

**VCDA BUSINESS MEETING
VMEA Conference – Norfolk, VA
Friday, November 19, 2010**

I. Call to Order

VCDA President, Lisa Pennington, called the meeting to order at 3:46 p.m.

II. Introduction of Officers

President – Lisa Pennington
Vice President – Sherri Matthews
President-Elect – Lynne Babcock

Treasurer – Jen Penserga
Parliamentarian – Charlotte Smith
Secretary–Philip Keirstead

III. Review of Motion and Voting

Charlotte Smith stated that only members may vote and that motions must be made in writing

IV. Roll Call by Districts

District	Attendance	Rep.		District	Attendance	Rep.
I	17	yes		IX	21	yes
II	15	yes		X	7	yes
III	5	yes		XI	6	no
IV	8	yes		XII	12	yes
V	9	yes		XIII	1	no
VI	7	yes		XIV	2	yes
VII	10	yes		XV	9	yes
VIII	4	yes		XVI	5	yes

V. Reports

- A. The Secretary’s written minutes from the April VCDA business meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by SOMEONE and SOMEONE seconded. The motion passed.
- B. The Treasurer’s report was presented on behalf of Jen Penserga. The ending balances are...
 - a. General Fund - \$56,947.19
 - b. Certificates of Deposit - \$15,090.24
 - c. All-Virginia Fund - \$446.32
 - d. Total - \$72,483.75

VI. Old Business

C. **Literature Manual Committee** – Lynne Babcock recognized those who served on the judging committee. They judged over 200 pieces. The ratings will be posted to the VCDA website.

D. Honors Choir

- a. Audition Report – Mandi Townley recognized there were missteps in the audition process and assured they would be fixed for 2011. The tentative audition date is October 1.
- b. Event Report – Terry Hall thanks everyone for being understanding and explained that nothing could be fixed about the audition process as it was proceeding without breaking impartiality rules. He acknowledged Brian Kelly and the shadowing work he has done in

preparation for taking over as Honor Choir Chair. He thanked the chaperones. Next year's conductor is Axel Theimer, conductor and professor at the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University in Minnesota. Terry pleaded to make sure forms are completed carefully and thoroughly. Brian Kelly acknowledged Terry's many years of service to Honor Choir and expressed his excitement about chairing this event.

E. All-Virginia Chorus 2011

- a. Host: Visual & Performing Arts Academy at Salem High School, Dr. Don Krudop, director. Don mentioned that Salem High School hosted All-State 20 years ago. The school has WiFi that is being improved.
- b. April 28-30, 2011
- c. Housing: Hilton Garden Inn at VA Beach Town Center and The Westin
- d. SATB director: Dr. Joe Miller
- e. SSAA director: Dr. Rollo Dilworth
- f. ACDA Middle School Honor Choir – Cheri Helmer Reinsche from Papillion La Vista South High School in Omaha, NE will conduct. Like last year, all students must be registered online by December 17 and you can also submit your recordings online. Rehearsals will be at the Community United Methodist Church where Martha Springstead is the music director.
- g. Concert Times: Middle School at 12pm, High School at 1pm

F. All-VA Commitment Form – Please complete forms thoroughly and completely. There should be four lines of defense: Choral director, room monitor, audition chair, and district rep. Students should not audition if something is missing. There is a box to check if the student has no medical insurance. Information on how to handle Tricare will be distributed to district reps.

G. All-VA Packets – Lisa thanked the Musical Source for putting together the packets. District Reps should pick them up following the meeting.

H. All-VA Audition Selection Committee – Lynne Babcock announced the song to be *Whither Must I Wander*. Sight-Reading will come electronically to the district reps. You must rotate through all 4 examples.

