

**Orchestra Division Meeting**  
**Irmo High School**  
**Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**2:08pm**

**Welcome**

**Attendance:** Please sign in.

**New Teachers:**

**Anderson 1:** Josh Miller

**Anderson 5:** Adelle Durant

**Richland 1:** Ashley Gresko-Dreher High, Katie Miller-Lower Richland High, and Laurie Gittinger-Hopkins Middle.

**Richland 2:** Mark Mooning, Chris Miller and Janine Parnell-Spring Valley High School.

Sarah Fitzgerald introduced new teachers: Dr. Chris Selby and Margaret Selby

Paul Buyer introduced Kim Gi

Colleen Marcou introduced Johann Moscara and Jamie Lynn

ASTA Presentation: Janice Hutton is the incoming President from ASTA. Teresa Russ was awarded a plaque for her past presidency of ASTA.

Sylvia Howell and the Lake Murray Symphony Community Orchestra spoke about the group and invited everyone to join.

Phillip Pagal gave information about the Lake Murray Symphony Orchestra offering a solo student competition.

If you have a youth orchestra in your area, please let Sarah Fitzgerald know.

**Approval of Minutes, Jennifer Diehn:**

Angela Rex approved the minutes Dottie Hamlin 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report, Sharon Doyle:**

We are in good shape and do not need to raise fees. We are close to having our \$60,000 goal. This is the amount to sustain a year if something happens. If a site person does not submit receipts in a timely manner, the bills do not get paid. The event is NOT over until Sharon receives the bills. Please submit reports to your chair within TWO WEEKS of the event. Everything must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup>. We have done a much better job with P.O.s. Please put your name on the P.O. so Sharon knows to whom to invoice. Please try to use a yearlong P.O. Receipts are required to be reimbursed. The voucher forms, we can still use as a non-profit. You need two signatures, someone else who is an SCMEA member and the person who authorizes as the second signature.

Paul Buyer moved to approve budget and Kathy Perry 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Convention, Colleen Marcou:**

Cario Middle School Orchestra, under the direction of Pamala Hine and Dawkins Middle School Orchestra, under the direction of Jennifer Diehn will perform at the convention.

We will have Boonshaft and Soon He Newbold as presenters this year.

**Concert Festival, Chris Selby:**

We need more communication in the region.

We need to start planning a year ahead of time. Please consider having a region meeting.

Chris really wants to hear from you about how you think the conference is going. You have an opportunity to really speak, by phone or e-mail [christopher\\_selby@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:christopher_selby@charleston.k12.sc.us) Our state conference will be moving to Columbia in 2015.

Please contact Chris if you would like to suggest a session for the ASTA Conference in Rhode Island.

#### CONCERT FESTIVAL

Region 1: Greater Spartanburg Area

Dates: March 20-22, 2013

Location: Chapman High School, P. O. Box 389, 1420 Compton Bridge Rd., Inman, SC 29349

Local Chairperson: Jeff Kuntz

Region 2: Greater Greenville Area

Dates: March 14-15, 2013

Location: North Greenville University

Local Chairperson: Brian Gencarelli

Contact Info: bgencare@greenville.k12.sc.us <mailto:bgencare@greenville.k12.sc.us>

Region 3: Midlands Area

Dates: March 21-23, 2013

Location: Keenan High School, 361 Pisgah Church Road, Columbia, SC 29203

Local Chairperson: Chris Corde

Contact Info: ccorde@richland2.org <mailto:ccorde@richland2.org>, 803-361-5127

Region 4: Low Country and Coastal Areas

Dates: March 21-22, 2013

Location: Cane Bay High School, 1624 State Road Summerville, SC 29483

Local Chairperson: Linda Versprille, 5824 Stewart St. Hanahan, SC 29410

Contact Info: verspril@berkeley.k12.sc.us, (843) 670-2325

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

Christine's e-mail has not changed. Solo and Ensemble went well.

Make sure your check or P.O. with the cover letter is submitted on time. There will be a \$25 charge if the payment is postmarked past April 8<sup>th</sup>. Please don't type on the purple section on the form online because it throws off the numbers when submitted.

Site	Date	Site Chair	Location
Anderson	May 3-4	Candace Henry	Palmetto HS
Charleston	May 4	Rhonda Arnold	Fort Dorchester HS
Hartsville	May 3-4	Rosa Kelly	Thornwell SOA
Lexington 1-2	?	Susan Cafferty?	Pleasant Hill MS
Myrtle Beach	May 4	Lynn Auman	Myrtle Beach MS
Pickens/Oconee	April 26 -27	Joyce Parvin	Seneca MS
Richland 1-2, Lexington 5	May 3-4	Brian McCants	Kelly Hill Middle
Spartanburg 1-7	April 26 -27	Helen Tipton	Spartanburg HS
Greenville	April 26	Susan Wines	Ralph Chandler MS
Greenville	May 3	Ginger Greer	Riverside Middle

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

Make sure paperwork is turned in on time. There is a budget for the region chairs. There is a guest conductor list: [scmeaconductorslist.weebly.com](http://scmeaconductorslist.weebly.com) You can upload pictures and conductor information.

