

SCMEA Orchestra Division
All-State Meeting
Dorman High School
Saturday, February 27th, 2016
1:30 PM

Welcome, Meeting called to order

Announcements

- Rich Harbison, USC bass conference, 2nd weekend of April. Brochures are available for interested students.
- Several teachers have been named Teacher of the Year:
 - Eric Hines, Sumter High School
 - Anne Matthews, Greenville Middle Academy
 - Tori Walls, Lone Oak Elementary
 - Amy Reynolds, Chapin Middle School

OFFICER'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes, Allison Key

Andre Raffield motions to approve the minutes. Adam DePriest seconds the motion

Treasurer's Report, Sharon Doyle

As of today the current balance is \$91,387.08. We will not accept POs next year. Make arrangements with bookkeepers to have a check cut and mailed by deadline dates. Please ensure the check is accompanied with ALL paperwork. If membership is current then payments can be made through PayPal with a school credit card. Make sure to read our forms correctly. We could not collect from some student checks this year. Make sure to check with your bookkeeper to know what students they do not accept checks from. READ WHAT WE SEND YOU! Sending in correct paperwork will result in never having a problem!

All-State, Colleen Marcou

Kids are having a great time. Conductors are happy. Susan Baier has done a great job in an amazing facility. A big thank you again to Susan Baier, all the Spartanburg School District 6 faculty, and Susan's husband Michael Baier for all the work they've put in to make this event run so smoothly. There was an update for duties. Please check and make sure you are where you need to be. Thank you for all your help! Next year All-State will run across the dam between Irmo High School (rehearsals) and Lexington's Theater (Concert). All-State conductors for next year: **Beth Reed, David Pope, and Brian Balmages**. Ballot for 2018 is finished and will be sent to everyone here who sponsored students and then posted to the website. As of now we have:

- Dale Clevengar, 11-12
- Jeffrey Bishop, 9-10 (He plans to commission a piece for us when he conducts
- No one currently for 6-8

Please vote for a 6-8 conductor and backups for Dale Clevenger and Jeffrey Bishop if they are unable to attend. If you have people in mind to nominate for the conductors list please send those names to Colleen Marcou. Liz Sullivan is checking with Myrtle Beach for All-State 2018.

All-State Winds and Percussion, Jeff Kuntz

All 52 band students are here. Susana Lalama, Converse College, did the winds sectionals today. Dr. Laux needs a drum set in rehearsal. The 11-12 Timpani player is the All-State person for next weekend.

Concert Festival, Ken Pruitt

All materials are ready for the site host; please collect your materials before you leave. Ginger Greer has provided us with original sight reading material. **Ginger Greer:** I have all sight-reading material. 8 pieces have been written and 5 composers are represented. The website has a detailed rubric. Please give me your feedback after this is over so we can know whether to proceed further with this project.

There was a proposal at the last meeting to change the name of Concert Festival.

Proposal: *Change the name of Concert Festival to Orchestra Performance Assessment.*

- 2nd reading, 2/27/16: Proposal to change the name
- 1st reading, 2/6/16: This is to clarify what the event is and align with band and chorus.
- 3rd and final reading will take place at the September Business meeting and will then be brought to a vote.

Solo & Ensemble Festival, Tammie Burrows

All site information is posted online. Membership must be update to get to the registration form. Please e-mail the excel spreadsheet by March 15th, 11:59PM. Postmark date must be March 15th. PO's are still be accepted at this time. Certificates and medals are here. Please get these before you leave. If someone that is hosting but isn't here then a region person needs to pick up the materials so we can avoid shipping costs. If you need more materials please let Tammie Burrows know. If you have certificates left over please save them. They can be used again for next year. PayPal can be used only by the teacher and remember to print your receipt.

Region & All-State Auditions, Paul Buyer

Registration is done and all survived. Some music for 6-8 orchestra has been designed so it can be taught in class. 9-10 cannot be done in class. At that level it's too hard to put together. There isn't anything for 11-12 for violin/viola at this time. It's been proposed in the past to have 11-12 cello/bass do away with a scale and do a chorale instead. Something with multi sharps to eliminate the causal sight-reader. Just an experiment. Input is needed with this music.

Angela Rex: We went with the excerpts so we didn't have to do chair auditions. Has there been any thought to why we distribute region excerpts in May, have auditions in October, and then only one month to prepare for all-state. Why is there a huge discrepancy? My concern is we allow those students to learn the music by rote, show up their audition, get placed in the front but then they can't follow the beat. Could we wait until fall to release the music so we get a better representation of what our kids can do?

Paul Buyer: I'm the committee and I ask all the time for help and get none. Everyone is quick to talk but no one follows through. If there is no one willing to come in and help with this then I can't change it. I want help. Regions are doing what works for them and the autonomy has been given.

