



Louisiana Music Educators Association
Board of Directors Meeting
21 May 2022
10:00 AM

The Louisiana Music Educators Association
"We are in this together. Together we can do anything."

AUGUST PLANNING MEETING – August 13, 2022 9:30am
OCTOBER MEETING — October 1, 2022 – 9:30am

AGENDA

I. Call to Order: Roll Call

The meeting of the Louisiana Music Educators Association Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on May 21, 2022 with the following present: Scotty Walker, Brett Babineaux, Bruce Lambert, Robert Freeman, Aleisa Hudlow, Billy Hochkeppel, Jessica Fain, Sharon Stephenson, Randy Weaver, Jim Trant, Michelle DesLattes, Joshua Stearman, Greg Oden, Keith James, Carolyn Herrington, James Hearne, Sharon McNamara-Horne, Tom Burroughs, Doug Stone, Stephanie Robertson.

I-A. New Business

Mileage Amount Paid for approved LMEA event. - Jim Trant

Jim Trant moved that the mileage be changed to mileage consistent with state/federal rates for LMEA events – whichever is higher. (Typically these rates are published in January by the state/federal)

Second by Aleisa Hudlow **Motion passed unanimously.**

1. Add to new business – Guitar amendment

2. Add motion to new business - Choral and band groups can warm up as an option at Large Ensemble assessment.

II. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Greg Oden / 2nd Jessica Fain Approved

III. Approval of Zoom Meeting Minutes from 22 January 2022

**Motion to approve zoom meeting minutes: Aleisa Hudlow/ 2nd Josh Stearman
Approved**

IV. Approval of Financial Report

Jim Trant/ 2nd Greg Oden Approved

Bid from Louisiana Trophies: Motion to accept the Louisiana Trophy bid

Jim Trant/ 2nd Aleisa Hudlow Approved

Bruce Lambert announced that he would serve as the Executive Director for one more year while the board searches for a replacement. He will serve until June 2023 to aid in the transition period.

V. Executive Officer Report

President – Scotty Walker

THANK YOU – IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE

President-Elect – Brett Babineaux

EXCITED TO SERVE

GAVE A NUMERICAL ALL-STATE ACADEMIC REPORT

Immediate Past President – Carol Lupton

NOT PRESENT

LINK TO SUBMITTED REPORTS ON GOOGLE DRIVE:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1896unuhPILFUuR0BkYsoDcQcI9B-05oh>

VI. District Directors Report

1. Robert Freeman

REPORT SUBMITTED – Things are coming back to normal. Big increase in solo and ensemble.

2. Aleisa Hudlow REPORT SUBMITTED - High School and middle school groups – (7-12 small school – can a student be used on more than one instrument – over two different groups - with HS group and middle school group. Can handbook possibly be worded more clearly.)

3. Billy Hochkeppel REPORT SUBMITTED

No additional comments – Great numbers at assessment opportunities.

4. Jessica Fain REPORT SUBMITTED - No additional comments – numbers are up in performance groups at festivals.

5. Sharon Stephenson REPORT SUBMITTED Band numbers at performances were good. Choir groups were down to one day.

6. Randy Weaver REPORT SUBMITTED Still very little participation from public schools. Marching festival included 12 groups. No Large ensemble festival was able to happen this year.

7. Jim Trant REPORT SUBMITTED – Live streamed the band and choral

festivals.

8. Michele DesLattes [REPORT SUBMITTED](#) Can we develop a list of string adjudicators for the Orchestra assessments.
9. Joshua Stearman [REPORT SUBMITTED](#) – Introduced
New district director : Stephanie Robertson

VII. Division Reports

Band Division – Ronnie Gleason (AB) [REPORT SUBMITTED](#)

Jazz Division – Lee Hicks (AB) [CLINICIAN THIS YEAR IS DARMON MEADER](#)

Orchestra Division – Katrice Lacour [Wants to have a separate registration for the wind members of the All-State Orchestra. Trying to secure Anthony Meillo – for clinician 2022 Conference.](#)

Vocal Division – Greg Oden [REPORT SUBMITTED](#) Conductor will be Julie Yu. [First and second round links are online.](#)

Elementary Division – Keith James [REPORT SUBMITTED](#) Looking forward to a normal 2022.

University Division – Victor Drescher (AB) [University Ensemble this year \(2022\) will be the Loyola band/ jazz band. LSU Choir/ Orchestra. The Universities are also discussing multiple groups at conference.](#)

Collegiate (CNAfME) – Ed McClellan [REPORT SUBMITTED](#)

Public Relations – Carolyn Herrington [GROOVEY](#) All vendors have been contacted – contracts are coming to Josh Stearman. All forms on the website have been updated – thank you Sharon McNamara Horne.

VIII. Ex-Officio Members

Conference Coordinator - James Hearne [Stepping down to spend full time with his family.](#)

Hall of Fame – Tommy Burroughs [Hall of Fame is an independent committee – it takes 7 of 9 votes to be inducted. Meeting of the Hall of Fame committee will be at 2:00 today.](#)

Webmaster – Sharon McNamara-Horne [Please double check anything you submit to be put online.](#)

[NOLA vote was submitted and hand checked. Six votes could not be verified. Complete report is online.](#)

Editor – Carolyn Herrington [All is well! Communication will be going out to the board for upcoming report schedule for the board.](#)

LBA – Jessica Fain [LBA Conference June 5-7 at ULL. Randall Standridge/ Timothy Loest are upcoming clinicians for future summers. Website:](#)

Labandmasters.org for more information.

