

SCMEA Orchestra Division
February 24, 2007

Sarah Fitzgerald, orchestra division president, brought the meeting to order at 2:00pm in Greenville, SC at the Greenville Fine Arts Academy.

Greetings

- Thank you to Melissa Martin, Ginger Greer, and Chris Corde for organizing All-State. Thank you to John Ravnar and James Johnston for the use of the beautiful facility. Thank you to Paul Buyer for the programs and Brian Gencarelli for the conductors.

Officer Reports

- *Approval of Minutes (Amy Strahm)*: Sandy Goldie motioned to accept the minutes. Johanna Pollock seconded.
- *Treasurer's Report (Sharon Doyle)*: (Paul Buyer) There are no All State bills paid at this time. We currently have \$46,436.26. Make sure you thank Sharon for all that she does for us. Her job responsibilities have increased with her job outside of the orchestra world. Perhaps her job could be modified and addressed by the board. Still, we owe her a big debt.
- *All State (Melissa Martin)*: A special thanks to all those who helped put All-State together. A list of proposed All-State conductors was put on a white board. New nominees were read out loud. A suggestion was made to continue the tradition of commissioning a work for one of our ensembles. This work could be rotated throughout the different groups each year. We also need to decide if we want the work to be for full orchestra or string orchestra. Our conductors for the 2008 All-State will be:
 - Commissioned Work: (1) William Holfeldt (2) Shirl J Atwell
 - 6-8 Orchestra: (1) Bob Phillips (2) Bob Gillespie (3) Andrew Dabczynski (4) Peter Boonshaft
 - 9-10 Orchestra: (1) Peter Boonshaft (2) Bob Gillespie (3) Ton Joiner
 - 11-12 Orchestra: (1) Ton Joiner (2) Bob Gillespie (3) Peter Boonshaft (4) Dale Clevenger

We need a local chairperson for All-State in Clemson: David Warlick

- *Concert Festival (Ginger Greer)*: She needs to see the chair people for all the needed items for concert festival. There is a request for 2 different sight-reading pieces. Write it down for Ginger. She would like to close the rosters at this point. Charis Burger would like your e-mail addresses on the form. We would like the deadline moved back.
 - Region One: Charis Burger, Fernwood Baptist Church, Mar. 29-30
 - Region Two: Anne Matthews, Greenville HS, Mar. 22-23
 - Region Three: Chris Corde, Blythewood HS, Mar. 29-30

Region Four: Adrienne Wells, Berkeley County, Daniel Island MS, Mar
29-30 after school hours only

- *Solo and Ensemble (Christine Hallett)*: She sent out example of the adjudication forms. Thanks to Chris Selby for work on these.
Pickens, Oconee, Anderson: Joyce Parvin, Oconee, March 16-17
Florence/Charleston: Rosa Kelly
Greenville: Kathy Robinson, Hughes Academy, Greenville, May 4-5
Lexington 1&2: Johanna Pollock, Lexington, May 4-5
Lexington 5: Colleen Marcou, Irmo HS, May 4-5
Myrtle Beach: Lynn Auman, Myrtle Beach HS, May 4-5
Richland 1&2: Becky Leonard, Kelly Mill MS, May 4-5
Spartanburg 2: Tammy Burrows, Site ?
Spartanburg 5,6: Ann Buttimer, Dorman HS, May 4-5
Spartanburg 7: Brad Stewart, Spartanburg HS, March 2-3
Spartanburg 1: Chester HS?
- *Region Orchestra (Johanna Pollock)*: Local Chairs: She needs to know if you want the second or third week in March. If you have people you want to put on the conductor list please see Johanna. Contact your conductors ASAP. This should be done before the end of the school year.
Region One: Audition: Dorman High School, Susan Baier, Performance: Norman Neff, Boiling Springs JH
Region Two: Audition: Sara Rose, Performance: Brian Gencarelli
Region Three: Audition: Collen Marcou, Irmo, Performance: Johanna Pollock, Conductors: Verita Kennedy, Pan Tellejohn -Hayes
Region Four: Audition: Sarah Fitzgerald, Charleston Fine Arts, Performance: Dominique Geer, Hilton Head, Conductors: Manny Alvarez, Alison Mann

New Business

- There was no discussion about the proposed absentee ballot at convention. The second reading was made by Amy Strahm:

When a vote will be held at an orchestra division meeting, members in good standing will be allowed to request an absentee ballot, giving all members an opportunity to cast a ballot. The absentee ballot request must be submitted to the division president no later than 3 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting. The completed absentee ballot shall be returned to the division president no later than one week prior to the meeting in order to be counted in the final vote.

Discussion:

Paul Buyer: What kind of vote is this for? We need to define the level of vote.

Norman Neff: You could send a proxy to the meeting.

Paul Buyer: The website could be used; we still need define what it is for.

Sandy Goldie: This vote would be for the person who cares enough about an issue to take action to make their vote counted.

Susan Bairt: We need to adjust the reading to specify handbook changes.

Paul: Will this be effective at the next reading?

Catherine: The reason this was introduced was because of the votes on All-State. There were many who were at the meetings for the first two readings, but were not at the third meeting for the vote to be a voice for the membership. The wording can include that there is a right of a member to cast a vote. This reading is for a handbook change.

Martha Bronze: The minutes need to be put online quicker.

- Ginger Greer: The storage area for large instruments is below McAlister Auditorium at Furman. If you need Bowfire tickets Ginger needs to know. Your students can attend the party at Harper Hall instead of Bowfire. There will be chaperones at the party. Go into the Furman building through McAlister. Tomorrow afternoon, right before the concert, there are 2 orchestras meeting. All students need to be in Daniel Recital Hall or in McAlister Auditorium. No food in the halls. There is no admission for the performance. It is easiest for the groups to wait in Daniel recital hall until their group performs. Volunteers are needed for program folding. The concert will begin at 2pm and should be over at 4pm.
- Chris Selby: Thank you to Sarah Fitzgerald for all of her hard work as president. She was presented a plaque.

Respectfully Submitted:

Amy E. Strahm