

The meeting of the Louisiana Music Educators Association Board of Directors was called to order at 9:30 a.m., October 3, 2015 with the following present: Sharon McNamara-Horne, Fran Hebert, Sara Bidner, Bruce Lambert, Greg Oden, Johnny Walker, Brett Babineaux, Richard Bresowar, Sharon Stephenson, Jim Trant, Mark Minton, Neal Naquin, Jay Ecker, Michael Townsend, Lee Hicks, Michele White, Ed McClellan, Carolyn Herrington, Pat Deaville, James Hearne, Keith Rogers, B.J. McGibney, Gina Anthon and Michelle Wilkinson-Nelson.

Moved by Jay Ecker and 2nd by Sara Bidner to approve the agenda. PASSED

Moved by Michele White and 2nd by Ed McClellan to approve the minutes. PASSED

Moved by Fran Hebert and 2nd by Jay Ecker to approve the financial report. PASSED

Sharon McNamara-Horne reported Jim Trant had computer problems this summer and was unable to organize and move over the information to the new website. The executive officers took over the project and the new website is up and running. Additionally, because of the overlap in the editor and webmaster positions the executive officers are exploring the possibility of combining those two positions. For now, please send anything you need posted and any website questions or concerns you have to both Pat and Sharon.

We have two students who made NAFME's National Honor Ensembles: Band – Jessica Galey from E.D. White High School and Choir – Katy Meaux from North Vermilion High School. Louisiana had 9 slots this year, but only filled 2.

Sharon introduced Kelly Stomps, Louisiana's Teacher of the Year, to the LMEA Board.

Sara Bidner reported she has been working on the LMEA handbook, most recently updating the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. She is finishing the Job Descriptions Manual. Final draft will be sent to the Board soon for final review and updates/corrections. Sara is preparing for Conference Registration and is looking for willing workers to assist at the Registration Desk. She attended the NAFME National Leadership Assembly in Tyson, VA, June 27-28, 2015 and the NAFME Southern Division Board Meeting in Atlanta, GA, September 13-14, 2015.

Sara reported several Southern Division states are implementing membership campaigns this year. NAFME is assisting with the process. Membership in Tri-M in Louisiana more than doubled in 2014-2015 from the previous year. Tim Lautzenheiser is the National Tri-M Chair. The new music standards are available at www.nafme.org/standards. Beginning in January 2016, the *Music Educators Journal* will be distributed digitally. Hard copies will be available for an additional cost. NAFME Leadership Candidates (2016): Southern Division President: David Albert (NC) and Dian Eddleman (TN) – National President: David Branson (Western Div.) and Kathy Sanz (S.D.)

Fran Hebert reported she is working to increase membership in LMEA. We need to invest in our teachers. She will help develop a flier for LMEA Conference. Also, she is working on a list of retired Louisiana music teachers to make available to the LMEA Board.

District 1 – Greg Oden reported all is going well in District 1.

District 2 – Johnny Walker stated he is happy that District 2 is not hosting Second Round this year.

District 3 – Brett Babineaux reported that District 3 is excited to host Second Round this year.

District 4 – Richard Bresowar stated everything is swell in District 4.

District 5 – Sharon Stephenson reported all is good in District 5.

District 6 – Sharon McNamara-Horne, reporting for Guy Wood, stated all is good in District 6. The District 6 Band Directors Assn. Marching Festival is Monday, 11-2-15 at Joe Yenni Stadium in Metairie. Guy can't be at 2nd Round but will send a representative to get the folders.

District 7 – Jim Trant reported all is fine in District 7.

District 8 – Mark Minton told the board that District 8 is hosting a LMEA District Marching Festival. There are 11 groups entered at this time.

District 9 – Neal Naquin reported all is good in District 9.

Band Division – Jay Ecker told the Board that alternates have been selected for 2nd Round. All districts got at least one alternate. He said getting the All State Jazz list early, helped a great deal.

Jazz Division – Lee Hicks reported that 73 students auditioned for the All State Jazz Ensemble. Taping the auditions went great. Districts 1, 2 and 7 had no students audition.

Orchestra Division – Katrice LaCour sent a written report. 112 string students auditioned for the All State Orchestra. Northwestern State University string faculty judges the audition CDs. Katrice will pick up the results on Monday, October 5. Katrice will deliver the All State Orchestra wind folders to Lafayette High School on October 10. 5 judges are booked for chair auditions at Conference. Katrice sent an equipment list to Fran Hebert and Richard Bresowar.

