

The meeting of the Louisiana Music Educators Association Board of Directors was called to order at 9:30 a.m., January 9, 2016 with the following present: Sharon McNamara-Horne, Fran Hebert (late), Sara Bidner, Bruce Lambert, Greg Oden, Richard Bresowar, Sharon Stephenson, Guy Wood, Jim Trant, Mark Minton, Jay Ecker, Michael Townsend, Katrice LaCour, Lee Hicks, Jay Jacobs, Michele White, Carolyn Herrington (late), Pat Deaville (late), Tom Wafer, B.J. McGibney, Gina Anthon and Michelle Wilkinson-Nelson.

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

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

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

Sharon McNamara-Horne thanked the board for a great conference. The ensembles were amazing. James Hearne has done a great job. She is exploring the possibility of adding online registration forms.(passed out evaluations for website) Please let her know if anything on the website needs tweaking. Sharon asked district directors to check the required piece for Large Ensemble Assessment. Be aware that sometimes a choir piece will be listed under one voicing but not another voicing.

Sara Bidner thanked all that helped with conference registration. 429 registered for the conference (272 pre-registrations, 157 on-site registrations). 65 collegiate students included in the total. The 2016 elections have only one nominee for each position. The Job Description Manual is nearly complete. The LMEA Bylaws will receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> vote today. Other parts of the handbook are being updated.

Fran Hebert stated she was glad to be here (2 hours late because of traffic). She is working on the Academic All-State Awards. They should be mailed out in March.

**District 1** – Greg Oden stated everything is going well in District 1.

**District 2** – absent

**District 3** – absent

**District 4** – Richard Bresowar reported that a couple of school systems in District 4 have scheduled middle school ELA testing the week LMEA State Assessment. Those schools will need to work with their administration to attend State Assessment. Richard asked the board for help setting dates for the 2017 LMEA State/Regional Assessments. He needs dates before he can secure sites.

**District 5** – Sharon Stephenson reported District 5 is rocking and rolling.

**District 6** – Guy Wood stated that District 6 Honor Band auditions are today. Everything else is OK.

**District 7** – Jim Trant reported all is good in District 7.

**District 8** – Mark Minton reported that District 8 Band and Orchestra Assessments are at the same time. This will be difficult, but he will make it work.

**District 9** – absent

**Band Division** – Jay Ecker reported he will not run for reelection to the board. He has talked with Joseph Nassar and will help him this year. Jay is working on online registration for the All State groups. Tony Maiello will conduct the 2016 All State Symphonic Band. Jay is looking for an All State Concert Band conductor.

**Jazz Division** – Lee Hicks thanked the board for help with the schedule changes. He would like to have a curtain in Premier 3 to hide cases when group pictures are taken. Lee asked district directors to get All State Jazz information out to all the directors in their district. Bob Lark from DePaul University will conduct the 2016 All State Jazz Band.

**Orchestra Division** – Katrice LaCour thanked the board for all their help at Conference. The new rehearsal schedule worked out really well. The winds and percussion sectionals were very successful. Katrice would like to revisit the selection process for All State Orchestra winds and percussion. Sandra Dackow will conduct the 2016 All State Orchestra.

**Vocal Division** – Michael Townsend reported that Jeffery Ames will conduct the 2016 All State Mixed Choir. Lynn Gackle will conduct the 2016 All State Women’s Choir. Michael is going to ask Angie Rawls to conduct the 2017 All State Women’s Choir. Thanks to Fran Hebert for finding a conductor for the All State Women’s Choir with less than a week to go before Conference. The college choir performance was 45 minutes. That worked out great. Michael wants a representative from each district to be present for every rehearsal sign in. He is changing the dress code for future All State Choir performances. Students will wear school performance attire or full-length dress for women and coat and tie for men. Michael will work with James to see if it is possible to move the All State Women’s Choir performance to Saturday, right before the All State Mixed Choir. We need to add a space for height on the choir registration forms.

**Elementary Division** – Michele White reported there were a lot of attendees in the elementary clinics at LMEA Conference. Dr. John Feierabend and Dr. Sandra Mathias were huge hits. Comments and suggestions were overwhelmingly positive regarding the conference. The LMEA main attraction for elementary division in 2016 will be Jo Kirk. Michele stated she feels that membership in NAfME/LMEA are not valuable for elementary music teachers. She suggested possibly having a non-member fee for LMEA Conference.

