

The meeting of the Louisiana Music Educators Association Board of Directors was called to order at 9:30 a.m., October 6, 2018 with the following present: Fran Hebert, Bruce Lambert, Greg Oden, Jessica Fain, Katie Codina, Guy Wood, Jim Trant, Jessica Lizana, Joseph Nassar, Angela Jones, Katrice LaCour, Lee Hicks, Victor Drescher, Michele White, Ed McClellan, Carolyn Herrington, Pat Deaville, James Hearne, Sharon McNamara-Horne, Tom Wafer and Angele Bienvenu.

Moved by Michele White and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Guy Wood to approve the agenda. PASSED

Moved by Carolyn Herrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed McClellan to approve the minutes. PASSED

Moved by Michele White and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Oden to approve the financial report and budget. PASSED

Sharon McNamara-Horne passed around membership lists for district directors to update.

Carol Lupton was involved in a major automobile accident and was unable to attend. Fran Hebert as offered to chair the meeting. Carol sent the draft of a letter she is working on in response to a letter from Louis Butler. She needs the board to read the letter and give her suggestions. Carol will be at 2<sup>nd</sup> round next weekend.

**District 1** – Greg Oden reported all was well in District 1. They had a large number of vocal and instrumental students audition for 1<sup>st</sup> round All State. They even had some strings and a piano player.

**District 2** – Jessica Fain stated there were many new directors in District 2. They had many students try out for 1<sup>st</sup> round All State.

**District 3** – Brett Babineaux emailed a report for District 3. High school band directors in District 3 would like to see the bass trombone reinstated back into the LMEA All State Band auditions. Brett questioned how and when the vote for LMEA collecting their own membership dues will take place. Also, the host site for District 3 LMEA Large Ensemble Assessment is now requiring proof of liability insurance.

**District 4** – Katie Codina reported that District 4 band directors like the additional allotments for 2<sup>nd</sup> round. She stated the Denham Springs High School band director job is open.

**District 5** – Sharon Stephenson was not able to attend. She asked for the board to look into adding the bass trombone back to the LMEA All State auditions.

**District 6** – Guy Wood stated the District 6 Marching Festival will be held on October 29. This is not an LMEA marching festival.

**District 7** – Jim Trant reported that the Bayouland Concert Festival for bands and choirs will be held the week of February 25, 2019. This will not be an LMEA event.

**District 8** – absent

**District 9** – Jessica Lizana apologized for the mother from her district that had her son audition in a different district. Jessica is going to contact the student's principal. She stated that the band directors in her district want to go back to having bass trombones audition for LMEA All State.

**Band Division** – Joey Nassar reported the All-state second round will be held on October 13, 2018 at Lafayette High School. He supplied a list of the number of students auditioning per district and the amount each district owed.

Students must register at least 30 minutes prior to their posted audition time. Students who miss their audition time will be disqualified from auditioning. In the event of an emergency on the morning of the auditions, the

district director should contact Joey at 225-622-3287. The audition schedule will be finalized at the conclusion of today's meeting. No changes will be made after the schedule has been made. Please remind the band directors in your district that only students listed on the official schedule may audition. No substitutions may be made for students who drop.

Joey thanked Victor Drescher for getting second round judges and Scotty Walker for hosting second round. Joey explained to the board the decision to drop bass trombone from all state auditions. He reminded the board that this motion was voted on and approved by the LMEA Board of Directors.

**Jazz Division** – Lee Hicks reported there were a few less students this year that auditioned for All State Jazz, especially the rhythm section. The 2018 All State Jazz Ensemble will include 1 piano, 2 drums, 1 bass, 1 guitar and a vocalist. Pat Deaville will post the jazz ensemble as soon as the results are turned into him.

**Orchestra Division** – Katrice LaCour sent an orchestra report. 53 violins, 24 violas, 34 cellos 9 basses and 6 pianos auditioned for All State Orchestra. Katrice will pick up the results from the Northwestern State University string faculty on October 5. Results will be sent to Pat Deaville to post on the LMEA website. Orchestra winds and percussion folders will be delivered to Lafayette High on October 13. String folders will be mailed director to string directors. Dr. Soo Han will be picked up at the Baton Rouge airport on November 16. Chair audition judges have been secured. Six teachers and parents will help with student registration at conference.

**Vocal Division** – Angela Jones proposed to increase the stipend for the All State Choir accompanists. Rick Seiler, All State Mixed Choir accompanist would receive \$640 stipend and Steve Gustafson, All State Womens Choir accompanist, will receive \$440 stipend. An additional \$100 stipend would be given to Steve Gustafson to play a 4-hand piece with the All State Mixed Choir. Moved by Greg Oden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jessica Lizana to approve Angela's proposal. PASSED

Angela stated that the All State Choir tracks are now on the LMEA website. She told the board there will be a note check at the beginning of the first rehearsal of both all state choirs.

