

The meeting of the Louisiana Music Educators Association Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m., May 24, 2014 with the following present: Sara Bidner, Sharon McNamara Horne, Bruce Lambert, Greg Oden, Johnny Walker, Brett Babineaux, Richard Bresowar, Sharon Stephenson, Guy Wood, Jim Trant, Carol Lupton, Neal Naquin, Jay Ecker, Fran Hebert, Michael Townsend, Katrice LaCour, Lee Hicks, Jay Jacobs, Michele White, Ed McClellan, Carolyn Herrington, Pat Deaville, James Hearne, Pat Sheng and Gina Anthon. (Michelle Wilkinson-Nelson – guest)

Moved by Jay Ecker and 2nd by Carolyn Herrington to approve the agenda. PASSED

Moved by Michele White and 2nd by Richard Bresowar to approve the minutes. PASSED

Moved by Richard Bresowar and 2nd by Ed McClellan to approve the financial report. PASSED

Bruce Lambert presented the bids for 2014, 2015 school years. Artistically Yours – State Festival t-shirts, Louisiana Trophies – State and District plaques and trophies, H & G Recording – All State and State Band Assessment Recordings, Vestige Audio – State Choir Assessment recordings, Tri-Star Event Photo – State Assessments pictures, Nouveau Photeau – All State photos.

Richard Bresowar moved and Guy Wood 2nd to accept the bids as presented. PASSED

Bruce Lambert discussed the possibility of changing district and state entry fees to a set price, not by the student. District directors will see how this affects the income for their district and the issue will be brought up at a future meeting.

Fran Hebert moved and Greg Oden 2nd to change L.M.E.A. mileage rate to 50 cents a mile. PASSED

Jim Trant moved and Carol Lupton 2nd to hold 2015 State High School Band Assessment at U.L. Lafayette - April 28-30 and May 1st (if needed), 2015 State Middle School Band Assessment at Lake Charles Civic Center – May 5-7, 2015 State Choir Assessment at Lake Charles Civic Center – April 28-30 and 2015 State Orchestra Assessment at U.L. Lafayette – April 27 (need at least 12 groups). PASSED

Sara Bidner thanked everyone involved in running the state assessments in April and May. Sara thanked Sharon McNamara-Horne and the committee for work on the strategic Plan. Membership response to the member survey has been excellent (242 responses within two weeks).

Sara stated we need to collect information for all Tri-M chapters in your district. Lynn Burton is serving as the representative for these groups and is working to encourage the formation of Tri-M Honor Societies in middle and high school. Tim Latzenheiser is the new national chair for Tri-M.

National Assembly for State Executive Officers will be held in Tyson's Corner, VA, June 27-29. The National Coalition for Core Arts Standards will be launching the new National Core Arts Standards on June 4. More info can be found at nccas.wikispaces.com.

Sara stated it has been an honor to serve as L.M.E.A. President. She thanked the board for their cooperation and great spirit in working to provide outstanding opportunities in music for students in Louisiana schools.

Sharon McNamara-Horne reported that the appreciation plaques for L.M.E.A. Conference will be changed to 8" x 10". She stated mailing the academic all-state awards went well. Sharon is working to clean up the L.M.E.A. logo.

Moved by Lee Hicks and 2nd by Fran Hebert to move public relations election to coordinate with the president elect and division chairs. PASSED (Carolyn Herrington will serve an extra year to make this happen.)

District 1 – Greg Oden reported all was fine in District 1. There was more participation in District Solo/Ensemble Assessments.

District 2 – Johnny Walker reported District 2 had a very fine year. The L.M.E.A. All-State 2nd Round will be held at Pineville High School on October 11. Johnny is looking into the possibility of Pineville High hosting the 2016 State Choir Assessment.

District 3 – Brett Babineaux reported a reading workshop featuring William Owens will be held at Edgar Martin Middle School in Lafayette on July 1 (8:30 – 1:00) Bring an instrument.

District 4 – Richard Bresowar introduced Michelle Wilkinson-Nelson, president of the Louisiana chapter of American String Teachers Association.

District 5 – Sharon Stephenson reported all was good in District 5. She reported that Pat Deaville is retiring from Calcasieu Parish Schools. Bruce Lambert and Anna Lou Babin will be taking up some of the music duties Pat held.

District 6 – Guy Wood reported that Chalmette High served as host for District Band Assessment. The facility was very nice. This may be a site to use for State Music Assessments. Guy also reported that Rodney Lafon has died.

District 7 – Jim Trant reported all was good in District 7.

District 8 – Carol Lupton stated all was peachy in District 8.

District 9 – Neal Naquin reported all was good in District 9.

Band Division – Jay Ecker reported he got to hear many good bands at the L.M.E.A. State Band Assessment. Thanks to Bruce Lambert for setting up and running two weeks of State Band Assessments. Peter Boonshaft will conduct the 2014 All State Symphonic Band. Amanda Drinkwater will conduct the 2014 All State Concert Band. The 2015 All State Symphonic Band conductor will be Robert Sheldon.

Jay reported the Tipitina's Foundation is accepting applications for Instruments a Comin' 2014. Emily Menard (504-309-7934 Emily@tipitinas.com) is program manager. Schools in Shreveport/Bossier City, Alexandria and Lake Charles have been added this year.

Jazz Division – Lee Hicks reported there will be no live 2nd round auditions this year. District directors need to set up auditions and email MP3s of all auditions to Lee by September 25. The board discussed the logistics of the taped auditions. Jerry Tolson from University of Louisville will conduct the 2014 All State Jazz Band.

