



**Louisiana Music Educators Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
11 May 2024  
9:30 AM**

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**AGENDA**

**I. Call to Order: Roll Call**

LMEA meeting was called to order at **9:30** with the following people present:

**Scotty Walker, Brett Babineaux, Lee Hicks, Robert Freeman, Aleisa Hudlow, Bailey Lanier, Ryan Benoit, Billy Hochkeppel, Ronnie Gleason, Jessica Fain, Aaron Theall, Jim Trant, Doug Stone, Katrice LaCour, Josh Stearman, Victor Drescher, Stephen Galliano, Carolyn Herrington, Sharon McNamara Horne, Ginny Medina-Hamilton, Denise Howell, Lynn Burton, Telly Higgins, Tony McCardle, Cory Craig, James Square, Lynn Burton, Bill Hochkeppel SR– ULL (CBDNA).**

**II. Approval of Agenda Motion Jessica Fain-Blanchard, Aleisa Hudlow **PASSED****

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- January 13 Board Meeting via Zoom Motion Jessica Fain/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Aleisa Hudlow **PASSED**
- May 2 Meeting to vote on the All-State Handbell Ensemble guidelines (vote 1 of 2)
  - Motion to approve - Aleisa Hudlow
  - Second – Jessica Fain-Blanchard
  - Motion carries - 17 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions

**III. Approval of the Financial Report - Scotty Walker  
Motion – Jessica Fain Blanchard 2<sup>nd</sup> Aleisa Hudlow **PASSED****

**VII. Executive Officer Reports**

President – Brett Babineaux

- Incredible amount of work done in the past two years
- Incredible gain in the past two years ... victories
  - 1. Advocacy – music education has been placed at the forefront
  - 2025 Hill Day will happen!
  - Tony McCardle has done an incredible amount of work in promoting music.
  - Would like to see is move forward in social media – untapped potential
  - Kudos – Lynn Burton and Ed McClellan – Amazing work
  - 12 for 12 – Sixteen sessions from across the country.
  - State Solo as well as State Large Ensemble both “alive and well.”

President-Elect – Lee Hicks

Immediate Past President/Executive Director – Scotty Walker

- Discussions –
  - State Solo (do we need to change the sheet so that all captions must be an “A”)
  - State Large Ensemble (Form a committee)

## **VIII. District Directors Report (REPORTS IN DRIVE)**

1. Robert Freeman
2. Aleisa Hudlow
3. Billy Hochkeppel / (Bailey Lanier)
4. Jessica Fain (Ryan Benoit)
5. Aaron Theall
6. Telly Higgins
7. Jim Trant
8. Michele DesLattes AB
9. Stephanie Robertson

- POINTS
  - Need assessment committee to meet again
  - Adjudicator / LMAA issues – meeting will be scheduled to address concerns

## **IV. Division Reports**

- Band Division – Ronnie Gleason
- Collegiate (CNAfME) – Ed McClellan (AB-Graduation)
- Elementary Division – Keith James (AB)
- Jazz Division – Doug Stone
- Orchestra Division – Katrice LaCour
- Public Relations – Josh Stearman
- University Division – Victor Drescher

- PERFORMING GROUPS OR CONFERENCE
  - Wind Ensemble – Southern University
  - Orchestra – Northwestern State University
  - Choir – UNO
  - Jazz Band – ULL
  - LSU Wind Ensemble

Vocal Division – Greg Oden (AB)

## **X. Ex-Officio Members and Partner Organizations**

- ACDA – Alyssa Carranza AB
- AOSA - Erin Fort AB
- CBDNA- Jason Ladd (Bill Hochkeppel)
- Conference Chair - Denise Howell
- Editor – Carolyn Herrington
- Hall of Fame – Tommy Burroughs AB
- LAJE - Michael Brothers AB
- LAKE – Ava Brown AB
- LA PASA – Kathryn Irwin AB
- LBA – Amy Kutz AB (Jessica gave report)
- LMAA - Bill Brent AB (Jessica gave report)
- LSTA – Annie Young-Bridges (David Saccardi) AB

Webmaster – Sharon McNamara-Horne

## **XI. Committee Reports**

Administration Advisory Council - Tony McCardle

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council - James Square

Guitar - Dr. Greg Robin (AB)

Large Ensemble Assessment - Aleisa Hudlow

- Going to add a few clarifying statements about the additional directors, they may assist in ensemble set up and distribution of parts
- Clarification about the use of technology – when may they tune the timpani and with what should they tune (Timpani may be tuned with a tuner before instruction.)

Louisiana Advocacy Leadership Force - Ginny Medina-Hamilton

Louisiana Roots Music Ed. Collective - Gregg Griffin

Mentorship - Cory Craig

PML Committee - Aleisa Hudlow (Submissions are due JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> – Correction)

State Marching and Contest Committee (LMEA sponsored) - Jim Trant

State Solo Assessment - Scotty Walker

Tri-M - Lynn Burton

## **V. Unfinished Business**

- Motion to accept the All-State Handbell proposal as presented. (Vote 2 of 2)
    - Vote 1 passed with 17 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions
- Vote 2: Motion Aleisa Hudlow 2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Fain-Blanchard  
**PASSES** (Motion carries)  
Count: For – 14 / None opposed / No abstentions

