# **MINUTES**

# TMEA COUNCIL MEETING Saturday, August 13, 2011 Tennessee State University Nashville

The annual meeting of the Tennessee Music Education Association Council was called to order at 9:33 AM with welcoming remarks by President Ron Rogers.

Members present included:

Beard. Nancy – WTGMEA President Burton, Jim – ETSBOA President-Elect Chipman, David – WTSBOA President Clift, Chris – ETVA President Cook, Lafe – State Band Chair Cornish, Craig - MTSBOA President-Elect Eddleman, Dian – President-Elect; WTVMEA President Elliott, Sandy – MTVA President Grooms, Carole – MTSBOA President Henning, Karen – WTSDBOA **President-Elect** Holland, Lia - MTVA President-Elect Hood, JoAnn - Conference Exhibits Chair Johnson, Jan – ETVA President - Elect Lee, William – Research Chair Lowe, Jenny – ETGMEA President McWhirter, Jamila – State Higher Ed Chair Mitchell, Richard - MIOSM Chair

Rayburn, Billy - State Choral Chair Robinson, Gaylon – WTVMEA **President-Elect** Rogers, Ron – President Sanford, Terry – Webmaster Simmons, Jason - MTGMEA President-Elect Sullivan, Judith – CMENC Advisor Swinson, Brenda – ETGMEA President-Elect Taylor, Steve - ETSBOA President; allstate general co-chair (instrumental) Toothman, Marissa – MTGMEA President Wilensky, Pamela - State Orchestra Chair Wilkes, Gary – Past President Yatuzis-Derryberry, Alexis – State General Music Chair Mike Combs, TMEA Executive, Secretary-Treasurer

The meeting began with opening remarks by Dr. Robert Elliott, Chair of the Tennessee State University Department of Music. He welcomed the members of the Council and made brief comments about the TSU music program.

President Rogers's address to the Council included a report of the officers' trip to the MENC Leadership Conference in Washington this summer and he made the

point that MENC truly meets the needs of music educators in the US. He made positive comments about MENC Executive Director and the MENC National President.

Dian Eddleman commented on the need to add to our existing programs. She noted we have lots of music students we are not utilizing our school programs. We must reach out to some non traditional programs.

Rogers indicated the involvement of Dr. Marvelene Moore and added he would like to add a board member to represent secondary general music.

He announced that the 2012 and 2013 state conferences will be in Chattanooga.

Gary Wilkes added that he wished our conferences could remain in middle Tennessee but that is not possible. He pointed out we will be in Memphis in 2014 and hopefully we can move back to middle Tennessee after that. The 2012 conference will be exciting and innovative - opening on Wednesday night with Straight, No Chaser. Military groups were not a reasonable option.

Wilkes announced coming election for TMEA president elect and asked for nominations from the associations by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Dian commented on the selection process for new state chairs and asked for help from council members.

Rogers announced that MENC President Scott Schuler will be in Tennessee for the fall CMENC kickoff on Oct 8 and also for our state conference in April.

There was discussion about loss of Jeanette Crosswhite from our board and from the position with Tennessee Department of Education and the need for an advocacy chair. Must have a voice in our state legislature.

President Rogers asked for all council members to introduce themselves.

Rogers added positive comments about the planned conference in Memphis in 2014.

Association reports:

With little exception, reports were provided either electronically in advance or in hard copy at the meeting. Each report was supported by verbal comments.

WTSBODA	MTGMEA
WTVMEA	ETSBODA
WTGME	ETVA
MTSBOA	ETGMEA
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Rogers provided summary comments; Wilkes mentioned a TMEA face book page that he had created.

Break-

Meeting called to order at 11:13 AM.

First order was to introduce Dr. Reginald McDonald with an expression of appreciation and presentation of a plaque to commend Dr McDonald and TSU for their support of the 2011 State Music Conference.

## **PROJECT REPORTS**

(Most were written and provided in advance.)

#### **GENERAL MUSIC**

Discussion about recorder ensemble and guitar ensemble; Request for link for support for teaching guitar

**CHORAL** (verbal report) This is not a good time to add freshmen in all-state choral groups; document will be added to all-state handbook that includes all-state testing consistent among all three regions.

