

SCMEA Orchestra Division
Business Meeting
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
Saturday, February 7, 2015

Welcome

Meeting called to order, 2:58PM

Attendance

Please sign in, information still needed for database

Announcements

Andrew Price – USC Double Bass Conference.

For more information please visit <http://web.sa.sc.edu/doublebass>

Officer's Report

Approval of Minutes, Allison Key

Minutes from the September 6th, 2014 meeting will be corrected and reviewed again for official approval at the All-State meeting.

Treasurer's Report, Sharon Doyle

Current Balance as of 2/3/15: \$64,629.42

We must now reconcile with another treasurer. Patty Foy and Sharon are reconciling each other's reports and we are in balance since August. W9's were sent on the 23rd of January. You should get them this week. Any work for over \$600 you will get a W9. Reimbursements is not a paycheck. Keep up with your travel!

Conference, Margaret Selby

Exciting to move to new facility. Learned a lot and will improve for next year. New opportunity for performances. Exhibit hall is bigger. More people heard our kids. More sessions were offered. Great clinicians and lots of positive feedback. GREAT conference!

All-State, Kathy Perry

All-State is at River Bluff High School, Genny Nelson

6-8 Conductor, Gail Barnes

9-10 Conductor, Bryan Buffaloe

11-12 Conductor, Dale Clevenger

All-State 2016 will be at Dorman High School, Susan Baier

6-8 Conductor, Charles Laux

9-10 Conductor, James Palmer

11-12 Conductor, Bob McChashin

All-State 2017 will be in the low county. Ginger Greer got car on loan from BMW. Ken Pruitt will chauffeur. Christian Williams is doing the programs. Making duties list and will post to the website.

All-State Winds, Chris Corde

We have all students for both orchestras. Students and directors are very interested. Band directors really want their kids to be involved.

Concert Festival, Ginger Greer

189 groups! Region chairs will send schedules soon. It is too late to register. There are two outstanding fess still not paid. PLEASE pay. Christian Williams has composed original works for sight-reading.

Two pieces for grade level 1 and 2. Grade 3 will be purchased.

Next year Genny Nelson and Ken Pruitt will be taking over concert festival.

Region	Chair	Location	Date
1 Upstate East	Tami King tamara.king@spart1.org	Chapman High School	March 25-27
2 Upstate West	Mike Weaver michael.weaver@ngu.edu Brian Gencarelli bgencare@greenvilleschools.us	North Greenville University	March 12-13
3 Midlands (MS)	Ken Pruitt kpruitt@lexington1.net	Pelion MS Fine Arts Center	March 11-12
3 Midlands (HS)	Ken Pruitt kpruitt@lexington1.net	Keenan High School	March 20-21
4 Low country (Charleston)	Paul Buyer pbuyer@dorchester2.k12.sc.us	Ashley Ridge High School	March 19-20
4 Low country (Myrtle Beach)	Matt Speer MSpeer@horrycountyschools.net	Aynor High School	March 19-21

Solo & Ensemble, Tammie Burrows

March 18th is postmark deadline. \$20 late fee after March 18th. Please get it in on time. \$5 fee per kid, per event. Anything postmark after March 25th will be sent back.

Added site in Laurens with Brandon Leonard

Site	Date	Site Chair	Location
Anderson	May 1-2	Candace Henry	Palmetto HS
Charleston	April 24-25	Rhonda Arnold	Fort Dorchester HS
Greenville site 1	April 24	Susan Wines	Ralph Chandler MS
Greenville site 2	May 14	Ginger Greer	Riverside MS
Laurens	April 28	Brandon Leonard	Laurens District HS
Lexington 1-2	April 24-25	Susan Cafferty	Pleasant Hill MS
Myrtle Beach	May 2	Elizabeth Sullivan	Myrtle Beach MS
Pickens/Oconee	April 25	Joyce Parvin	Seneca MS
Richland 1-2, Lexington 5	May 1-2	Brian McCants	Dreher HS
Spartanburg site 1	April 25	Tammie Burrows	Chesnee HS
Spartanburg site 2	May 1-2	Helen Tipton	Spartanburg HS

Region & All-State, Paul Buyer

1st time around in new place. Thanks to Sharon.

Thank you to the site chairs for taking care of region 1, 2, and 3. Suggestions for operations of All-State and Region please see region chairs for 1, 2, and 3. Region 4 please see Paul.

Website had bug – it's being taken care of.

In handout is the proposed audition material. We will discuss at All-State. Please scratch through 11/12 violin and viola. They have been replaced. Went to Bach book and found something more musical and technically challenging. 9-10 and 6-8 orchestra can all be practiced in class. 11-12 viola, cello, and bass have same solo. 9-10 fixed bass to help with positions. 11-12 etudes are different. Can't do Smart Music because of public domain. Finale people are interested in seeing this.

Region Orchestra, Phillip Pagal

Region 3 please vote on ballot. Everyone, please ask your conductors right away to get who you want and let me know soon.