Vocal Division – Michael Townsend stated all judges for 2nd round have been secured. He has contracts for both All State Conductors and both All State Accompanists.

Elementary Division – Michele White reported all is ready for Conference. Pending discussions with Red Stick Orff, LAKE hopes to bring the two organizations together to host a music teachers' BYO lunch during the noon hour on Friday Jo Kirk has been secured for the 2016 LMEA Conference.

University Division – Jay Jacobs was absent. The board decided that Division Chairs will email the student information to Fran Hebert. She will put the information on flash drives and give them to Sharon McNamara-Horne to distribute to the universities at LMEA Conference.

Collegiate/NAfME – Ed McClellan stated there was good response to the research sessions. He is setting up a Collegiate and Directors' Demonstration Band. The demonstration band will participate in a rehearsal technique clinic at 8:00 on Monday, November 23. Guest Clinicians will demonstrate effective rehearsal techniques used in their programs. Dr. Heather Buchanan will present a clinic at Loyola on Friday, October 23, 2015.

Public Relations – Carolyn Herrington reported all 41 exhibit spots are taken. The cost for exhibitors went up this year to cover the increase of cost from the hotel.

Hall of Fame – Bruce Lambert, reporting for Tom Wafer, stated all is ready for the Hall of Fame induction of John Stafford at LMEA Conference.

LBA – Keith Rogers stated the LBA All Star Middle School Bands will be June 6-7 at U.L. Lafayette. The Middle School bands consist of Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Concert Band. The LBA High School All Star Jazz Band will be June 5-6 at U.L. Lafayette.

LAKE – Michele White reported that LAKE held a workshop with Lamar Robertson on September 12. LAKE will hold workshops on January 23 at St. Luke Simpson Church in Lake Charles. They will host a music festival on April 30 at Lake Charles-Boston High School.

LAJE – B.J. McGibney thanked Lee Hicks for all his work with the All State Jazz Ensemble. He stated LAJE will help any way they can at Conference.

AOSA – Gina Anthon stated that Red Stick ORFF will host two workshops: January 23 – Chapter Share in Baton Rouge and March 19 – Patrick Ware in New Orleans.

ASTA – Michelle Wilkinson-Nelson reported ASTA will host the East Baton Rouge Rock Camp on November 19-20.

Editor – Pat Deaville stated all is good with the magazine.

Conference Coordinator – James Hearne emailed the latest copy of the Conference program to the board. He asked the board to write any corrections or changes and get them to him by the end of the meeting. James asked the district directors to check the sessions they are hosting. If there is a problem, get back with him as soon as possible. There is no university string group performing this year. Friday at 6:00 is open. He needs the topics for All State Choir and All State Orchestra clinics.

The Centenary Choir will have 2 performing groups. The Jazz Ensemble from Northwestern will perform at Conference. James will put the vendors and University Research presenters in the program. Micah Blouin, Education Market Manager with PreSonus, will supply sound equipment for clinics and for the All State Jazz Ensemble.

Moved by Jim Trant and 2nd by Greg Oden to change the selection process for winds and percussion to the All State groups. The Symphonic Band will be seated, then alternate between the Concert Band and the Orchestra. **PASSED**

Division Chairs for the All State groups send the Academic All State forms to Fran Hebert.

Four nominees were submitted for the LMEA Outstanding Young Music Educator Award. Carol Sikes, Nathan Trahan, Cameron Weatherford and Nathan Sumrall. All four were selected.

Jim Trant discussed insurance for LMEA Assessments. Moved by Jim Trant and 2nd by Lee Hicks to allow District Directors to add an insurance fee for their District Large Ensemble Assessments. (Should be around \$15 a group) PASSED

The board discussed pros and cons of taping the 2nd round auditions. Discussion will continue in January.

Sara Bidner presented changes and updates for the LMEA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Moved by Brett Babineaux and 2nd by Jay Ecker to accept the changes as presented. PASSED This will be voted on again in January. If passed again, it will be presented to membership for vote.

Sharon McNamara-Horne shared copyright information with the board. Most came from NAFME. She will email the information to the LMEA Board.

Next LMEA Board of Directors meeting: January 9, 2016 – 9:30 a.m. Meeting adjourned