



Louisiana Music Educators Association
Board of Directors Meeting
1 October 2022
9:30 AM

**Next Meeting = Saturday, January 28th
(ZOOM) at 9:30am**

The Louisiana Music Educators Association
"Forever Music"

AGENDA

I. Call to Order: Roll Call

Brett Babineaux, Scotty Walker, Bruce Lambert, Aleisa Hudlow, Billy Hochkeppel, Jessica Fain, Sharon Stephenson, Jim Trant, Michele DesLattes, Stephanie Robertson, Ronnie Gleason, Greg Oden, Doug Stone, Victor Drescher, Ed McClellan, Carolyn Herrington, Sharon McNamara Horne, Tom Burroughs, Annie Young Bridges, Greg Robin, Lynn Burton (Tri-M)

Meeting started with a moment of silence for Nolan Zerangue recently passed - Jim Trant spoke and Greg Oden offered a prayer.

II. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Jessica Fain

2ND: Greg Oden PASSED

III. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of minutes from May 21, 2022 meeting

MOTION: Aleisa Hudlow

2ND: Michelle DesLattes PASSED

b. Approval of minutes from August 26, 2022 Zoom

MOTION: Alesia Hudlow

2ND: Billy Hochkeppel PASSED

XI. Motion to approve mileage and meal reimbursement to Standing Committee Chairs, appointed by the President, for LMEA Board Meetings.

MOTION: Scotty Walker

2ND: Greg Oden PASSED

IV. Approval of Financial Report and 2022-23 Budget - Bruce Lambert, Finance Committee Brett Babineaux explained the new style of recording the finances. Placing items in boxes so it is easy to see how monies are being divided. New Balance total \$152,005.

MOTION: Jim Trant

2ND: Jessica Fain PASSED

V. Executive Officer Report

President – Brett Babineaux – Report in drive/Strategic Plan

President-Elect – Lee Hicks (AB) – asked Division Chairs for equipment list

Immediate Past President – Scotty Walker

VIII. a. Ex-Officio Report - Webmaster – Sharon McNamara-Horne

Division chairs reminded to send their rehearsal schedules. Also needs recording form for the website (Greg Oden is checking). (District Directors) Please be careful that All-State student's preferred name is correct – it will be printed that way in the conference program.

IX. a. Committee Report - Tri-M - Lynn Burton

Report is in the google drive – Encouraged all to use Tri-M to promote advocacy. Tri-M is very instrumental in encouraging the upper students in your ensembles to have new goals to reach towards. Many ideas are listed in her report.

[LINK TO SUBMITTED REPORTS ON GOOGLE DRIVE:](#)

District Director Statement – Billy Hochkeppel:

Billy Hochkeppel spoke on behalf of the District Directors about all-state audition concerns. There will be a follow up zoom meeting with the District Directors to try to resolve some of the current issues.

VI. District Directors Report

1. Robert Freeman (AB – no report)
2. Aleisa Hudlow (in drive)
3. Billy Hochkeppel (in drive)
4. Jessica Fain (in drive)
5. Sharon Stephenson (in drive)
6. Randy Weaver (in drive)
7. Jim Trant – All is going well. Band numbers are up for auditions – Choir numbers are getting better – covid affected choirs in a greater way.
8. Michele DesLattes (in drive) District 8 does 2 joint meetings of all disciplines – there is typically food at these meetings. Very positive feedback from the attendees! She has a personal goal of gathering new membership. Their district has addressed the rural population of music educators – it has been a lengthy process, but very rewarding.
9. Stephanie Robertson (in drive)

VII. Division Reports

Band Division – Ronnie Gleason (report in drive)
Collegiate (CNAfME) – Ed McClellan (All is well – report in drive)
Elementary Division – Keith James (report in drive)
Jazz Division – Doug Stone (report in drive)
Orchestra Division – Katrice Lacour AB (report in drive)
Public Relations – Josh Stearman AB (report in drive)
University Division – Victor Drescher (All is well – working to coordinate performing university for conference.)
Vocal Division – Greg Oden (report in drive)

VIII. Ex-Officio Members and Organizations

Baton Rouge Conference Committee – Brett Babineaux
Conference schedule is online, conference will be very exciting! Reminded district directors of their responsibilities concerning plaques at sessions.
Editor – Carolyn Herrington - Special thanks to Sharon McNamara-Horne for adding “Article Submission” space on the LMEA website.

Hall of Fame – Tommy Burroughs (It is ready! Greg Oden, Craig Millet and Syll-Young Lee Olson are this year’s recipients.)

ACDA – Amy Prats (AB)

LAJE – Doug Stone – Rolling along!

