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## VCDA INFORMATIONAL PAGE

### SPRING MEETING

Friday, April 24, 2020

## I. Reports

### A. Secretary's Report – Attached

1. Will be approved at the November 2020 Meeting
2. Thank you to Elise Krepcho for preparing the report.

### B. Treasurer's Report – Attached

1. Will be approved at the November 2020 Meeting
2. Explanation of Disbursement –  
-I want to explain the \$7400 disbursement. An honorarium of \$400 went to Sherri Matthews for the recording of the new song in the All-Virginia Audition rotation. The other \$7000 was moved to the All-Virginia account. Prior to the 2020, money was spent on items such as music, medals, certificates, office supplies. This money was moved to ensure that all participants in the All-Virginia Choirs received a full refund for the event.
3. Thank you to Toni Cotturone for preparing the report.

## II. Old Business

### A. Literature Manual Committee - Dana Van Slyke

1. Dana Van Slyke and Corbin Pinto are working on deleting redundancies and developing an online method of submission.

### B. Honors Choir Report - Joe Eveler

1. Honors Choir auditions are currently scheduled for Saturday, October 10th at Longwood University. The audition selection this is, again, "I Attempt From Love's Sickness to Fly" by Henry Purcell. Audition materials are posted on the state website. Paperwork will be posted in August.
2. As we are returning to Norfolk for conference and Honors Choir, teachers will again be asked to serve as both rehearsal monitors and night chaperones. Rooms will be provided for teachers who serve as night chaperones.

3. Our upcoming guest conductors:  
2020 - Dr. Chris Aspaas  
2021 - Dr. Andrea Ramsey  
2022 - Dr. Edith Copley

**C. All-Virginia Chorus 2020**

1. Thank you to the membership for your patience and understanding during this time. We had to make decisions based upon the safety and health of all involved.
2. I will send medals, certificates, and sight-reading music to all schools to give to members of the choirs to provide some consolation to the students. A pdf version of the program will be posted online for the students, parents, and directors.
3. Thank you so much to the Musical Source for your support of this event.

**D. Adjudicator Training - Mike Horanski**

**IX. New Business**

**A. Conference 2020**

1. **November 19-21 in Norfolk, VA**
2. **Headliner is Dr. Jonathan Palant**, Associate Professor and Director of Choral Activities at the University of Texas at Dallas and is founder and conductor of the **Credo Community Choir**. Thank you to the Musical Source for their sponsorship!

**B. All-Virginia Chorus 2021**

1. **Audition Song is “Deep River”**
  - All sheet music and accompaniment tracks are online at <https://vcda.net/index.php/2013-12-10-04-17-46/all-virginia-menu/allva-chorus-audition.html>
  - Thank you to Sherri Matthews for recording the accompaniment tracks
2. **All-Virginia Chorus - April 22-24, 2021 - Richmond, VA**
  - SATB Director - Dr. Paul Head, University of Delaware
  - SSAA Director - Dr. Lynne Gackle, Baylor University

**C. VA-ACDA - Amy Moir, President**

1. Due to the current health crisis, the Voices United conference and honor choirs scheduled for this August are postponed until next summer. We hope to resume the conference August 5-7, 2021. We are planning online accessible presentations for our choral community this August. Please be on the lookout for further information as we develop a temporary and accessible format for this year. Check out the conference website for the most accurate and up-to-date information. [www.acdavoicesunited.org](http://www.acdavoicesunited.org).
2. The next VA-ACDA newsletter will be published mid-May. Past newsletters are accessible on our website, [www.vaacda.org](http://www.vaacda.org), and contain many great articles relating to choral music. If you have any repertoire specific questions, the Repertoire and Resource chairs are listed on the website as well. They are an amazing resource!

## **XI. Closing Remarks & “Passing of the Gavel” - Brian Kelly**

Being VCDA President has been the best professional and personal development of my career and life. As I began my role as the Honors Choir Chairperson, I found myself speaking to educators I only admired from afar. Through these discussions, I learned the traditions and practices that helped build Virginia into the musical powerhouse it is today. With more time and experience, I found myself becoming more comfortable speaking with you, my colleagues. I’ve met some great people working in different situations with incredible ideas and approaches towards teaching. I am so thankful for what I’ve learned and what I have been able to apply to my classroom.

Personally, this has been a really challenging time for me. I’ve learned who I am as a teacher, but more as a person. I want to thank the friends I have had and the friends made over the years for your constant support. The most important lesson I learned is how important family is and how I need to find more balance between work and home. I want to thank my predecessors for paving the road for me.

Visionaries and hard workers like Mike Horanski and Mandi Steele are hard to (continued on next page) Virginia Choral Directors Association Brian Kelly, President 9 (continued from previous page) follow and I hope that I have helped VCDA to be even better. I feel that I have brought more organization to the behind-the-scenes workings of the position of President. Throughout my presidency, I have been in constant contact with our President -Elect, Dana Van Slyke, about what the position requires from month to month so she is in a position to move VCDA into a fresh direction. You are in very capable hands with Dana and I am excited for our organization. I also want to take time to thank the rest of our Executive Board Members, Toni Cotturone, Eliske Krepcho, and Charlotte Smith. Thank you for doing your jobs with efficiency and quality, but more importantly, thank you for your support.

I look forward to getting to know more of you as I step back from leadership roles. Thank you so much for everything. You all are wonderful and I am so very lucky to have served you in this capacity