LAKE – Ava Brown (AB)

ACDA – Amy Prats (AB)

LSTA – Michele Wilkinson-Nelson (AB)

LA PASA – Gustavo Miranda (AB)

IX Committee Reports

- Louisiana Music Adjudicator Association – Bill Brent [Jessica Fain reported – submitted online.](#)
- Council for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – [James Square](#) [Brett Babineaux reported – report online.](#)
- Louisiana Advocacy Leadership Force – Ginny Medina-Hamilton [Report submitted.](#) Brett Babineaux: [Small schools are hungry for music education – We are getting out and being counted – the communities are eager for education. Could we provide an opportunity for parents at LMEA conference – let them know how can they advocate for music?](#)
- Guitar - Dr. Greg Robin [Report submitted](#)
- Mentorship - Brett Babineaux [Report submitted](#)
- Professional Development - Brett Babineaux [Monthly 12 for 12 is still happening. This month is the State Solo Viewing parties. August will be “Ready Set Geaux” Virtual conference.](#)

X. Unfinished Business

- Committee for vocal Louisiana PML - Greg Oden, Michelle Deslattes
Motion to adopt the Louisiana Vocal PML as listed on the LMEA website with the understanding that it will be updated as needed. Second: Aleisa Hudlow **PASSED**
- Job Description Manual - Scotty Walker As complete as it can be at this time – it is in the google folder.
- Committee for Middle School State Solo Assessment List - Scotty Walker
[Committee formed:](#)
BAND:
[Aaron Theall DeRidder High School/DJHS District 5](#)
[Betsy Stoupy – FK White MS District 5](#)
[Jude Gaspard - LJ Alleman Middle School District 3](#)
VOCAL:
[Jordy Stanley – WW Lewis Middle School District 5](#)
[Alysson Carranza - Fontainebleau JHS District 9](#)
[Lacy Sanderson - OPSB Vocal Music Coordinator](#)
(If directors would like to submit additional pieces – contact committee

- members.)
- All-State Audition update - Jim Trant Report in google drive – Process is spelled out in proposal report. Quota sheet will be a google document and will remain live and fluid until October board meeting. There will be zoom meetings in August and in September for monitors.
Questions: Billy Hochkeppel – What happens when we have a recording malfunction? Monitor is at fault – will there be an appeal process?
Answer Jim Trant – use a backup recorder – we will have a good recording.
QUESTION:Is there going to be a specific recorder for all auditions?
Answer Jim Trant – we have been rehearsing for 2 years, our recordings seem to be working. The recommended recorder is in the report.
DISTRICT DIRECTORS LET JIM TRANT KNOW IF THEY NEED RECORDING EQUIPMENT – HE WILL ORDER FOR EACH DISTRICT. ADJUDICATORS ARE ASKED TO USE GOOD HEADPHONES TO LISTEN TO RECORDINGS.
 - Bassoon All-State Audition Music Change - Ronnie Gleason
 Motion to accept the Bassoon Music All-State Audition Music Change.
 Moved by Ronnie/ 2nd by Brett Babineaux **PASSED**
 - Job Reviews and Recommendations for 2022-2024
 - Webmaster
 - Editor
 - Executive Director
 - Motion to accept the Guitar All-State Audition Music – by Dr. Greg Robin/ 2nd Brett Babineaux **PASSED**
 - Motion to move the Professional Development Conference to New Orleans Spring 2025. Jessica Fain/ 2nd
 -- Call for a Roll call vote: Vote: Yes: Brett Babineaux, Lee Hicks, Robert Freeman, Aleisa Hudlow, Billy Hochkeppel, Jessica Fain, Sharon Stephenson, Randy Weaver, Jim Trant, Michelle DesLattes, Ronnie Gleason, Katrice LaCour, Doug Stone, Keith James, Joshua Stearman. There were no “No” votes. All present voted “Yes”.
Passes Unanimously

XI. New Business

- Installation of New Board Members
 - Jazz Division - Doug Stone
 - Conference Exhibit Chair - Josh Stearman
 - Appointment of District 9 Director - Stephanie Robertson
 - Executive Officers

- Motion to clarify in the LMEA Handbook for Warm-ups on stage at Large Ensemble Assessment. Jim Trant 2nd
Discussion: Vocal assessments do not currently include a warmup time. This will be part of the allotted time. **PASSED**
- Motion to accept the following changes to the Large Ensemble Assessment Rubric and Judges Form for Band, Choir, and Orchestra.
 - Change C from “Very Good” to “Good” and D from “Good” to “Fair”. - Jessica Fain 2ND Josh Stearman (Would require 2 votes – handbook change) **PASSED**
- Motion to permanently allow mentees in their first year of enrolling in the Mentorship Program to register for the professional development conference for free. - Michele DesLattes 2ND Jim Trant Discussion – NONE **PASSED**
- Motion to add 1 Jr. High/Middle School All-State Group to each division. 1 orchestra, 1 choir, 1 band, 1 jazz ensemble, and 1 guitar ensemble. - Scotty Walker 2ND Aleisa Hudlow
Discussion: This was one of the changes in the NOLA move that was most encouraging. **PASSED**
(Would require 2 votes – handbook change)
- Motion to add Elementary Choir as an All-State Ensemble - Keith James. 2ND Aleisa Hudlow **PASSED**
(Would require 2 votes – handbook change)
- Formation of New Committees: Brett Babineaux
 - Finance Committee
 - Non-Traditional Music Pathways
 - (Modern Band, Cajun/Zydeco, Gospel, Brass Band)
 - Conference Planning Committee
 - Community Projects Committee
- **XII. Adjournment Motion – to adjourn the meeting.**

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