Rosa asked the question about what regions do if a child cannot audition on the date of region auditions? District one still tapes auditions on the Friday before to the audition site and they are recorded and listened to by the judges on the day of auditions. Paul Buyer wants to make it so that if a student is not able to audition on the day of the audition, the student needs to contact the region head to meet their accommodation. The taping has to be before the event. Jeff Kuntz reminded everyone that the state swim meet is often on the same day as auditions for region and auditioning this way makes is fair.

Colleen Marcou does not agree with taping the audition. Angela Rex stated that it is unfair that students on Friday learn the scale and it leaks out. Susan Bair stated it is not difficult to accommodate by taping. To Susan, it is an advantage to tape to finish auditions by 4. Marsha stated we need to include as many students as we can. Rosa wanted to remind everyone that we took our positions for the children and we need to allow as many students to audition that want to do so.

Chris Selby stated that we need to put this in writing as a proposal. We don't want to change someone's position (Region Chair) midstream of their involvement.

Jeff Kuntz stated it should not be a state decision about taping because regions work independently. Dottie Hamlin stated that even if it is voted upon, if one group does not tape and others do the group that does not will take the heat.

Mary Lee Taylor stated region does affect All-State.

Johanna Polluck-I have already told my students they must choose.

Laurie Gettenger-Why do the region chairs not know about the taping?

Sarah Fitzgerald-I thought we went to totally live auditions.

Chris Selby-Please put your concerns in writing and do the readings in the proper manner. Let's table the motion.

Dottie Hamlin motioned and Angela Rex 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Jeff Kuntz-Due to a change in the region dates; students were affected and can now not audition.

**All-State Orchestra, Kathy Perry, Patrick Murch:**

All-State will be held Feb. 22-24<sup>th</sup> at the Kroger Center and Jenny Mann is sight chair. Names of the conductors are on web site.

Patrick Murch is stepping down as music chair due to becoming a full time student.

Johanna Pollock: Auditions will take place t at Lexington High School. There will be babysitting services. Please read directions on how to enter the building. Auditions are the second weekend in January.

**All-State Winds, Brass and Percussion, Chris Corde:**

If there is a band program at your school, and those students are All-State caliber, please let Chris know. Check the band link.

**All-State Auditions, Paul Buyer**

**Region Online Registration**

On-line registration is now open on the web-site and will remain open until Friday at 11:59pm. Make sure you mail your hardcopy. Home school, if you have not set up a studio, please contact Paul. Sponsorship rules are clearly stated. Registration, username Teacher and password, orchestra are the same. Please select your school sight first, click on the name and please make changes and save. Click your information, search for your name and edit your information, then click save. Now you can add students. We had serious issues with students with wrong levels and wrong instruments. Please double check your information. When you send your print out send just the sponsor form, verification form, and one check.

There are concerns about the form for Region and All-State and the lack of a parent signature.

Paul Buyer- I am making a proposal to go back to three octave scales for senior high auditions. We also need to limit how high the scales go. Paul is putting this out for discussion at a later time. Paul also wants to limit the amount scales and mix them up.

**New Business:**

It has been a nightmare to transfer the calendar. Marsha proposes that we submit calendars two years in advance. Regions need to get together and offer dates for Concert Festival, Solo and Ensemble, and Region. This needs to be submitted to the board of SCMEA.

Helen Tipton-can we have the name of the region chairs.

Philip P.-stated he will send e-mails asking the region chairs to communicate.

By the next meeting, Marsha would like dates two years in advance.

Jeff Kuntz-Can we have a date set when dates are set for the year?

Angela Rex-Can we move our SCMEA date meeting earlier in May? Chris Selby said yes we can set dates earlier. Chris will work on getting the next two years posted.

Marsha-We will have tweaks.

John K-How do we fix the tweaks? John made a suggestion to give tweaks to the region chairs.

Chris Selby.-We just changed the Region Chair's job description by making them in charge of the calendar.

Marsha G.-We changed region to two different dates so we can use each other as clinicians.

Please check out [accepted.com](http://accepted.com)-please explore it.

Winner of the free hotel for new teachers: Jennie Nelson

John K motioned to adjourn and Dottie H. 2<sup>nd</sup>.