

The meeting of the Louisiana Music Educators Association Board of Directors was called to order at 9:30 a.m., May 23, 2015 with the following present: Sharon McNamara-Horne, Fran Hebert, Sara Bidner, Bruce Lambert, Greg Oden, Johnny walker, Brett Babineaux, Richard Bresowar, Sharon Stephenson, Guy Wood, Jim Trant, Carol Lupton, Mark Minton, Neal Naquin, Jay Ecker, Michael Townsend, Katrice LaCour, Lee Hicks, Jay Jacobs, Michele White, Ed McClellan, Carolyn Herrington, Pat Deaville, James Hearne and B.J. McGibney.

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

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

Moved by Carolyn Herrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Guy Wood to approve the financial report. PASSED

Sharon McNamara-Horne reported the database of email addresses is pretty complete. We've completed the identification of our membership by districts. Pat Deaville should be able to distribute LMEA newsletters once the website is ready. Elections for District Director in District II and VIII Were online this year. We got an excellent number of responses from the members. When the new website is up, we'll be linked directly to the NAFME database and memberships will have to be current to submit a ballot. The only problem with online forms and ballots appears to be school computers with very out-of-date browsers. Evaluations for the Conference Chairman and Webmaster were submitted online. 15 of 20 voting members replied electronically. Comments will be passed on to James Hearne and Jim Trant. The forms were completely anonymous. Sharon, Sara Bidner and Fran Hebert will be attending the NAFME National Leadership Meetings this summer.

Sara Bidner reported the election of Johnny Walker for District II and Mark Minton for District VIII. All other districts directors were unopposed. Draft of job descriptions for the LMEA Board of Directors is ready for review. Board members should review the descriptions and submit any additions or corrections to Sara. The executive officers are currently working on updating the LMEA handbook.

Fran Hebert thanked Jay Ecker, Michael Townsend, Katrice LaCour and Lee Hicks for their help in getting all the Academic Excellence forms to her. Academic All State Awards have been processed and distributed. A list of LMEA members' emails by district is being compiled and will be distributed to the board at the October meeting. Any emails that District Directors can provide to Fran will help.

Tom Wafer sent a Hall of Fame report to the LMEA Board. John Stafford, past band director at Thibodaux High School, has been selected to the LMEA Hall of Fame for 2015.

**District 1** – Greg Oden reported all was good in District 1.

**District 2** – Johnny Walker reported solo/ensemble assessments in his district were smaller this year. He stated the directors in his district did a great job hosting 2<sup>nd</sup> round All State last October.

**District 3** – Brett Babineaux reported that the Lafayette High School Band received the NBA National Programs of Excellence Blue Ribbon Award.

**District 4** – Richard Bresowar reported that District 4 held a multi-district Orchestra Assessment this past March. It was successful and will be held again next year.

**District 5** – Sharon Stephenson reported the District 5 band and choir assessments were very good.

**District 6** – Guy Wood reported all was good in District 6.

**District 7** – Jim Trant reported that District 7 was very happy with the selection of John Stafford to the LMEA Hall of Fame for 2015.

**District 8** – Carol Lupton reported there were more choirs than bands at District 8 Assessments this year

**District 9** – Neal Naquin reported that online registration was used for District 9 Assessments this year.

**Band Division** – Jay Ecker thanked everyone involved with running the State Band Assessments. Second Round All State will be held at Lafayette High School on October 10, 2015. Registration is 7:45-8:15 (districts 3,4,5), 9-9:30 (districts 6,7,9), 12-12:30 (districts 1,2,8) Jay will look at possibly changing the registration times. He will report back to the board at the planning meeting in August. Audition Set IV will be used this year. Jeff Cannon will conduct the 2015 All State Concert Band. Daphne Richardson will chair the Concert Band. Robert Sheldon will conduct the 2015 All State Symphonic Band. Richard Bresowar will chair the Symphonic Band.

**Jazz Division** – Lee Hicks reported that Jack Wilkins will conduct the 2015 All State Jazz Ensemble. Audition recordings must be to Lee by September 23. Lee will supply a list of students making the All State Jazz Ensemble to Jay Ecker and all district directors prior to the October board meeting.