I. Site-Hosting for All-VA Chorus

- a. Lisa Pennington made a motion to include District 16 in our All-Virginia Chorus hosting rotation by adding another area and moving districts around:

Current: Area A: District 5 & 13
 Area B: Districts 1, 3 & 15
 Area C: Districts 9, 10, 11, 12 & 14
 Area D: Districts 2, 4 & 8
 Area E: Districts 6 & 7

Proposed: Area A: District 5 & 13
 Area B: Districts 1, 3 & 15
 Area C: Districts 10, 11, 12
 Area D: Districts 2, 4 & 8
 Area E: Districts 6 & 7
 Area F: Districts 9, 14 & 16

- b. Nate Miller seconded the motion. Lara Brittain asked if we should just add 16 to the current Area C. The motion passed unanimously.

J. ACDA Voices United Conference – Patrick Walders announced that the summer conference is August 11-13, 2011, at GMU. Headlines are Dr. Archabect, Henry Leck, and Tim Seilig. There will

be a new Conductors' Chorus. Acдавoicesunited.org is the new website. He called for submissions of interest sessions.

VII. New Business

- A. **Music in Our Schools Month** – Beeper Coffman encouraged everyone to write articles for Notes. She just retired so will not serve as representative in the future. The theme is “Music Lasts a Lifetime.” Hal Leonard is providing all the music for the World’s Largest Concert.
- B. **Bob Stamback Award** – Betty Tabor pointed out that the application has lead many people to believe the only condition is financial need and that’s not true. Instead, nominate your best choral student. If the need is not there, the money can be donated to your school or returned to the fund in your school’s name. They are revising the application to make it easier to complete. Betty recognized Harriet Heath as the originator of Honors Choir. Since VMEA runs Honors Choir, application deadlines will be determined by them.
- C. **Sight-Reading for the Blue Ribbon Award** – The VMEA President’s Committee made a proposal to have uniformity across the state to include sight-reading as a requirement for the Blue Ribbon Award. We have intentionall left it up to each district on how to implement this. There is a committee that will put together criteria on how to implement this in future years. They will present at All-Virginia Chorus. The proposal will be distributed to district reps ahead of time.
- D. **Sight-Reading at Festival** – Lisa Pennington opened a discussion to solicit comments from members. Millie Hollis said this will benefit our students. Linda Beville suggested including expression and interpretation when judging sight-reading. She also noted a new sight-reading assessment sheet should match the new on-stage assessment sheet that was just approved. Debbie Settle said this will raise our standards and that we should move toward applying this across the entire state, not just for Blue Ribbon. She mentioned that Florida and Texas have sight-reading choirs as part of their all-state events and that Loudoun County includes a women’s sight-reading choir at their all-county event and it’s been very successful. Lisa Pennington stopped the discussion after 5 minutes and asked people to e-mail comments to her.
- E. **VMEA Adjudication Committee** – We revamped our assessment form to be used at this year’s Festival. The second step for the committee is to have an approved list of adjudicators to use at Festival. They are asking for feedback concerning how to get judges on the list (nominations, training, etc.). This is for consistency across the state. This is to be voted upon in January by the VMEA board. Please read the proposal and offer feedback.
- F. **Advocacy** – Michelle Graham, from Midlothian High School, announced that the Virginia General Assembly passed a bill requiring the “Economics and Personal Finance” class. Delegate Ware proposed legislation to repeal the class. Only two superintendents spoke at the hearing. The bill comes up for appeal again in January but there’s not enough support. Advocacy information will be posted on the VMEA website. Mary Hannah Klontz said they have an advocacy survey on the Arlington school system website.
- G. **Schools/Systems without programs** – It was pointed out that some schools without choral programs have singers who are not able to participate in district/state events due to our By-laws stating all participants must be enrolled in an official choir class. Home Schooled students are able to participate. Lara Brittain suggested that ACDA work with VMEA to sponsor students. Claire Rowan suggested a large choral program could “adopt” a school that doesn’t have a program and umbrella those students.
- H. **Closing Remarks** – Convention survey is already online. Please complete it. Honors Choir concert is at Roper Theater.