a. Location of the Executive Board meeting on **January 11, 2025**– Virtual
 - b. Other Announcements

