



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 14, 2023

Conference Committee

9:00am

Council of Review

10:00am

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 by Annamarie Bollino, seconded by Allen Hall - PASSED
4. Roll Call – Jennifer Ryan
5. Approval of [minutes of the September 10, 2022 meeting](#) – Jennifer Ryan
 - a. Motion by Corbin Pinto, 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 main account - \$126,315.47
 - ii. Conference - \$123,124.18
 - iii. Grants - \$8942.89
 - b. Section Treasurers
 - i. Choral –Amy El-Khoury/Corbin Pinto
 1. \$77,720.04
 - ii. Instrumental – Steve Turner/Laura Mulligan-Thomas



- 1. \$152,897.13
- iii. Elementary – Ernie Stokes/Kimberly Upshaw
 - 1. \$20,106.30
- iv. Guitar – Kathy Robinson/Kevin Vigil
 - 1. \$1883.97
- v. Administrators – Holly Sunderland/Ed Stephenson
 - 1. \$3124.61
- vi. Higher Education – Steve Turner
 - 1. \$4715.03
- vii. Collegiate – Steve Turner
 - 1. \$4361.56

8. Reports

a. Section Presidents

- i. Choral – Corbin Pinto
 - 1. Working on a manual expansion project
 - 2. Looking forward to All-State event
 - 3. Looking at their operations manual
- ii. Instrumental – Laura Mulligan Thomas & Carrie Finnegan (orchestra rep)
 - 1. 163 bands performed at marching band assessment
 - 2. SRO auditions, CRO auditions, district band auditions all taking place
 - 3. 1100 students will audition for All-State at JMU in person
 - 4. 2023 All-State event last weekend in April
 - 5. Looking at the structure of regional orchestras - may add one or two
- iii. Elementary – Kimberly Upshaw
 - 1. Conference was great
 - 2. Largest number of attendees in the past decade
 - 3. Debut of All-Virginia Orff Ensemble
 - 4. Feb. 18 professional development day - virtual - Jeff Henson and Dr. Alice Hammel
- iv. Guitar – Dr. Kevin Vigil
 - 1. All-VA guitar ensemble went great
 - 2. Some assessments will be happening this year
 - 3. Working on plans for preservice teachers
 - 4. Professional development for non-guitar guitar teachers
 - 5. Graded rep list is growing
- v. Administrators – Dr. Ed Stephenson
 - 1. Working to continue promoting program
- vi. Higher Education – Dr. Stephanie Standerfer
 - 1. Pursuing with VDOE to make the Praxis II exam better aligned with Virginia licensure standards
- vii. Collegiate –Tori Rogers & Dr. Taryn Raschdorf
 - 1. Read statement from Bailey Kinsela
 - 2. Requests larger room for collegiate business meeting at conference
 - 3. Read statement from Dr. Raschdorf
 - 4. Held elections for 2023, including regional reps
 - 5. Safety concern at conference - unsafe crossing streets
 - 6. VA Tech is trying to start a CoVMEA chapter

b. Department of Education – Kelly Bisogno



- i. Collaborating with coalition for fine arts education to release the arts enrollment data project
 - ii. Putting together a leadership conference
 - iii. Music specialist part time position has been filled - starting January 30
- c. MIOSM – Marie Weber
 - i. Theme is Music is All of Us
 - ii. Lesson plans are available on NAFME website
 - iii. Creating a google form to send to elementary teachers to see who participates in MIOSM
- d. VMEA Professional Development Conference – Amy Birdsong & Alan Johnson
 - i. Enrollment has increased
 - ii. Room reservations open February 1 - Hilton and Marriott
 - iii. Clinic proposals are available February 1
 - iv. March 1 - performance application is available
 - v. Meetings, forums, receptions - you will get a form from Amy
- e. Advocacy/Government Relations – Michelle Milligan & Jo-Anne van der Vat-Chromy
 - i. State Delegate Betsy Carr was at the Honors Choir concert
 - ii. Tracking proposed bills
 - iii. Michelle Millegan got a proclamation about MIOSM to the governor's office - waiting to hear
- f. Tri-M – Jennifer Morris
 - i. 91 chapters have activated - 73 last year
 - ii. Emphasis this year on what Tri-M can do for middle school programs
 - iii. If starting a new chapter, you can apply to get your first year's fees paid
 - iv. In the process of starting a state-wide website
- g. Elementary Grant Program – Kimberly Upshaw
 - i. 2 \$500 grants awarded:
 1. Caleb Brannen district 14 - DEI training for his county
 2. Ernie Stokes district 4 - bringing in professional development
- h. Leadership Symposium – Mike Horanski
 - i. 7 participants
 - ii. Dr. Tim, Linda Gammon, Michael Ehrlich all stopped by
 - iii. Keep sending referrals for this program
- i. Awards – Mike Horanski
 - i. Nomination form is available now
 - ii. Recognized several people at conference
- j. Membership – Lisette Satterwhite
 - i. This position is going to become open shortly
 - ii. Really trying to reach people in counties where there is not as much centralized support for teachers
 - iii. Perception for some is that if you don't attend conference, why join VMEA?
- k. Mentorship – Claire Leeper
 - i. No report
- l. Council for Music Education – Dr. Jeremy Craft
 - i. No report
- m. Council for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion – Ashley Cuthbertson
 - i. Hosted a connect and chat session at conference - went well
 - ii. Still looking for members for the council from districts 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, and 16
- n. Council for Creativity & Innovation – Mary Jo West



- i. Conference was great
- ii. 27 compositions were in the Composition Festival
- iii. Several students had their compositions performed
- iv. Recruiting middle and high school teachers to provide feedback
- v. Creating composition resources for public school teachers
- o. Historian – Jack Elgin
 - i. Stay politically aware for things that may affect us
- p. State Executive – J.R. Snow
 - i. Reminder - half of the district databases are complete - need to get the rest done
 - ii. Encourage people to serve on councils
 - iii. Blue Ribbon application is due February 15
 - iv. E-newsletter - has a 48 percent “open” rate
 - v. If you want something in the newsletter, email JR
 - vi. Working on a members-only space on the website
- q. President’s Report – Alice Hammel
 - i. Please reactivate/activate Tri-M chapters
 - ii. Signing of confidentiality/conflict of interest forms - you’ll get an email soon if you need to do this

9. Old Business

10. New Business

- a. We had a request to think about what we would do if one of our leadership had engaged in misconduct at VMEA
- b. Think about how guitar can be included in Blue Ribbon

This Concludes the Business Part of the Meeting

11. Announcements

- a. Next Executive Board meeting will be on **June 3, 2023**: VIRTUAL
- b. Other Announcements