

The meeting of the Louisiana Music Educators Association Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m., January 4, 2014 with the following present: Sara Bidner, Sharon McNamara-Horne, Bruce Lambert, Greg Oden, Brett Babineaux, Richard Bresowar, Sharon Stephenson, Jim Trant, Carol Lupton, Neal Naquin, Jay Ecker, Jay Jacobs, Michele White, Ed McClellan, Carolyn Herrington, Pat Deaville, James Hearne, Anthony Sears and Gina Anthon.

Moved by Richard Bresowar and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay Ecker to approve the minutes. PASSED

Moved by Jay Ecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michele White to approve the financial report. PASSED

Sara Bidner gave a huge thank you to all board members for a very smoothly run Conference. Sara attended the NAFME Pre-Conference Session in Nashville. Session was devoted to music teacher evaluation and the new NAFME publication, Workbooks for Building and Evaluating Effective Music Education 1) in the School Ensemble and 2) in General Music were presented. She also attended the Louisiana Partnership for the Arts/Louisiana Citizens for the Arts meeting in Baton Rouge on October 22. Education Affinity session was held for school educators, and discussion was held on recent topics such as Common Core and teacher evaluation. Lt. Governor Dardenne spoke at the morning session.

A planning committee has been appointed to develop a strategic plan draft to present to the LMEA Board at the May 2014 meeting. The committee consists of Sharon McNamara-Horne (chair), Fran Hebert, Carolyn Herrington, Ed McClellan, Greg Oden, Carol Lupton and Gina Anthon. All Board members are encouraged to recommend goals to be considered in the development plan.

A list of teacher support personnel with interests and expertise in particular areas is being developed. If you know excellent teachers (or retirees) who would be good mentors, contact Sara Bidner.

Please submit job descriptions to Sara if you have not already done so.

A policies and procedures manual is needed for clarification of our operations. Carol Lupton has agreed to work on this.

Two students from Louisiana are performing in the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band at the High School All-American Bowl in San Antonio. Deadline for next year's USAAAMB is Jan.31.

Sharon McNamara-Horne thanked Richard, Jay and Lee for getting the All State equipment organized. Academic Awards will be sent out in March. Lists of eligible students for each district was given to district directors for corrections.

The NAFME Workbooks for Teacher Evaluation is available. General Music: digital - \$28, print - \$34.50. School Ensemble: digital – not available yet, print - \$34.50

Sharon is continuing to update membership rolls.

A list of nominees for LMEA offices, was sent by Scotty Walker for the board. The nominees are: Fran Hebert – President Elect, Jay Ecker – Band Division, Mike Townsend – Vocal Division, Jay Jacobs – University Division, Lee Hicks – Jazz Division, Katrice LeCour – Orchestra Division, Michele White – Elementary Division, Ed McClellan – Collegiate NAFME.

Moved by Carol Lupton and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Trant to accept the list of nominees as presented. PASSED  
Since all offices are unopposed, no ballot will be mailed.

**ACDA** – Anthony Sears reported that the 2014 ACDA Conference will be October 21-26 at the Crowne Plaza in New Orleans.

**LAJE** – Patrick Sheng is the new president of LAJE.

**AOSA** – Gina Anthon reported that the Red Stick Chapter of AOSA will sponsor two workshops. February 1 – Steve and Lindsay Campbell with Dancing Drum will present a workshop in Baton Rouge. The focus is on improvisation. March 15 – Michael Beyl from Memphis ORFF will present a workshop in New Orleans. The focus is music literacy and children’s literature

**Editor** – Pat Deaville asked district directors to send their magazine articles as soon as possible.

**Webmaster** – Jim Trant reported he was working on updating the website.

**Conference Coordinator** – James Hearne thanked everyone for their help with conference. He asked Sara Bidner to send a letter of thanks to Presonus for use of equipment. Any possible changes for the 2014 Conference need to be emailed to James.

**District 1** – Greg Oden reported that all district marching bands participated in the District 1 Marching Assessment. The West Monroe Band performed in London on new years day. The performance was streamed live.

**District 2** – absent

**District 3** – Brett Babineaux stated the LMEA Conference was great. There was something for everyone. He would like to see even more offered for middle school teachers. Brett reported that Neal Simon and Alex Hilliard from District 3 have had compositions published.

**District 4** – Richard Bresowar reported all is good in District 4.

**District 5** – Sharon Stephenson reported that the Lake Charles Fox Station presented High School, Middle School and Elementary School Band and Choir performances throughout the holidays.

**District 6** – absent

**District 7** – Jim Trant reported everything is good in District 7. He suggested considering a discount price for LMEA Conference for all first time teachers. This may pull in more middle school teachers.

