

SCMEA Orchestra Division  
February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Clemson University

Meeting Called to order at 3:45pm at Clemson University in Clemson, SC.

**I. Announcements and Welcome**

Thank you to all who have made this weekend possible: Brian Gencarelli and Partick Murch, Chris Corde, Andrew Levin, the Pickens Orchestra Staff and Clemson University.

Please sign the attendance roster. If you would like to nominate a guest conductor please check the website and check the information with the roster going around.

Richard Wagner, Musical International High School Exchange Students, spoke about bringing music foreign exchange students to South Carolina. He is looking for host families. An international student spoke on behalf of the program.

The tentative calendar is posted on the SCMEA.net website and if you see a conflict, please get these concerns to the board by September.

**Officer's Reports:**

**II. Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes were approved.

**Treasurers Report, Sharon Doyle**

The current balance is \$45435.94. Conference cost \$13,015 (excluding presenter's sponsorship.)

**Conference, Marsha Gross**

The conference went well. Sarah Fitzgerald, Matt Peebles and Paul Buyer, and Jeff Kuntz and Helen Tipton conducted great performances. The conference hosted many great events.

**Concert Festival, Chris Selby**

John K is picking up trophies for region 1. Please contact the number on the back of the plate on the trophies if there is a problem.

Region 1 does not have information about Concert Festival-Meeting at 7:05 to discuss the event.

Region 1: Greater Spartanburg Area

Dates: March 23-25, 2011

Location: Chapman High School, P. O. Box 389, 1420 Compton Bridge Rd.,

Inman, SC 29349

Local Chairperson: Tami King

Contact Info: [tamara.king@gw.spartanburg1.k12.sc.us](mailto:tamara.king@gw.spartanburg1.k12.sc.us) or (864) 472-2836

Region 2: Greater Greenville Area  
Dates: March 17-18, 2011  
Location: Greenville High School, Address??  
Local Chairperson: James Johnston,  
Contact Info: [jjohnsto@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:jjohnsto@greenville.k12.sc.us) or 864 355-5473, cell is 864-593-8454.

Region 3: Midlands Area  
Dates: March 24-26, 2011  
Location: Keenan High School, 361 Pisgah Church Road, Columbia, SC 29203  
Local Chairperson: Christopher Selby  
Contact Info: [cselby@richland2.org](mailto:cselby@richland2.org) (803) 699-3500 ext. 69825

Region 4: Low Country and Coastal Areas  
Dates: March 24th, 2011  
Location: Myrtle Beach High School, 3302 Robert Grissom Pkwy. Myrtle Beach SC 29577  
Local Chairperson: Lynn Auman  
Contact Info: [lauman@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:lauman@horrycountyschools.net) 843-448-7149 or 843-448-3932 X 53203.

### **Solo and Ensemble, Christine Hallett**

The new deadline is March 4<sup>th</sup> for Solo and Ensemble. There is a \$25 late fee. Use the Excel Form to complete the registration process. Christine will take the money this weekend. All events are \$5. Sight Chairs will be sent information shortly. Medals and certificates are here at the center and they can be picked up after the meeting.

### **Region Orchestra, Phillip Pagal**

Thank you to the Region chairs and hosts.

For next year

Region 1-Audition: Susan Baier at Dorman, Performance: TBA

Region 2- Audition: Heidi McKee, Oconee, Performance: Anderson University, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>

Region 3- Audition: Colleen Marcou at Irmo, Performance: Johanna Pollock Lexington High

Region 4- Audition: Paul Buyer at Fort Dorchester, Performance: School of the Arts, Sarah Fitzgerald

Guest conductor list-it will be given to Sarah Fitzgerald to put on the website. Philip Pagal will create a guest conductor nomination form.

If you are new to an audition or performance sight, there are files for assistance.

[ppagal@richland2.org](mailto:ppagal@richland2.org)

For region chairs, get CDs and a list of programs for the archives. We are creating a database of pieces and conductors. We would like to get on the website a bio. and picture of possible conductors for region.