Margaret Selby: We need further discussion on this and we need a committee. Paul please make a committee.

Paul Buyer: I will be in this room this evening if anyone wants to come meet me.

Charis Burger: Are we all still happy and agreed with the huge leap from 6-8 to 9-10? The leap has been large. 9-10 is almost like 11-12.

Margaret Selby: This is appropriate discussion for the committee. Please join that group.

Colleen Marcou: Some of you brought up about posting All-State music earlier. My thought process is I'm at the mercy of the conductors so I can only get it out as fast they get it to me. We are going to shoot for posting music the weekend of region auditions. Some concerns is kids won't practice music for region. Teachers will have to stress importance of what to practice.

Region Orchestra, Rebecca Leonard

	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4
Audition Date	October 1, 2016	October 1, 2016	October 1, 2016	October 1, 2016
Audition Site	Dorman HS	League Academy	Crossroads MS	Ft. Dorchester HS
Audition Chair	Susan Baier	Becky Leonard, Lisa Sharer	Colleen Marcou	Paul Buyer
Event Date	Nov. 4-5, 2016	Nov. 11-12, 2016	Nov. 18-19, 2016	November 11-12, 2016
Event Site	Chesnee HS	Anderson University	Irmo HS	Cane Bay HS
Event Chair	Tammie Burrows	David Warlick, Janice Hutton, Chris Gratton	Johanna Pollock	Linda Versprille, Susan Mears
6-8 Conductor	Angela Rex	Philip Pagal		Johanna Wilson
9-10 Conductor	Ken Pruitt	Tammie Burrows		Brent Wilson
11-12 Conductor	Robert Jesselson	Miles Hoffman		Lynn Auman
Liaisons	Susan Baier	Angela Rex, Susan Wines	Christi Lewis	Christopher Selby

Conference, Chris Corde

2016 conference is over! This is the best one I've ever organized!

Next year's conference Michael Baier & Bob Borden will give a session on consistency and rubric audition grading. Brian Gencarelli will host a double bass session. Taneisha Hines will present on diversity in the orchestra classroom. Please send conference suggestions Chris Corde. Performance at conference deadline is June 1st. Please send to Margaret Selby on mp3s and cd. Exhibit hall, general session, and ballroom sessions are available.

OLD BUSINESS

Website

Old website is gone completely. Colleen Marcou has done a great job putting the website together. However, we are looking for someone to take this task over.

NEW BUSINESS

Sponsorship Attendance

Please get word out to people who are not here as to what is expected when being a part of this organization. In our current standing rules *all sponsors have to be at the event*. We have some districts that have a large number of string teachers but the current rules state all teachers must be here for their student to participate. We are here at every event but if you cannot be here we need to clarify the proper steps to ask the board for permission to be let out of your duty. Please send our president an e-mail. It will be sent to the board for approval. IF approved YOU need to find someone to fill in for you and be responsible for your students. You need a statement from your principal saying it is okay for the other person to watch your students. This is a liability issue.

Committees

We need more people active in our organization. We currently have committees with only one person involved. First session at conference is the committee meeting and we have a low turnout. If you are interested please approach chairperson and ask to help.

Jenny Diehn: Can we have a survey on the website to join a committee?

John Kvasnicka: Can we also put on the website who's on what committee so we know what people are on. Some people are on multiple committees?

Ann Buttimer: Region registration and scheduling all goes to Paul but the regions could do their own registration. Does it really need to go to the state level for one person to do for ALL regions? That is a job where one person is doing a tremendous job. This would allow the regions to better check for proper sponsorship.

Paul Buyer: It's a standing rule. We need to discuss and then vote.

Margaret Selby: Could this go to a committee?

Ann Buttimer: People who are running computer systems for region already know how to do that.

Janine Parnell: I think it's important that procedure be scripted so everyone follows the same steps so there are no mistakes that cancel out the whole process. People will be new to this and potential for mistakes is huge.

Helen Tipton: Scripting can be done during committee.

Paul Buyer: We would need to meet with 4 region people to make this work.

Ryan Silvestri: If there is someone in each region that could help new teachers that would be nice.

Andre Raffield: I was lucky to work with Paul and he walked me through all these forms.

Margaret Selby: We could put something on the website for new teachers.

Jeff Kuntz: This discussion is connected to Friday morning at conference for committees. Committee leaders are there waiting for people to arrive and join. If there's a new teacher then we can give them a quick briefing for how to register for things and so on.

Ann Buttimer motions: *Each of the 4 regions should take over their own region registration.* Jeff Kuntz seconds this motion.

Motion is put to a vote. The motion passes unanimously for each region to do their own registration.

John Kvasnicka motions to adjourn. Colleen Marcou seconds the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Key