

**MINUTES OF TMEA BOARD**  
**April 16, 2008**

Meeting called to order by President Meers at 2:11 p.m. (central time) in room 211 of the Nashville Convention Center.

Board members present: Jim Burton, Fred Spano, Laura Coppage, Sandy Elliott, and Francie Beard

Officers present: President Meers, President-elect Wilkes, Past President Brewer, Sect Treas Mike Combs, Jeanette Crosswhite

Others: Billy Stepp (for all-state) and B J Frost (conference manager)

Agenda provided and adjusted according to the afternoon schedule

**REPORTS:**

**Billy Stepp - all-state report**

All of the 2009 conductors have been confirmed. List of conductors read. All-State Handbook has been updated

Some challenges this year at Schermerhorn. General conversation about logistics and challenges in that facility this past year.

All instrumental accompaniment for choral groups set. Concerns about cost.

New jazz system is better but has some problems. Recommendation: select judges who were reliable and try not to use those who were not.

Billy noted a large number of choral alternates were used to the point of running out of alternates.

Question – if a student drops out, does he/she get a refund? a new person being added has to pay - policy in place and agreed on by the board that no refunds will be issued and alternates have to pay

**B J Frost – conference report**

Men's group – 9' grand piano would not fit, change needed

More pianos needed this past year – 2 electric and 5 grands total

Note – challenge involved with getting presiders

We have top clinicians this year

Everything costs more each year

General discussion about alternate dates for future conferences. It was noted that we are under contract for conference and hotel for 2009 and are in the process of reserving War Memorial for 2009 all-state.

Meers: Minutes of August 11<sup>th</sup> presented and approved as provided

**Mike Combs – Treasure’s report**

Balances in TMEA accounts provided; complete financial report to come but it is projected TMEA will go well into the red this fiscal year - many cost overruns

**Mike Combs - Magazine editor’s report**

Note that editorial board will meet the following day (report and recommendations coming from that committee will be provided)

Comments on all-state program and conference programs

**Sandy Elliott - Choral Chair report**

Concern about running out of alternates discussed

Discussion

Indication of plans for discussion items at caucus

**Laura Coppage - General music report**

Report on treble chorus

Financial report to come later

Treble Choir will be moved to Friday/Saturday in 2009

**Fred Spano - Higher Ed report**

Fred will be leaving Tennessee for another job; B J noted this is her last year as conference chair.

Caucus discussion items

Thoughts about the higher ed column; Meers indicated the new chair will do as he/she feels best

**Francie Beard - Orchestra chair report**

Caucus discussion items

**Jim Burton - Band chair report**

Handout including all-state band conductors for 2009 and 2010

Criteria for emerging leaders discussed

**Jeanette Crosswhite - State Department rep report**

Note that information is on the TMEA web site and items detailed in her articles

**Ron Meers – President’s report**

Reminder about tomorrow’s general session

Mentoring list

Creation of new committee to review and evaluate performance venues

Meeting adjourned at 4:02.

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TMEA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Saturday, April 19, 2008

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Meers at 7:38 a.m. central time in room 211 of the Nashville Convention Center. Breakfast was provided.

Board members present: Burton, Coppage, Elliott, Baird, Spano  
Officers present: Meers, Wilkes, Brewer, Combs, Crosswhite  
Others: Aymett, Frey, Hood, Frost, Eddleman, Mark and Daphne Garey, Billy Stepp, and DePriest  
(total 20)

Discussion:

College Fair –  
Programs (more smaller, less larger)

Document for verifying attendance for members needing that (Combs will review the process used at Mid-West and try to use similar for us next year).

Reports from caucuses:

**Higher Ed** – possible research archives, minutes provided and filed

Meers – comments on CMENC, concern about focusing around specific areas

**Band** – all-state discussion; recommendations to come

**Strings** – adding 9<sup>th</sup> graders to all-state was supported

**General Ed** – on line forms and materials planned for next year

**Choral** – (minutes files)

**Aymett** performance auditions – no report

**Stepp** – (note, all-state general chair will not continue; new to be appointed)

Suggested changing time of breakfast meeting

Jazz band concert works well

Chairs should all have single rooms in the hotel and have conference fees waved

Per-diems OK

Student equip chairs need their own rooms

Student DJ party went very well, suggested to keep it again next year  
Rules and regs reviewed

**Frost**

General report; will discuss issues in June

Evaluation form suggested by board; Combs will develop and try to put on line for 2009.

**Hood**

Written exhibits report provided

Recommended not to continue providing discounts for exhibitors who sponsor clinicians

Hood will provide recommendations for board in June

Discussion about signing cards at college fair

**Garey**

Some problems with getting information from East Tenn noted

General report provided (written)

After a few general announcements were made, the meeting adjourned at 8:32.

Respectfully submitted by

Mike Combs

TMEA Secretary