Orchestra Division – Katrice LaCour will be the new Orchestra Division Chairman. He teaches at the Northwestern State University Lab School. Gene Moon from Stephen F. Austin will conduct the 2014 All State Orchestra.

Sara Bidner presented Joe LeBlanc with a thank you plaque for his work as Orchestra Division Chair. Carol Lupton accepted the plaque for Joe.

Vocal Division – Fran Hebert stated the vocal division had a great year. She thanked Michael Townsend, choir director at Destrehan High School, for taking over as vocal division chair. She will work closely with Michael during this transition.

Elementary Division – Michele White reported that Denise Gagne from Canada will be the main elementary clinician for the 2014 Conference. She has submitted 16 topics for clinics. Michele stated that LAKE has contacted Daniel Todd to present at the conference. He is more a middle school clinician than elementary school clinician.

Collegiate / NAFME – Ed McClellan stated that a SMTE survey will be sent out to all LMEA membership in September. Future Music Educators Day is being held throughout the country. Loyola will sponsor a Future Music Educators Day on November 12. Ed needs suggestions for performing groups to use during the symposium at LMEA Conference.

University Division – Jay Jacobs requested that the All State student information be sent electronically before conference. The All State division chairs will work on this. Louisiana Tech will be the feature university at the 2014 LMEA Conference. Jay stated that Centenary will be the 2015 feature university. They will only supply a choir and string group. Jay will work to get other universities to furnish a band and jazz ensemble for 2015,

Public Relations – Carolyn Herrington stated that exhibitors would like to provide clinics, food, etc. The clinics will not work because of conflicts with other clinics and the rehearsals and performances in the adjoining ball room. O.K. if the exhibitors want to supply food. Carolyn stated that the feature university (La. Tech in 2014) will be given the premium spot in the hall and will not have to pay for an exhibit booth.

ACDA – Most of the obstacles for the 2014 ACDA Conference in New Orleans are being cleared.

LAJE – Patrick Sheng stated the LAJE State Jazz Festival had 10 groups. LAJE has offered to help with the district 1st round taped auditions for All State Jazz band. He asked that the board look into the possibility of students participating in All State Jazz Band and All State Band / Orchestra.

LBA – The LBA All Star Middle School Band will be held at UL Lafayette on June 2-3.

Hall of Fame – Hall of Fame Committee will meet at 1:00 today. Tom Wafer has been in the hospital.

AOSA – Gina Anthon reported that A.O.S.A. will not sponsor a clinician at L.M.E.A. Conference this year. They are bringing in Keith Terry for a workshop on October 18 at St. Tammany Tech Center.

Editor – Pat Deaville stated a deadline of August 5 for all information to go into the September magazine. He needs the calendar of events form district directors as soon as possible. New board members need to send an electronic photo for the magazine.

Website – Jim Trant stated he is updating all information on the website.

Conference Coordinator – James Hearne stated he need clinic proposals by June 10th. He needs all the elementary clinic needs, pictures and information by the August planning meeting. James is looking at the possibility of having a technology room at Conference. Lamar University has asked about getting a booth and furnishing clinics for Conference.

Old Business – Sara Bidner talked to the board about the LMEA Member Survey.

Brett Babineaux told district directors what information they need for the meeting in August to talk about State Regionals.

The All State First Round Audition 4 year cycle needs to be updated in the handbook.

It needs to be clarified that ratings at District and State Assessments will be the average of the letters on the side.

Moved by Jim Trant and 2nd by Jay Ecker to eliminate ‘under the same director’ from the section for groups to qualify for State using the previous year’s State rating. FAILED

Sharon McNamara-Horne talked about the Strategic Plan. Moved by Greg Oden and 2nd by Carolyn Herrington to change the mission statement to read: The mission of the Louisiana Music Educators Association is to provide leadership, professional development, and support its membership to ensure quality music education. L.M.E.A. is a federated state association of NAFME (National Association for Music Education). PASSED

Ed McClellan moved and Carolyn Herrington 2nd to accept the LMEA Strategic Plan. PASSED

Sara Bidner passed out evaluation forms for Bruce Lambert and Pat Deaville.

Sara presented Sharon McNamara-Horne with a gavel to begin her term as president. Sharon presented Sara with a plaque in recognition of her term as LMEA president.

Richard Bresowar introduced Michelle Wilkinson-Nelson, president of the American String Teacher Association. Michelle reported a New Music Reading Session at LSU in August. Also, Electrify Your Strings on November 6-8 at East Baton Rouge Schools and a Creative Strings Improvisation clinic by Christian Howes - TBA.

Jay Ecker moved and Michele White 2nd to reinstate ASTA as an ex-officio associate organization on the LMEA Board. PASSED

Sharon McNamara-Horne presented Scotty Walker a plaque for his hard work on the board. Brett Babineaux accepted the plaque for Scotty.

Pat Deaville talked about adding an LMEA newsletter. Richard Bresowar moved and Carolyn Herrington 2nd to add an LMEA newsletter. PASSED Pat will come back with more information at the next meeting.

Sharon McNamara-Horne discussed hiring CogentPath to design the new website. After discussion, Bruce Lambert reminded the board they had passed, at the last meeting, to develop a new website and gave Sharon the authority to find a website designer. Greg Oden moved and Richard Bresowar 2nd to accept CogentPath as the designer for the new LMEA website. PASSED Sharon asked the board to send any suggestions for the sitemap to her by June 8th.

Conference planning meeting on August 2 at 10:00. This includes executive board and division chairs.
District Director meeting to discuss State and Regional Assessments - August 2 at 11:00.

Adjourned