Angela is making final preparations for 2<sup>nd</sup> round auditions. District monitors are asked to arrive at 7:45. There will be a meeting at 8:00. Students may use their own copy of the music for 2<sup>nd</sup> round auditions.

**Elementary Division** – Michele White reported that Susan Brumfield and Andy Paney will be elementary clinicians. Both are sponsored by LMEA. Contracts for both clinicians have been received.

**University Division** – Victor Drescher reported all instrumental judges have been secured for 2<sup>nd</sup> round. He stated the increase to \$150 stipend for judges has been well received. Angela Jones asked Victor to secure vocal judges for 2<sup>nd</sup> round in the future.

**Collegiate NafME** – Ed McClellan reported that some of the focus this year will be on technology. The research sessions has grown to 14 posters representing Louisiana, Indiana and Mississippi. Katie Codina and the Central Middle School Band will have a demonstration clinic on Monday morning. The clinic is about warm up procedures.

**Public Relations** – Carolyn Herrington reported there are only 2 spots left in the exhibit hall. The colleges like having ads in the student programs.

**Hall of Fame** – Tom Wafer stated that a letter was going out to all Hall of Fame members and LMEA past presidents concerning the LMEA luncheon. Robin Daigle has been selected to the LMEA Hall of Fame.

**Editor** – Pat Deaville needs articles from the division chairmen. Pat will post the results for All State Jazz and All State strings as soon as he receives them. Vocal and band division chairs need to send results to Pat after 2<sup>nd</sup> round auditions. He will post the band and choir results on Sunday morning, October 14. Pat stated that Joey will need all information for the concert program by October 26.

**Webmaster** – Sharon McNamara-Horne reported that copies of each All State student registration are automatically sent to their parent, director and division chair (for their ensemble). Copies of their director's conference registration are automatically sent to the director, the appropriate division chairs and conference registration chair. Fran Hebert will get multiple registration forms if a teacher has students in multiple ensembles. However, only one copy goes into the database. Sharon stated there are many lapsed memberships. Please remind directors in your districts to update their membership before conference. Sharon said she was grateful for the added layer of security provided by NAFME's two-step verification.

**Conference Coordinator** – James Hearne reported he had emailed the latest conference program to the board. James stated that the Guidebook app would be used for conference. There will be an URL at the registration desk for the conference attendees to download the app.

**LBA** – Angele Bienvenu reported that the LBA All Star Honor Band will take place on June 2-4, 2019 at Tioga Jr. High and Tioga Sr. High. There will be 3 middle school concert bands, a high school jazz ensemble and the "BLAST". The Wind Ensemble will be conducted by Tyler Grant, the symphonic band will be conducted by the 2019 LBA Bandmaster of the Year and the concert band will be conducted by Amy Williams. The high school jazz ensemble will be conducted by Tim McMillen. The BLAST clinicians will be Evan McCormick and Mike England. LBA membership is from October to October.

**AOSA** – Kelly Stomps emailed a report. The Red Stick Orff chapter has held two workshops this year. Katie Beth Traxler and Danai Gagne presented on arts integration on August 4 and Jennifer Donovan presented on Project Based Learning on September 22. The next workshop is on ukuleles with Jane Vidrine at LSU on February 2, 2019. Red Stick chapter is also planning a Chapter Share on March 2 in Baton Rouge. There is to be training on World Music Drumming in New Orleans this summer.

Moved by Greg Oden and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Katie Codina to accept the middle size trophy for LMEA Concert Assessments starting in the 2019 – 2020 school year. PASSED

Three directors were nominated for the LMEA Outstanding Young Music Educator Award. Nominated were Christopher Williams, Alyssa Carranza and Carlye Latas. Moved by Lee Hicks and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn Herrington to accept all three nominees. PASSED

Moved by Jim Trant and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joey Nassar to instruct Carol Lupton to not send a letter from LMEA to Louis Butler. PASSED

Ed McClellan moved and Michele White 2<sup>nd</sup> to delay further action on the constitutional changes until the committee reports back to the board. Lee Hicks amended the proposal to set a November 1 deadline for the committee to meet and report back to the board. PASSED

Adjourned . . . .

Motion for Constitutional changes passed by the LMEA board January 6, 2018 and May 19, 2018.

No longer require NAFME membership as part of LMEA membership. LMEA will institute a membership fee of \$125 for active members, \$50 for retired members and \$15 for student members. The LMEA membership fee will include a waiver for LMEA Conference fees and eligibility for all LMEA Assessments. All memberships would start on the same date and run 1 full year. The change would start in the 2019-2020 school year. Directors can continue to be a member of NAFME by joining NAFME online. NAFME membership fees will not be connected with LMEA membership.