### **All-State Auditions, Paul Buyer**

Paul Buyer passed out excerpts for next year. We are not here to educate, we are here to evaluate. When we do the auditions for Region and All-State, it is vitally important

to read the directions and understand the grading process. In January, when we have our meeting, the people that are captains are in charge of the room. Parents cannot be a part of the auditions. Parents should not be involved in our conversations.

Rosa Kelly-We should not put too much information available to the general public on the web. It is our responsibility to maintain our professionalism. The students ID numbers were there on the website. The students should not know what we are judging.

Sarah Fitzgerald asked what was posted.

Rosa Kelly said that her position was on the website.

Brian stated that Paul sent out an e-mail with names and audition numbers.

Paul stated it was a mistake that will be fixed for next year.

Jeff Kuntz stated that he knew his student's viola time, but the time is not exact. He just does not want the monitor to say, "this is your 1:40 time."

Amy Strahm-we are trying to work this all out. Please e-mail Paul Buyer with concerns.

### **All-State-Brian Gencarelli**

Thank you for your help with the weekend. There are some kinks in the works and they could not be helped. Thank you for being flexible.

We hope all received the e-mail last week with the ballot and information on conductors. If you are not receiving information, please contact the All-State Chair.

Those of you that did not get the information, please look over the bios. Indicate your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice. We had to go to our 3<sup>rd</sup> choice on the 6-8 conductors this year.

We have to break down the Palmetto Ball room tonight and could use some help.

### **All-State Winds and Brass, Chris Corde**

Everything is going well.

### **All-State Solo, Johanna Pollock**

The survey for the All-State Soloist was split 50/50 so it was decided to keep the soloist for the 11/12 Orchestra. Brian Gencarelli - Are we going to move the audition date earlier for the concerto?

Strahm-I will get with Johanna and set the date.

Chris Corde-If you have a student that would like to audition, please tell them that they will be auditioning 6 months earlier.

Christian Williams-What if the student auditioning does not make All-State?

Paul Buyer-Do we really want to make these changes to effect next year?

Strahm-We need to make this move now to have time to get the music.

### **Website Manager, Sarah Fitzgerald**

The Charleston String Project is on the chopping block. Sarah has built a [Save our Strings](#) Website. All arts are banding together in Charleston to save the program. Parents are getting involved and there is hope. Let Sarah know if you can help.

### **New Business:**

## **Music Advocacy, Sharon Doyle**

Ammunition to brag: We were ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation for teacher quality based on 2009 data. We have perfect marks for teacher support and school account ability. We are 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation for graduation, 71% of our kids are going onto college (much higher than the national average). We rank 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation on national boards. We are showing progress while the other states are going backwards. We should be proud.

Thank you to Sheheen and Williams in committee, they propose if schools do not have enough money, they cannot let go of a teacher due to this financial issue. We need to be at the state department when they vote. May is when they will start making financial decisions.

Angela Rex is representing ASTA and spoke on their behalf. Elections were held for various ASTA awards.

### **Old Business:**

As a result of the meeting at convention and discussions with Chris Selby, Rex Conner withdraws his proposal.

Amy Strahm mentioned the video made by the 100% club. Please watch it at SCMEA.net online. Please join the 100% club if you have not done so already. We have our SCMEA forum; please check this online to help teachers that need assistance.

Sponsorship-please make sure you check your calendar to make sure you are available to attend events and if you are not able to attend, please let us know in the September meeting.

Students auditioning for state sponsored events need to understand if they drop out of the event they are not eligible for next year's SCMEA sponsored events. They are required to attend the event unless they are sick or there is an emergency approved by the board.

Coming up on electing officers:

President: Marsha Gross

President Elect: Colleen Marcou

Past President: Johanna Pollock

All-State: Kathy Perry

All-State Audition: Paul Buyer

Region: Phillip Pagal

Secretary: Jennifer Diehn

Concert Festival: Chris Selby

Solo and Ensemble: Christine Hallett

Members At Large: Susan Baier and Christi Lewis

These positions will be voted upon at All-State.

These officers have been elected.

A motion was made from John K. to adjourn and Colleen Marcou 2nd.