**Orchestra Division** – Katrice LaCour thanked everyone involved with the State Orchestra Assessment. 21 groups participated in State Orchestra Assessment. The 2016 State Orchestra Assessment will be held at Northwestern State University on April 18, 2016 (minimum 12 groups) Also April 19 if at least 24 groups apply. Douglas Droste from Ball State University will conduct the 2015 All State Orchestra. Repertoire: Overture to West Side Story – Bernstein, Cathedral – Olson, Symphony #5, Mvmt. 1 and 4 – Tchaikovsky. Dr. Douglas Bakenhus has agreed to run the wind sectional on Friday night of All State (depends on scheduling and room availability). The cello part for 2015 (set IV) All State Auditions has been changed. This needs to be corrected in the handbook and on the website. Audition recordings must be to Katrice by September 23.

**Vocal Division** – Michael Townsend thanked everyone involved with the State Choir Assessment. Roland Carter from University of Tennessee at Chattanooga will conduct the 2015 All State Mixed Choir. Angie Rawls from Pearl Mississippi will conduct the 2015 Women’s Choir. The repertoire list for both choirs was given to the board. The 2016 All State Women’s Choir will be conducted by Dr. Lynn Gackle. Dr. Jeffery Ames will conduct the 2016 All State Mixed Choir. Contracts for conductors and accompanists for 2015 and 2016 have been sent. A probable 2015 performance schedule for both All-State choirs was submitted to the board. John Flannery from the University of Southern Mississippi will present vocal clinics at the 2015 LMEA Conference.

**Elementary Division** – Michele White reported we have a commitment from Dr. John Feierabend to be the “main attraction” for this year’s elementary sessions at conference. He will present 3 sessions that will be scheduled in two-hour blocks. GIA Publications will pick up all expenses not covered by LMEA. GIA will purchase 3 or 4 booths in the exhibit hall. Dr. Feierabend is also willing to present an All-Conference speech on Saturday. He is an expert in music education: instrumental, vocal, orchestral, preschool and general music. Dr. Sandy Mathias will be the LAKE sponsored clinician. She will present 3 sessions. There will not be much room for other presenters – we will be sure to schedule Dr. Bartolome (she has become a tradition at LMEA) and probably a Dancing Drum session.

**University Division** – Jay Jacobs announced that Centenary will send a choir and string group for All State concerts. McNeese State will send a band and Northwestern State will send a jazz ensemble. Centenary will have a free booth space at conference. Information sheets will be collected at first round auditions this year. Once the All State groups are selected, student information will be sent to Jay Jacobs. He will send it out to the universities. Jay will let the board know what information the universities would like to have.

**Collegiate/NAfME** – Ed McClellan would like to have the director clinic band again this year. He will ask JW Pepper to sponsor again. Ed will need directors to help give clinics with the group. Please send director's names to Ed. Dr. Heather Buchanan will present a clinic on Body Mapping at Loyola University on Friday, October 23, 2015.

**Public Relations** – Carolyn Herrington stated things are good.

**Hall of Fame** – John Stafford has been selected to the LMEA Hall of Fame. He will be inducted at the 2015 LMEA Conference.

**LAJE** – B.J. McGibney told the board that LAJE is working with Lee Hicks to help with the All State Jazz Ensemble auditions.

**AOSA** – Red Stick Chapter is not sponsoring a clinic this year for the LMEA Conference. Gina Anthon thinks it is a good idea to have Dr. Feierabend give a keynote address at LMEA Conference. She believes it would be smart for LMEA to send colorful fliers for conference, through email, a month or more in advance of the event. Carolyn Herrington and James Hearne will look into this for this year's conference.

**Editor** – Pat Deaville asked the board to get dates for the 2015-16 LMEA Calendar to him as soon as possible. Pat will send out 2 LMEA newsletters this year. Knight Media will help with an extended version of the magazine for the website. Pat suggested that letters of appreciation and congratulations be sent by the LMEA President when appropriate. (Lafayette High Band and Scotty Walker - letter of congratulations for example)

**Webmaster** – Jim Trant told the board the new website will be up and running by the end of the summer.

**Conference Coordinator** – James Hearne thanked the board for a great conference. James needs clinician names, bios, photos and equipment needs as soon as possible. If a division chair is getting a clinician, James still needs all this information. We have secured Embassy Suites for the Saturday and Sunday of conference. All State rehearsal schedules need to be sent to James as soon as possible. James and Bruce will make sure All State schedules match the conference schedule. We will go over the schedules at the August planning meeting. James presented some information on the app Eventmobi.