LAKE – Ava Brown (AB)

LA PASA – Gustavo Miranda (AB)

LBA – Jessica Fain (report in drive – many dates to check)

LMAA – Bill Brent – presented by Jessica Fain

LSTA – Annie Young-Bridges (new member! Excited to be involved – send any questions – happy to help.)

IX. Committee Reports

- Council for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – James Square (AB report in drive)
- Ethics Committee - Aleisa Hudlow (report in drive)
- Guitar - Dr. Greg Robin - All is well. Numbers of auditions have almost doubled. Encouraged everyone to come to the guitar session during conference.
- Louisiana Advocacy Leadership Force – Ginny Medina-Hamilton – report in drive.
- Mentorship - Brett Babineaux (Currently have 2 Mentees in the program)
- NOLA Conference Committee - Lee Hicks (The contract is still being negotiated by the committee – details will be forthcoming.)
- Professional Development - Brett Babineaux – Ready Set Geaux ... 419 views (Woohoo!) Elementary and DEI are the most viewed sessions. Awesome work!
- State Solo Assessment List Update

Committee Members:

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
- Michele Deslattes – District 8 Rep
- Lisa Johnson – West Monroe HS

(If directors would like to submit additional pieces – contact committee members.)

X. Unfinished Business

1. **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”. –

First Vote:

MOTION: Jessica Fain

2ND: Josh Stearman – **PASSED**)

Second vote

MOTION: Jessica Fain

2ND: Aleisa Hudlow – **PASSED**

2. **Job Postings on LMEA Website** - Sharon McNamara-Horne and Jessica Fain
Still a work in progress – Sharon and Jessica will bring more information to the next meeting.

XI. New Business

1. **Awards update** - Scotty Walker
 - Outstanding Young Music Educator Award - Alyxis Maveaux
MOTION: Jessica Fain
2ND: Jim Trant – PASSED
 - Tom Wafer Outstanding Administrator Award - Shelby Ainsworth – Principal, West Monroe
MOTION: Greg Oden
2ND: Jessica Fain – PASSED
 - Robert L. Wilhite Award – Aleisa Hudlow
 - Standard of Excellence Award – Jessica Fain & Eric LeBlanc
 - Outstanding Contributor Award - NONE
 - Distinguished Legacy Award – Bruce Lambert & Pat Deaville
2. **Nominations being accepted for District Director** - Scotty Walker
 - Deadline = Dec. 31
 - Process? **Looping Slideshow with pictures of candidates – close to the registration table – Scotty will make it happen!**
3. **Coffee mugs at Conference** - Brett Babineaux
Motion - Purchase 75 Conference-specific commemorative Coffee Mugs to sell at conference. 75 mugs = app. \$6 per mug. Sell them at \$15. Money raised = app. \$700. Profits would be used for NOLA Conference expenses.
MOTION: Brett Babineaux
2ND: Greg Oden – PASSED Mugs will be sold at registration table.
4. **LMEA Ethics Committee** - Aleisa Hudlow
Motion – To post process outlined by the Ethics Committee on the LMEA website – and adopt the listed process as procedure.
MOTION: Aleisa Hudlow
2ND: Scotty Walker – PASSED
5. **Proposal for Band Large Ensemble Performance Assessment** (2 votes needed)
(*To be listed under “Junior High, Middle, and Elementary Schools” list of classifications and above “Other Classifications”*):
Motion – Schools where the same director serves as both the junior and senior high schools may use junior high students in both the high school and junior high school ensembles as long as they do not perform on the same instrument for both groups. However, high school students may not perform in the junior high school ensemble. The high school ensemble classification will remain unchanged by the use of junior high students.
MOTION: Aleisa Hudlow
2ND: Scotty Walker – PASSED (2nd vote needed)
6. **All-State Audition Judge Payment** - Jim Trant
Motion - Judges for winds, strings, jazz ensemble and guitar ensemble will be paid \$5.00 per auditioner
Percussion judges will be paid \$6.00 per auditioner

(Min. \$200.00 per judge)
Vocal judges will be \$3.50 per auditioner
(Min. \$200.00 per judge)

MOTION: Jim Trant
2ND: Jessica Fain

Motion to table this motion: Billy Hochkeppel
2ND: Alesia Hudlow
Vote – FAILS Motion removed

Amended motion: This motion will affect only this year’s auditions – payment for audition judges will be rediscussed after 2022 auditions – (District Director input) .

MOTION: Victor Drescher
2ND Scotty Walker – PASSED

7. Jim Trant shared the audition numbers that he has to date with the recorded auditions – 2 districts were recording their 2nd round auditions today.

XII. Adjournment Motion

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MOTION TO ADJOURN: SCOTTY WALKER
2ND: EVERYONE!

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President Brett Babineaux polled the board through email concerning the time for the January zoom. New time for January meeting – January 28, 2023, 9:30am