## **VI. New Business**

- Recognition of outgoing board members
  - Scotty Walker - past president
  - Brett Babineaux - president
  - Lee Hicks - president-elect
  - Ronnie Gleason - Band division chair
  - Greg Oden - Vocal Division Chair
  - Billy Hochkeppel - District 3 representative
  - Jessica Fain - District 4 representative
- Installation of new board members
  - Jessica Fain - president-elect
  - Brett Babineaux - past president
  - Lee Hicks - president
  - Billy Hochkeppel - Band Division Chair
  - Stephen Galliano - Vocal Division Chair
  - Bailey Lanier - District 3 representative (one-year appointment)
  - Ryan Benoit - District 4 representative (one-year appointment)
- Tom Wafer Administration Award Nominees

- Jennifer Burris - Motion to approve – Brett Babineaux, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Trant **PASSED**  
(14 For – No abstentions -)
- Carolyn Favre - Motion to approve – Billy Hochkeppel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aaron Theall  
(14 For – no absentions) **PASSED** Recommendation to the board regarding the results of the performance evaluations and employee status.  
Motion to accept the recommendations of the Executive Board  
Motion: Jessica Fain-Blanchard 2<sup>nd</sup> Joshua Stearman  
(14 For – no absentions) **PASSED**
- **Motion to approve the conference budget.**  
(14 For – no absentions) **PASSED**
- Motion to accept trophy bid.  
**Josh Stearman moved 2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica Fain Blanchard (JOSHUA STEARMAN RESENDED HIS MOTION)**
- **Motion to table trophy bid motion and ask executive committee to seek out a better price for assessment trophies.**  
**Motion: Billy Hochkeppel 2<sup>nd</sup> Brett Babineaux**  
Question: Number of trophies needed: approximately 300 for assessment  
(14 For – no absentions) **PASSED**
- Motion to reimburse travel expenses (Flight, airport parking, meal per diem) for Ginny Medina-Hamilton (Advocacy Chair) for NAFME’s Hill Day in Washington, DC. - **Brett Babineaux 2<sup>nd</sup> Joshua Stearman** (14 For – no absentions) **PASSED**
- **Motion** - To adjust the current requirements for the Middle/High School Combined Ensembles Classification for Instrumental Large Ensemble Assessment by removing the separation of Middle School Combined and High School Combined and instead creating one class of Combined. The description for this class would be “an ensemble that consists of both middle and high school students in a single ensemble where at least 20% of wind players are in 4th-8th grade.” The performance and sight-reading requirements for this classification would be the same as the original Middle School Combined.  
- Aleisa Hudlow **MOTION STRUCK BY ALEISA HUDLOW**  
Committee will meet during the summer and bring this back up.
- **Motion** - to accept the LMEA State Marching Band Championships proposal. - Jim Trant 2<sup>nd</sup> Robbie Freeman  
Vote 1 of 2 Votes to Pass  
(13 For – no abstentions) **PASSED**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> vote by zoom meeting.**
- **Motion** - To add a statement in the LMEA Large Ensemble Vocal Assessment Performance Requirements which states the following: *No group will be allowed to perform more than one selection by the same composer, arranger, or editor. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the lowering of the rating by one level.* - Steve Galliano  
– **TABLED by Steve Galliano**

- **Motion – (AMENDED)** To add a statement in the LMEA Large Ensemble Assessment (Instrumental and Vocal) Performance Requirements which states the following: *Ensembles are required to perform three selections on stage. One selection must be chosen from the Louisiana Prescribed List. The remaining two selections may be chosen from another any other genre, including pop – Broadway, etc. Contrasting styles are recommended.* - Steve Galliano 2<sup>ND</sup> Ryan Benoit  
Amendment – Motion: Jessica Fain Blanchard 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Trant  
– **TABLED by Steve Galliano**
- **Motion** - To add a statement in the LMEA Large Ensemble Vocal Assessment Performance Requirements which states the following: *Middle School and High School directors shall be allowed to choose a selection from the current All-State Honor Choir repertoire list as their required selection for assessment. Middle School and High School All-State Choir repertoire will be added to the following year's LMEA Prescribed Music List. The level of the selections will be determined and included in the list by the State Vocal Chairman.* - Steve Galliano–  
**TABLED by Steve Galliano**
- **Motion** - To add a statement in the LMEA Large Ensemble Vocal Assessment Performance Requirements: **Exception: Select Groups which states the following:** *Only members of a High School select group chosen from a school's top group can participate in both groups. The select group must perform on stage and sight-read up one level from the top group. The maximum number of members in the select group cannot exceed more than 50% of the top group. Members of the top group cannot sing with a school's second group of the same voicing.* - Steve Galliano 2<sup>nd</sup> Aleisa Hudlow  
Vote: For 10 / Against 1 (no abstentions) **PASSED**
- **Motion** - To add a statement in the LMEA Large Ensemble Vocal Assessment Performance Requirements: *Choirs must register in their designated district and follow all deadlines set forth by their District Chairman. If a choir has a major school conflict with the date of his/her district's Large Ensemble Assessment, then he/she MUST submit an Out-of-District Waiver Form to their District Director no later than six weeks prior to their district's assessment dates.* - Steve Galliano  
**TABLED by Steve Galliano**

### REMINDERS:

- JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for Robert Wilhite and Barbara Butler award
- Contact Outstanding Administrator Award Recipients
- Need Large Ensemble Assessment trophy – check for better pricing.
- Next meeting will be determined later and sent out to board.

## XII. Adjournment Motion

TIME 1:37