**District 8** – Carol Lupton reported all is fine in District 8.

**District 9** – Neal Naquin stated he felt the LMEA Conference went great. He suggested more sessions on how to use technology be offered at future LMEA Conferences.

**Vocal Division** – Fran Hebert sent a report thanking the board for all their help with LMEA Conference. She is meeting with the vocal district chairs from each district on March 15. The meeting is to work on a supplemental list for choir performance. Mileage costs for those attending the meeting will be paid by LMEA.

**Band Division** – Jay Ecker thanked Richard Bresowar and Daphne Richardson for hosting the All State Bands. State Festival will be held in Lake Charles. April 29-May 1 for High Schools and May 5-7 for Middle Schools and Elementary Schools.

Second round will be October 11 at Pineville High School. The 2014 All State Symphonic Band Conductor will be Peter Boonshaft. The 2014 All State Concert Band will be Amanda Drinkwater. Jay will bring a proposal for sax auditions to the May board meeting.

**Jazz Division** – absent

**Orchestra Division** – Carol Lupton reported for Joe LeBlanc. Anthony Elliot did a fantastic job with the students. Proposed conductors for future All State Orchestras are: Markland Thaker – Peabody Conservatory, Bob Gillespie – Ohio State University, Anthony Maiello – George Mason University and Michael Butterman – Shreveport Symphony.

**Elementary Division** – Michele White reported approximately 30 people returned evaluation forms for the elementary portion of the conference. Evaluations were overwhelmingly favorable. Teachers appreciate the quality of the clinicians and the fact the sessions were consecutive. Suggestions for Elementary Clinics for the 2014 Conference are: classroom games, music advocacy for elementary music teachers, no sessions after 5 p.m., sessions in the evening more sessions on assessments/slt's, no LAKE meeting during lunch and bring in Rollo Dilworth.

Discussion was held concerning number of rooms available during conference at the Crowne Plaza and throughout Baton Rouge. There will be no LSU football game during the 2014 LMEA Conference.

**University Division** – Jay Jacobs reported the Intercollegiate Band will perform on January 19 at 2:00 p.m. at McNeese. Frank Wickes is the conductor. Jay discussed the time and location for the university jazz concert. Louisiana Tech will provide performing groups for the 2014 Conference. Moved by Richard Bresowar and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Oden to provide the exhibit table for free to the university providing performing groups for conference. PASSED

Jay Jacobs asked if the list of All State students could be sent earlier and could be sent electronically. After discussion, a committee was formed to discuss the All State lists. The committee consists of: Jay Jacobs (chair), Jay Ecker, Fran Hebert, Jim Trant, Greg Oden and Carolyn Herrington.

**Collegiate/NAfME** – Ed McClellan reported an increase in collegiate membership. A job search session was held at this year's conference. Loyola has Samuel Hazo presenting sessions on February 1.

**Public Relations** – Carolyn Herrington reported that the university exhibits in the hall, seems to be working great. She discussed some positives and negatives for the exhibits.

**Old Business** – Brett Babineaux reported the committee on state assessments met during the conference. It was decided that district assessments should stay as is. If a decision is made to go to regional assessments, this would replace state assessment. A meeting of all district directors and the executive board will be on August 2 at the Crowne Plaza. They will continue the discussion of district and state assessments. The meeting is scheduled for 10:00. The Conference planning meeting will be at the same time at the Crowne Plaza.

**New Business** – September 15 will be the deadline for nominations for Outstanding Young Music Educators. Nominations need to be mailed to Bruce Lambert.

Moved by Jim Trant and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed McClellan to remove “under the same director” from qualifying for State Assessment using the previous year's State Assessment rating. TABLED

Moved by Greg Oden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed McClellan to eliminate qualifying for State Assessment by using the rating from the previous year's State Assessment. FAILED

Moved by Jim Trant and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michele White that single grade bands, choirs and orchestras can not use the previous year's State Assessment rating to qualify for State Assessment. PASSED

Moved by Jim Trant and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon McNamara-Horne that G Classification groups may not use the previous year's State Assessment rating to qualify for State Assessment. PASSED

The Strategic Plan Committee will meet after the LMEA Board meeting.

Sharon McNamara Horne discussed static websites and dynamic websites. She presented a report explaining the purpose of each type of website.

Greg Oden moved and Jay Ecker 2<sup>nd</sup> for Sharon McNamara-Horne to persue the most advanced website that LMEA can afford. PASSED

Carol Lupton told the board that LMEA Hall of Fame member Doug Peterson is in bad health. Please remember him in your prayers.

The May LMEA Board of Directors Meeting will be held on May 24. (not May 31)

Meeting adjourned . . . .