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VCDA BUSINESS MEETING

All Virginia Chorus – Richmond, VA

Friday, April 6, 2018

I. **Call to Order**

Mandi Steele called meeting to order at 1:30pm.

II. **Introduction of Officers**

Treasurers report is provided on back table as

III. **Confirmation of Agenda**

IV. **Review of Motion and Voting**

Charlotte directed attention to forms for making motions

V. **Roll Call by Districts**

* indicates that District rep was present at meeting.

District 1: 10 present *

District 2: 8 present *

District 3: 10 Present

District 4: 8 present

District 5: 7 present *

District 6: 9 present*

District 7: 14 present *

District 8: 7 present *

District 9: 6 present *

District 10: 7 present *

District 11: 8 preset *

District 12: 3 present

District13: 9 present *

District 14: 7 present

District 15: 7 present *

District 16: 8 present *

VI. **Reports**

A. Secretary's Report – no additions or corrections

B. Treasurer's Report- Treasurer's report was submitted in writing, not additions or corrections.

VII. **Old Business**

A. VCDA Website – Please send District Audition and event Handbooks for posting

- Mandi asked that directors submit their processes for district auditions and events per district via

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website. Assessment procedure not needed at this time.

- B. ACDA Middle School Honors Choir Report –
 - Ms. Moyer shared about how the MS event is going and after the event, the directors will convene to talk about what went well and what could be improved.
- C. All-Virginia Chorus 2019 and beyond- Combined Event with VBODA - Update – Mike Horanski
- Mike thanked directors for encouraging emails; and addressed that there are improvements that need to be made i.e. - timing of spring break. Opened the floor to questions:
 - A question was asked about when directors would be able to share feedback on the event. Mike said a survey would be sent out to obtain feedback from directors
 - A question was asked about the cost- if it would be the same in the following years. Mike commented on the sponsors covering the cost of the concert, and that the goal is to make the cost per student less expensive. The goal is to raise more funds to bring the total cost of the event down.
 - There was a question about the All VA Chorus auditions vs all band auditions. Excess band fees from auditions are able to be used to the student. Could we charge more money for auditions and use excess to help pay for All VA Registration fees? Charlotte explained that that is a motion that could be made and brought to VMEA for council review.
 - A comment about parking has was raised- each parking facility is owned and operated under different companies so it's not certain that the parking cost issue can be resolved. Convention parking is only \$7 per day (3rd & Marshall)
- All-Virginia Chorus 2019
 - Richmond, VA
 - April 4-6, 2019
 - SSAA director: **Pearl Shangkuan**, Calvin College
 - SATB director: **Allen Hightower**, University of North Texas
- D. **All-Virginia Chorus Audition Rotation and Committee – Lynne Babcock**
 - Current Rotation:
 - “Whither Must I Wander” (2018-19)
 - “Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind” (2019-2020)
 - “Where'er You Walk” (2020-21)
 - “She Walks in Beauty” (2021-22)
- E. Adjudicator Training – Mike Horanski
 - Training will be offered on the Wednesday evening before VMEA conference. If time allows at All VA event next year, training will be offered.
- F. ACDA Voices United Conference –
 - George Mason University- Aug 2- 4th. Registration is open and headliner is Deke Sharon.
- G. Honors Choir Update – Joe Eveler
 - Auditions October 13th at Longwood University- Jeremy Craft chairperson- If Music Be the Food of Love.
 - Conductor 2018 - Elena Sharkova
 - Students will be housed at the Holiday Inn- Parent chaperones will be heavily relied upon for transportation with NafME card and letter from principal giving permission as official chaperone
 - Conductor 2019 - Dr. Andre Thomas
- H. VMEA Website- Calendar page
 - Mandi encouraged directors to utilize the website for information, contacts, forms and etc.

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VIII. **New Business**

- A. Assessment Sight Reading Changes for 2018-2019
 - Proposed changes for sight reading assessment passed. Sight Reading factory will be updated with new standards and procedures.
- B. Conference- consider performance application, due April 28, 2018.
 - Mandi encouraged directors to audition to perform at conference.

IX. **Open Agenda & Closing Remarks – Mandi Steele**

- A question about SSAA certificates not being available. Brian Kelly shared that certificates are being signed and given out to students on Saturday.
- Commitment form- take off the word “Attached” if we want the commitment form to be double sided.
- Verbiage of 2/3 vote- anything dealing with by-laws or constitutional needs a 2/3 vote, but Charlotte explained only a majority vote was needed for any procedural changes.
- Could Sight Reading factory person create practice examples that look exactly like what will be at assessment.
- Is sight reading committee still active? Questions about procedure should have been submitted to the committee.
- Mandi mentioned the two board members who are leaving board: Jeremy Craft & Mike Horanski. Mandi thanked directors for their cooperation and positive attitudes during the All VA weekend. Brian Kelly thanked Mandi for her work and diligence.

Lynne Babcock moved to close meeting, Pat Vaughn seconded

Meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm

Respectfully submitted by Elise Krepcho