**BAND** (verbal report) Very excited about all-state band conductors – Ray Cramer and Jerry Junkin; report on band commission for 2014 (conductor TBA); state concert festival going well and will be in TSU in April 25-26, 2012; great lineup of clinicians;

lots of support for 9th grade all-state band; need for state graded music list

#### HIGHER EDUCATION

(written report provided in advance)

# ORCHESTRA

(written report provided in advance)

**RANDY BOX** Auditions Committee: 19 instrumental and 10 choral applications received with wide variety of groups and literature; expect great conference concerts; all groups are ranked within their classification; request command performance by TTU Tuba Ensemble; names of those listening to and evaluating the recordings are not anonymous.

ALL-STATE CHORAL (written report provided in advance)

## ALL-STATE INSTRUMENTAL (written report provided in advance)

**EXHIBITS** (report provided in advance)

**CMENC** - Kickoff Oct 8<sup>th</sup>; Scott Schuler will be special guest; request for help for CMENC sessions at conference; discussion about process of using students as presiders; Judith's last year as advisor and discussed candidates to take over

**RESEARCH** - (report sent in advance)

RICHARD MITCHELL – MIOSM

Recommend to support Pat Brown as a member of the Hall of Honor at UT

**WEBSITE** - written report; brief comments

HISTORIAN - Jamila McWhirter agreed to serve as "acting historian"

Council meeting adjourned at 12:37 PM

Meeting of 9 regional presidents called by President Rogers Item of business: change to the TMEA bylaws (proposal provided in advance of the meeting)

Proposal: To change the bylaws to add the position of secondary general music chair to the board of directors;

Discussion about position Vote passed unanimously

CAUCUS MEETINGS

Following the caucus meetings, those not staying for the Board meeting were excused.

#### **Board of Directors meeting**

Called to order by President Rogers at 2:13 PM

Board of directors present included: Ron Rogers, President Dian Eddleman, President-elect Gary Wilkes, Past President Mike Combs, Executive Lafe Cook, Band Chair Pamela Wilensky, Orchestra Chair

Billy Rayburn, Choral Chair Alexis Derryberry, General Music Chair Jamila McWhirter, Higher Ed Chair Steve Taylor, All-State instrumental chair

It was moved to accept the minutes of the June 30/July 1 Board meeting; motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Band Caucus report: Motion was made to include the addition of a 9<sup>th</sup> grade band in 2014. (Band caucus partnered with TBA) Held until new business.

Rogers – if we want to do this, it should be in 2014 in Memphis where we have adequate facilities for the additional ensembles.

Choral Caucus - change in all-state handbook; done by the end of this week

General Music - audition process for treble chorus and other details

New Business:

Convention – Should we have all of the All-State groups perform on Saturday???? Discussion All-state choral groups arrive Wed??

Draft schedule: Wednesday – Registration 5:00 PM Rehearsals 8:00 PM

Draft schedule of performances – IF all perform on Saturday: Friday evening – jazz band concert Saturday at Tivoli 10:00 AM instrumental group 11:00 AM instrumental group

12:30 AM, 1:15 PM; 2:00 PM choral groups

It was suggested that there be no choral rehearsal Fri evening during jazz band concert

Motion: **TMEA to secure tickets to Straight, No Chaser for all-state students and all-collegiate students**; motion passed; many details to work out

#### Motion made and seconded to change the name of the chair position:

# From - General Music To - Elementary General Music Motion Passed

Steve Coleman was mentioned as a possible person to fill the position of Advocacy Chair

Dian mentioned her plans to have new state chairs identified by Jan 1

State Manager - Ron Rogers would like time to reconsider that.

Motion from the band caucus:

## That beginning in 2014, Tennessee All-State will include a 9<sup>th</sup> grade allstate band and all-state string orchestra. During the coming two years, details of that program will be worked out.

The motion passed unanimously

There was discussion of description of caucuses and round table meetings at conference.

It was agreed that conference registration will be on line. Ron to direct Terry to work this out

Motion to adjourn 4:20 PM

Conference call possibly in October.

Respectfully submitted

F. Michael Combs TMEA Executive Secretary-Treasurer