

LMEA Emergency Meeting 3-22-21

District IV District Director– Katie Codina resigned as district director. Scotty asked the board to approve the appointment of Jessica Fain. With no discussion Scotty asked for a show of hands – PASSED. Jessica has agreed to serve, she will have to run for re-election in 2023 if she wants to remain in this position.

Elementary Division Chair – Scotty would like to appoint Keith James. Keith currently teaches at Westdale Heights Academic Magnet in Baton Rouge and is also the Vice President of Orff. Keith James has agreed to serve and will run for re-election in the 2022 Spring Election if he wants to remain in this position.

Editor of the Louisiana Musician – This position is a hired position; the executive board will make this decision. Carolyn Herrington was the only person who applied for the position. Executive Board members were polled, Carolyn Herrington was hired.

District Directors had questions about the procedure for sending checks for 2nd round All-State auditions.

This year is different than previous years. **District Directors** will collect the fees and get monies to **Bruce Lambert**. When Bruce has the monies from all 9 districts, Bruce will let the Division Chairs know that he has all the money and that it is the correct amount. (Jim Trant reminded district directors that they need to make sure that money for any alternates is included in the check – that may take a few weeks after the audition process is complete.)

Point of clarification – District Directors will only pay for students that submit an audition.

2021 Band and Choir Festivals will only receive plaques this year – no trophies.

District Choir Festival

Choir festival for the entire state is going through Greg Oden – Vocal chairman. Jim Trant asked where will the plaques come from that are earned at that festival (all monies are going to Greg Oden to run and purchase plaques.) Greg Oden will let Bruce know how many vocal plaques are earned at the vocal assessment. Bruce or Greg will order the plaques for vocal assessment and they will be available at the May board meeting for district directors to pick up and distribute.

Jim Trant brought up the point that some of the district directors have left over plaques from assessments that did not happen last year because of Covid. They can use those plaques first and then let Bruce know what needs to be replaced at the May board meeting. (Jim has a good supply of excess plaques from last year.)

Academic All-State update –

Academic All-State certificates and medals will be mailed to the directors this year. In addition to the Academic awards – every All-State member will receive their All-State patch in this same mailing. Previously all patches and Academic recognition were given out at the face-to-face event. Carolyn is going to email all directors of All-State students and let them know to expect a “snail mail” envelope.

(Special thanks to Katrice and Sharon for chasing down all the information to make this possible!)

All-State Registration Corrections need to be emailed to Sharon McNamara Horne at lmea@lmeamusic.org. Sharon will update the database online – please be sure to use the most current spreadsheet.

PUBLIC RELATIONS POSITION – Carolyn Herrington will continue to fill this position until 2022 when re-election for this position is open. Scotty asked for board approval – PASSED...DONE!