**University Division** – Jay Jacobs stated that the universities liked the All State lists on flash drives. He will work to have one template used for all groups. The information needed for the flash drives, will be cleared with the LMEA president.

**Collegiate/NAfME** – Ed McClellan submitted an email report to the board. The LMEA Conference and Collegiate Summit had very active participation. The Outstanding Young Music Teacher Educators Panel Discussion was extremely well received and informative. The Collegiate/Directors Demonstration Ensemble Session had an unexpected large attendance and participation of members. Plans are underway to revise procedures for this session to accommodate a high volume of participants. University faculty were very appreciative for having the titles of their research projects published in the conference program. They also expressed their gratitude for being able to have their research posters displayed in Cypress I. Plans are underway to extend an invitation to University Professors to work with their senior Music Education students to submit session proposals for the 2016 LMEA Conference Collegiate Summit.

**Public Relations** – Carolyn Herrington reported “All Good” with public relations. We had a terrific time in the exhibit hall as well as the college booths.

**Hall of Fame** – Tom Wafer reported everything is good. There is a lull right now for the Hall of Fame. New nominations for the Hall of Fame are to be sent to Tom Wafer by May 1, 2016.

**L.A.J.E.** - B.J. McGibney reported the LAJE Jazz Festival will be April 15-16 at Southeastern University. The LAJE website is up and running.

**AOSA** – Gina Anthon reported the Red Stick ORFF Chapter will host two workshops; January 23 at Westdale Heights Academic Magnet and March 19 at Morris Jeff Community School in New Orleans. The New Orleans workshop will feature Patrick Ware. The North Louisiana ORFF Chapter will host a workshop in Shreveport on January 23. The workshop will be held at Southfield School and features Billy Ferguson. LAKE will host a workshop in Lafayette on January 23. Kelly Stomps will meet with the BESE Board on January 12. Kelly's blog can be found at [www.lastoy.com](http://www.lastoy.com). You can also find her blog on the LMEA website.

**ASTA** – Michelle Wilkinson-Nelson thanked the LMEA Board for making ASTA feel welcome. ASTA is committed to bringing more string clinics to future LMEA Conferences.

**Editor** – Pat Deaville told the board he is bringing the February magazine to the printer on Monday, January 11. The February magazine will include the slate of officers selected for 2016-2018. Also, the proposal for LMEA Bylaw changes will be in the February magazine.

**Conference Coordinator** – James Hearne emailed the LMEA Board. He thanked everyone for their help with LMEA Conference. He asked the board to send him any comments and ideas concerning conference so that we can continue to improve.

Sara Bidner presented the LMEA Bylaws changes proposal to the board for a 2<sup>nd</sup> vote. Richard Bresowar moved and Jay Ecker 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the proposal as presented. PASSED

Sara is working on handbook changes and updates. Regional Assessment information is being added. She will try to have the new handbook for the May board meeting. Sara should also have the Job Description Manual ready for the May meeting.

The board discussed selection procedures for the All State Orchestra winds and percussion. Richard Bresowar moved and Michelle White 2<sup>nd</sup> that the All State Bands will receive the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, etc. and the All State Orchestra the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, etc. wind and percussion players every year. Also, senior preference will no longer be observed. FAILED (5-for, 8-against)

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Nominees for LMEA President Elect and Division Chairs for 2016 – 2018:

President Elect – Carol Lupton	Orchestra Division Chair – Katrice LaCour
Band Division Chair – Joseph Nassar	Vocal Division Chair – Michael Townsend
Jazz Division Chair – Lee Hicks	University Division Chair – Greg Handel
Elementary Division Chair – Michele White	Collegiate/NAfME Chair – Ed McClellan

Moved by Jim Trant and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Oden to accept the ballot as presented. PASSED

The LMEA Bylaws changes will be voted on (online ballot) by the membership this spring.

Brett Babineaux requested Sharon ask the board about sending LMEA board members to conferences in adjacent states. After discussion, the board decided to take no action at this time.

Sharon McNamara-Horne formed a committee to work on performance requirements and required lists for Vocal Large Ensemble Assessments. Fran Hebert will chair the committee. Greg Oden, Sharon Stephenson and Michael Townsend will sit on the committee.

Next meeting – May 21, 2016 - 9:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned . . . . .