

VIRGINIA CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

a division of

Virginia Music Educators Association

Lisa Pennington, *President-Elect*

8420 Gaylord Road
Richmond, VA 23229
(804) 740-7077 ext. 3974 Work
(804) 270-4636 Home
lpinning@collegiate-va.org

Jennifer Penserga, *Treasurer*

25944 Priesters Pond Drive
South Riding, VA 20152
(703) 542-2725 Home
(703) 217-2976 Cell
pensergafamily@comcast.net

Sherri A. Matthews, *President*

12431 Poplar Forest Drive
Richmond, VA 23238
(804) 750-2600 Work
(804) 938-1611 Cell
[samathe@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:samatthe@henrico.k12.va.us)

Mandi Townley, *Secretary*

745 Second Street
Christiansburg, VA 24073
(540) 382-5178 Work
(540) 558-8166 Home
mtownley@mcps.org

Lois Castonguay, *Vice-President*

413 Auburn Avenue
Radford, VA 24141
(540) 267-3289 Work
(540) 639-6256 Home
lcastonguay@rcps.org

VCDA BUSINESS MEETING

All-VA Chorus Event – Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner
Friday, April 30, 2009

I. Call to Order

VCDA President, Sherri Matthews, called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.

II. Introduction of Officers

President–Sherri Matthews

Treasurer–Jen Penserga

Vice President–Lois Castonguay

President-Elect–Lisa Pennington

Secretary–Mandi Townley

III. Confirmation of Agenda

Walter Krushinski moved that the agenda be approved as amended. Judi Belzer seconded. Agenda was confirmed.

IV. Review of Motion and Voting

Sherri stated that only members may vote and that motions must be made in writing on the forms which were available.

V. Roll Call by Districts

District	Attendance	Chair	District	Attendance	Chair
I	6	Yes	IX	12	Yes
II	9	Yes	X	7	Yes
III	7	Yes	XI	9	Yes
IV	7	Yes	XII	9	Yes
V	7	Yes	XIII	11	Yes
VI	11	No	XIV	6	Yes
VII	10	No	XV	7	Yes
VIII	7	No	XVI	10	Yes

VIRGINIA CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

a division of

Virginia Music Educators Association

VI. Reports

A. Secretary's Report

Correction to Middle School ACDA Honor Choir Conductor, Chris Aspaas. Lynne Babcock moved for approval. Joe Eveler second. Approved as amended

B. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented by Jen Penserga. The balances are \$45,297.30 in the General Fund, \$15,070.41 in Certificates of Deposit, and a balance of \$9,261.63 in the All-Virginia Fund. The total account balance is \$69,629.34. The report was approved. Event Report summary on back of handout, also on website under Docs tab. Please contact Jen or Vince if there are questions. Communicate if there are extenuating circumstances with Jen and Vince. Jen read list of missing reports.

VII. Old Business

A. Adjudication Committee Report

Revised Festival Adjudication Form been in process for over two years. Michael addressed, stating the committee worked hard and considered input from teachers, district reps, and leadership. Adjudicators need clear rubric to follow, so they can concentrate on choir they're listening too. Charlotte McKee discussed that the new form took a test run at Festivals, and everyone that test drove the form provided positive comments. After brief discussion, the adoption of the form was taken to a vocal vote. Form passed unanimously! Special thanks to Charlotte McKee for hours and hours of work. A question was asked regarding score sheet for show choirs. Robin Duncan will work with Lisa to begin development of Show Choir Form.

B. Bob Stamback Award

Betty Tabor asks for help every year. Please help donate funds. Deadline is later than usual to help us.

C. District Festival Results

Send to Moe, VCDA Pres, and NOTES. Sherri announced that there is a push to make everything same across board regarding festivals. There is a push to add sight-reading as a requirement for District Choral Festival. Sherri explained options of using sight-reading as score or not using sight reading score, and that the option may affect Blue Ribbon Award Eligibility. If you have strong opinions, please communicate with your District Rep so that they can advocate for your District's needs and wants at State Meeting. Michael recommended that if you offer complaint, then you should also offer a suggestion to make it easier for leadership to move organization forward. Nasty emails and words do not solve problems. Be cautious before sending angry emails. VMEA does want to listen, but words should be presented professionally.

D. All Virginia Audition Piece

Sherri spoke for Lynne. The Audition piece will be chosen by the end of the school year. Tommy Tutweiler will replace Stephen Sieck on the committee. Philip Keirsted will create tracks to upload on website. The wait time on sight reading auditions is left up to each district.

VIRGINIA CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

a division of

Virginia Music Educators Association

E. Sight Reading Guidelines

To prevent issues with future sight reading examples for All-Virginia Chorus auditions, the Sight Reading guidelines will be amended to state that "Examples will start and end on low Do." Samples on website should follow guidelines and match the level of the sight reading selection. Once the sight reading sent, it can not be changed and **MUST** be used! The audition selection can NOT be removed if someone has already sight read the selection, in order to be fair to all students. All elements stated in guidelines should be in all samples. Question- can Masterworks recommend purchases that would help prepare, such as a book or method? Sherri will work to having good samples that match all rules and elements and will post online. Remember, this is a new process, and we are still working to improve.

F. Honors Choir

Mandi confirmed that auditions will be held October 2, 2009 at Longwood University in Farmville. SATs are scheduled for October 9. The audition piece will be "If Music Be the Food of Love." Handout discussing audition revisions was handed out and will be uploaded to website.

Terry addressed the event at the Sheraton this year. Final Performance will be at the Historic Roper Theatre instead of in ballroom at Sheraton. We are working to handle transportation issues that will be created by change in venue. Dr. Keith Hampton will conduct. Submit names for Stamback Award!! He also asked for chaperones and monitors. Terry's site will be disabled and all information will be posted on VMEA website. Please email Terry with questions. Questions regarding tempos and live accompanists were answered, and it was reiterated that sight-reading is written by a neutral party that has no connection to students or teachers.

Sherri discussed a few issues/problems of having event in hotel. She thanked Elaine and Lynne for saving risers and sound shells.

G. All Virginia Chorus 2011

- 1. Salem High School, Virginia Beach: Don Krudop, host**
- 2. April 28 – April 30, 2011**
- 3. SATB Director: Dr. Joe Miller, Westminster Choir College**
- 4. SSAA Director: Dr. Rollo Dilworth, Boyer College of Music**

H. Literature Manual Committee

Lisa stated that the committee held their shortest meeting ever this weekend. The committee added 17 pieces to our manual, including current all VA music and MS honors music. As of July 1, send music to Lynne. Submissions can be hand delivered by 4pm on Thursday at conference. Thanks to Megan Cartwright for submission form. Appeal form is also online. Please send photocopy with no staples or paperclips.

VIII. New Business

A. Missing Event Reports

Handled earlier by Jen. Thanks to reps that turned in all All VA forms with correct signatures. Sherri discussed that there is a concern that form is not signed correctly at time of auditions. Student should not be permitted to audition without correct signatures. PLEASE make sure that forms are signed completely

VIRGINIA CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

a division of

Virginia Music Educators Association

and correctly, or that student is not permitted to audition. Question regarding the need for 2 parent signatures: Both are required for legal reasons, one is medical, one is permission. Mandi will look into adding a line at the bottom of the form for parents to print names for legibility. Assistant Principals can sign for Principals. Please watch the "if no insurance" line and check if applicable.

B Performing Group Applications: Due May 15, 2010 to Lynne Babcock

Postmark on May 15. SUBMIT groups!! We like all types of choirs. It is a great opportunity to learn from each other!

C. ACDA report

Patrick Walders, president of ACDA VA discussed Summer Conference. Featuring famed conductors Rodney Eichenberger, Rodney Freer, Karen Kennedy, and many others. Please check website for full details. There are 10 free memberships, available for NEW members, eligible by nomination.

D. Steve King: VMEA Government Relations Chair

Steve requested that everyone read the full report in Notes regarding legal issues facing our profession. Look for full report in Notes, and please read every word about this important issue. We're all aware of personal finance requirements from DOE, but they are not REQUIRED until July 2011. We have time to work for repeal, or work to incorporate the concepts into other classes that already exist. 2. Bill about incorporating personal finance into existing CTE classes was tabled until next general session. We (VMEA) made an impact...keep contacting delegates and representatives. We MUST communicate the message that personal finance IS important, but not at the expense of fine arts. Do research and talk to people! 3. State School Board is tracking fees and charges from schools. Schools may charge fees for: deposits for musical instruments, not required for instructional activities. Have suggested revision: schools may charge fees for REQUIRED musical instruments. Public hearings will be held on regulations. Please go speak up and help out. VMEA will provide dates and times of meetings and sessions. Show up, turn out, teachers, students, parents, etc. CTE teachers had 500 people show up for their meetings. MUST think like Music Educators, not separate choir, band, elementary, theatre, dance, etc. 4. Be an ADVOCATE ALL the TIME!!

E. Closing Remarks

Sherri announced that we'll observe moment of silence at the concert for directors that have passed away. Terry announced his retirement as head of Honors Choir, 2010 will be his last event; Brian Kelly will take over.

Sherri thanked everyone and state that "The coolest thing about being an officer is meeting WONDERFUL people." She passed the gavel to Lisa Pennington. Lisa thanked Sherri for her service!! Meeting adjourned at 5:26pm.