	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4
Audition Date	October 3, 2015	October 3, 2015	October 3, 2015	October 3, 2015
Audition Site	Dorman HS	League Academy	Crossroads MS	Ft. Dorchester HS
Audition Address	1050 Cavalier Way, Roebuck, SC 29376	125 Twin Lake Rd. Greenville, SC 29609	6949 St Andrews Rd, Columbia, SC 29212	
Audition Chair	Susan Baier	Becky Leonard & Lisa Sharer	Colleen Marcou	Paul Buyer
Chair Email	BaierSL@spart6.org		cmarcou@lexrich5.org	pbuyer@dorchester2.k12.sc.us
Event Date	Nov. 6-7, 2015	Nov. 13-14, 2015	Nov. 20-21, 2015	Nov. 13-14, 2015
Event Site	Boiling Springs MS	Wade Hampton & Fine arts Center	Irmo HS	Myrtle Beach HS
Event Address			6671 St. Andrews Road Columbia, SC 29212	
Event Chair	Norman Neff & Tammie Burrows	James Johnston & John Ravnar?	Johanna Pollock 803-467-9069	Liz Sullivan
Event Chair Info			jpollock@lexington1.net	
6-8 Conductor	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
9-10 Conductor	Brent Wilson	TBA	TBA	TBA
11-12 Conductor	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Region Liaisons	Susan Baier	Angela Rex	Christi Lewis	Christopher Selby

Old Business:

Alignment

Colleen Marcou addresses the membership:

At September meeting we discussed alignment to deal with the inconsistencies in our bylaws and standing rules. At yesterday's committee meetings we decided to pause this alignment process. We need to define who we are. This will make some happy, some confused, and some unhappy. I apologize for any feelings you may have. We need this done right and time must be taken. Biggest thing: we are orchestra division. Does this mean are we orchestra directors or are we string teachers? If we are string teachers that includes the private studio teachers. This must be clarified before guidelines and regulations are changed. Also must look at NAFME and how we are defined at national level. WE NEED INPUT! After the September meeting we asked the membership to send ideas. I got stuff from Susan Baier and Sharon Doyle. I heard from no one else. Please send your input to Colleen Marcou and copy Margaret Selby.

Phillip Pagal: Might be helpful, and I would help with this, to create a google survey and ask those questions and send to membership.

Colleen Marcou: We have some loopholes to close. Things are sliding by the board and we need to make sure that we have everything laid out and what it means to be a sponsor. Many have not read the bylaws and standing rules. If you have something that requires you to be excused from any SCMEA event, where you are a sponsor, that request must come to the executive board by the fall meeting in September. Requesting 2 weeks before All-state is unacceptable. There are emergencies and we take those cases one at a time. You cannot leave the other sponsors to pick up your slack. If you sponsor and you don't show up and/or tell anyone then the president will send a letter to your principal. If students are there, you are there for the whole event. We have zero problems sending letters to

principals. It has already happened. **Quick reminder:** Update membership and make a new copy of updated card for cover sheets. If you aren't up to date the kids are disqualified. Not fair to kids. Keep membership current!

Reading

2nd reading of title change by Margaret Selby:

This is to change the officer title of Treasurer to Executive Director and align with SCMEA to accurately describe this role. This will officially recognize what Sharon actually does.

3rd reading and vote will take place at All-State.

New Business:

We have decided that we are going to change the region audition fees. We are going to do this like the band. Band charges students \$10 for region. If they choose to audition for All-State they aren't charged a second fee. It brings in more revenue and helps with unexpected things at All-State that might come up. The majority of kids audition for region. More money collected in September. Time for All-State, still register online but no fee. Print conference sheet with cover sheet of updated membership card and send to Linda.

John Kvasnicka: Can we start that this year since it doesn't have to be voted on?

Colleen Marcou: That is correct. We will start next school year.

Jeff Kuntz: I like the idea! Having more money to pay for things is always good. The band division only has a certain percent of students for callback auditions.

Colleen Marcou: It's not 100% that we bring back for All-State auditions either. Not all make region.

Jeff Kuntz: This will help us in two ways! It will help with S&E.

Colleen Marcou: Yes. Most of us think making the kid pay for a medal for an honor they received is tacky. We have also increased the conductor honorarium for region orchestra from \$500 to \$750. Sharon says we should be able to do it for the first year with out increase on students.

Mr. Preston: Youth Concert tomorrow afternoon. We still need Violas and Basses for RO.

Ginger Greer: Where do we stand on absentee voting? Are we thinking about this?

Paul Buyer: Bylaws say you must be present to vote.

Colleen Marcou: Bylaws say you have to be present. To change that we need a proposal, 3 readings, and everyone present.

Phillip Pagal: I could present by All-State and everyone could make comments then and keep it up.

Kathy Perry: Ballot will be up for conductors at that time, too.

Christi Lewis: Will there be a time limit for this online?

Colleen Marcou: If we leave it up too long it become stagnant. I would say 2-3 weeks.

Phillip Pagal: That would be up to the board. We could do a presentation at the fall meeting. Along the lines of absentee, the members that aren't present we could get them too.

Jenny Diehn: It might be too much info to compile.

Colleen Marcou: We will make sure to give you the info what NAFME says we are so you know at national level. Then ask for the questions we are looking at.

Everyone: WHERE IS JOHN?????

As absentee voter for John K, Johanna Pollock motioned to adjourn and Jeff Kuntz seconds motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Key