**LMEA Advocacy Chair** - John Mlynczak emailed a report to the LMEA Board. He just got back from DC where he met with Senators Vitter and Cassidy and Congressman Graves. The Senate HELP Committee unanimously approved a reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and as of right now it is scheduled for a full two week debate on the Senate floor in June. He will keep us posted as the bill goes under debate. We may need to do another round of letters to our congressional representatives to make sure our language is included.

## Old Business –

Bruce Lambert passed out copies of the Regional Information and Procedures. The Executive Board and Brett Babineaux (representing the district directors) put together the regional information and procedures. The North Region and the Southwest Region information are listed. Jim Trant will be the Southeast Region Director. The Southeast Region High School Band Instrumental Assessment will be April 21-22, 2016 at Hahnville High School. The Southeast Region Middle School Instrumental Assessment will be April 19-20, 2016 at Central Lafourche High School. The Southeast Region Choral Assessment will be April 21-22, 2016 at Central Lafourche High School. The 3 region directors (Greg Oden, Sharon Stevenson, Jim Trant) will meet with the Executive Board at 12:00, August 15 at the Crowne Plaza. Brett Babineaux will meet with them.

Sara Bidner is working on the handbook updates.

Sara Bidner is working on the job descriptions for the LMEA Board.

The LMEA planning meeting will be held on August 15 at 9:30 at the Crowne Plaza. The Regional Assessment meeting will be held at 12:00.

Guy Wood stated that the LMEA handbook states a student may participate in more than one All State Ensemble as long as there is no conflict of times.

Guy Wood moved that a student selected to the All State Women's Choir and the All State Orchestra may participate in both. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Bresowar PASSED

James Hearne reported to the board there would be a time conflict between the All State Women's Choir and the All State Orchestra. Moved by Richard Bresowar and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn Herrington that the previous motion by Guy Wood be reversed. PASSED

Students may not participate in the All State Women's Choir and the All State Orchestra.

Carol Lupton talked about the integrity of the All State Band 2<sup>nd</sup> round auditions. Jay Ecker addressed the questions. Everything is being done to insure all students are treated fairly.

Greg Oden moved and Michele White 2<sup>nd</sup> that students be allowed to use their own music at 2<sup>nd</sup> round auditions. (copies if necessary). After discussion, the motion was removed. The Vocal Division Chairman and the Band Division Chairman will work on this matter.

Jay Ecker clarified the Second Round Alternate Policy:

1 - All State Jazz results will be submitted to the Band Division Chair one week before the second round deadline. District Directors will be advised which students have accepted a position in the All State Jazz Band. These students will not be eligible to participate in 2<sup>nd</sup> round all state auditions.

2 - Each district will submit its second round allotment, including alternates, by the October LMEA Board meeting. No additional students will be added to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round audition after this date.

3 - The Band Division Chair will fill the unfilled 2<sup>nd</sup> round audition slots with alternates. A reasonable attempt will be made to represent all districts with alternates, however this will be dictated by the instrumentation needs. A list of alternates to go to 2<sup>nd</sup> round will be given to the district directors at the October board meeting.

Carol Lupton moved and Mark Minton and Sara Bidner 2<sup>nd</sup> that an LMEA member must be in good standing, financial or otherwise, for his/her organization to participate in any LMEA event. PASSED

**New Business –**

Sharon McNamara-Horne presented Carol Lupton a plaque for her hard work on the LMEA Board.

Moved by Carolyn Herrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michele White to change the title of Executive Secretary to Executive Director. PASSED

Moved by Michele White and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn Herrington for LMEA to cover the expenses for an updated electronic version of the LMEA Hall of Fame Book. (cost not to exceed \$300) PASSED

The LMEA Executive Board will deal with outside vendor information.

LMEA Board Meetings for the 2015-16 school year:

August 15, 2015 – 9:30 Planning Meeting, 12:00 Region Assessments Meeting

October 3, 2015 – 9:30

January 9, 2016 – 9:30

May 21, 2016 – 9:30

Moved by Sharon McNamara-Horne and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fran Hebert to accept the nomination of Jarod Martin, principal of Lockport Middle School, for the LMEA Outstanding School Administrator Award. (Jarod Martin is nominated by Grant Duplessis, band director at Lockport Middle School) PASSED

Brett Babineaux talked about students in his district trying out for 1<sup>st</sup> round All State and not being submitted for 2<sup>nd</sup> round All State auditions. The board will discuss this at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned . . . . .