

# MINUTES

## TMEA COUNCIL AUGUST 14, 2010 MTSU CAMPUS, MURFREESBORO

The meeting of the 2010 TMEA Council was called to order by Past President Gary Wilkes on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:04 AM in room 101 of the SFA building at Middle Tennessee State University. Wilkes introduced TMEA President Ron Rogers who chaired the meeting.

President Rogers introduced Dr. George Riordan, Head of the MTSU School of Music, who extend greetings and talked briefly about TAMACUE.

Members introduced themselves:

Carol Groom	Karen Henning
Patsey Lane guest	Jason Simmons sect MTGM
Terry Sanford	Cindy Jolly
Chris Clift	Lafe Cook
Mike Short	Mary Dave Blackman
Charlotte- WCMENC	Jim Burton
Sandy Elliott	Pam Willenski
Billy Rayburn	Ronda Armstrong MEGM
Amanda ETGMEA	Morissa Toothman MTGMA
Justin Nelson CMENC	Steve Taylor
William Johnson CMENC	Jen Johnson ETVA pres elect
Judith Sullivan	ETGM past pres
Jeanette Crosswhite	Richard Mitchell
Chris Gregory	Gaylon Robinson ETVA pres elect
Alexis Derryberry	BJ Frost
Jenny Loew	JoAnn Hood
David Chipman	

TMEA Officers:

Ron Rogers, Gary Wilkes, Dian Eddleman, and Mike Combs

Points from President's address:

- Update on Race to the top and concern about evaluation/assessment process
- Report on National Leadership Conference and emphasis on advocacy
- Plans to appoint a media person for each of the three grand divisions of Tennessee
- Plans to review TMEA bylaws; committee to examine current bylaws and recommend possible changes
- Concerns about conference locations
- Review of changes in MENC - positive impressions
- Discussion about vision of the association
- Comments about excellent work by Terry Sanford on our TMEA website
- Thoughts about future of TMEA
- TMEA "Must be more visible"
- Job descriptions for project chairs needed

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Association Reports:

*WTSBOA\**

*WTVMEA\**

*WTGMEA*

*MTSBOA\**

*MTVA*

*MTGMEA*

*ETSBOA\**

*ETVA\**

*ETGMEA\**

*\*Written reports provided*

(Break – photos taken)

Reports, continued

Chris Gregory – **General Music \***

Billy Rayburn – **Choral**

Lafe Cook – **Band \***

Jamila McWhirter – **Higher Ed \***

Pamela B. Wilensky - **Orchestra**

Jeanette Crosswhite – **State Dept  
of Arts Education \***

B.J. Frost and Steve Coleman –  
**Conference Chairs**

Mike Short and Steve Taylor – **All-  
State Chairs \***

Randal Box - **Conference  
Auditions**

JoAnn Hood - **Conference  
Exhibits\***

Mark Garey – **Conference Regis-  
tration** (provided to board)

Judith Sullivan - **CMENC\***

Student Officers - **CMENC**

Bill Lee - **Research** (paper report)

Richard Mitchell – **MIOSM\***

Terry Sanford - **TMEA Website**

(Vivian Miller – **Retired Members**)

Jamila McWhirter - **Historian**

Mary Dave Blackman - ***The  
Tennessee Musician***

Mike Combs - **TMEA Business\*** (most business reports posted on website or sent in advance)

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Discussion followed some of the reports and included the following:

State Dept of Arts Education - written report

Wilkes - how to get facts on students taking ACT test? How many who are higher achievers participated in arts classes?

State conference - (Frost)

Have 12 proposals to date; Requested information coming out of caucuses – particularly items most wanted at conference

MIOSM chair - emphasis on advocacy

Historian – brief report on the TMEA files and documents that are at MTSU

Mary Dave Blackman – editor

Brief comments - notes on items in the magazine that might be especially useful to the readers; articles more inspirational

Conversation about contact information; suggested policy of creating generic e-mail address for officers and chairs via website

Concluding comments from President Rogers

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00 followed by caucus groups during and/or after lunch as per below:

**General Music** (Chris Gregory, chair) room 205

**Choral** (Billy Rayburn, chair) room 207

**Band** (Lafe Cook, chair) room 208

**Orchestra** (Pamela B. Wilensky, chair) room 211

**State Conference** (B. J. Frost and Steve Coleman, chairs) room 101

(including: conference chairs, conference exhibit chair, conference registration chair, all-state chairs, higher ed chair, publications editor, CMENC chair and student leaders)

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**The meeting of the TMEA Board of Directors was called to order at 2:00 with all officers and board members present as well as observers.**

Minutes from the June 30/July 1, 2010, Board of Directors meeting were presented - motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve; minor corrections noted  
Minutes approved unanimously

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Band/Orchestra Causus report - qualifications for state concert festival being reviewed;  
no action taken on all-state program

Choral chair - requests made for meetings during conference  
TMEA develop a committee to decide what difficulty levels actually mean

Gen Music First to the Top discussion

State Conference committee - general conversation about space

Rogers: Committee to evaluate TMEA bylaws.  
Steve Coleman, chair; plus 9-member committee- vocal + instrumental+element from  
each of the three areas

October 1 – deadline for bringing together information in response to the state evaluation

The officers agreed to invite the President of the Southern Division of MENC to attend  
our 2011 State Conference and the National President of MENC to attend our 2012 State  
Conference. Combs will extend the invitations.

Auditions chair report from the auditions chair - all went well with auditions this year

Dates for all-state registration discussed

Deadline for fees from the associations - March 8  
Reg begins Feb 15; close 28th; all complete March 8

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved at 3:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Michael Combs  
TMEA Executive Secretary-Treasurer

