

SCMEA Orchestra Division  
February 6, 2010

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm at the North Charleston Convention Center.

**Announcements:**

Thank you to Marsha Gross on a great convention and thank you to Susan Baier and Kathy Perry for great performances. Thank you to Patrick Murch and Andrew Levin for the debut of your original compositions.

Thank you to Bernhardt House of Violins for the wonderful breakfast and use of instruments for our sessions.

Thank you to Chris Selby for presenting.

100% Club-if we can get everyone to give \$1 to show support, so much can be accomplished. We have three fold pamphlets with an explanation of how this works. Visit [www.100percentclub.org](http://www.100percentclub.org) for more information. Please sign up before you leave the meeting. We would like to get prominent people in the community such as the mayor, the superintendent, etc. to represent this program.

An orchestra specific forum will be available shortly through the SCMEA forum at SCMEA.net. It is created to make a music community.

Encourage everyone to visit scorchestra.net once a week. Thank you to Sarah Fitzgerald and Paul Buyer for all the work you have done on the website. We are working on a way to reach everyone. The website is a great communication tool.

Reminder of the Rules: If you have a chaperoning problem or conflict, we need that information by our September meeting in writing. You can send it via e-mail or mail. It is needed in advance to make sure everything runs smoothly for our events. Please make sure you are familiar with our rule governing sponsorship and student eligibility for our SCMEA sponsored events.

Christi Lewis- Thank you to everyone for signing the petition to rename the Keenan Theater to the Freddy Grace Theater. The dedication takes place tomorrow at 4:00 at the old Keenan Theater.

Dottie Hanlin reported Annie Ezell was in a car accident, facial and airway problems. Still in ICU, not able to talk but can communicate.

**Officer' Reports:**

Changes in the minutes: Matt Peebles is at Ashley Ridge and Dubose Middle School. Region 1-Tammi King Location: Chapman High School Date: March 24-26. For Solo and Ensemble, Richland is with Lexington 5 at Dent Middle on April 30-May1st. Christine Hallett needs a tally of last year's ratings and last year's left over medals. Under Old Business, John Ravnán not John Ravanaugh and Sarah Fitzgerald not Sarah Fisgerald.

John Kvasnicka made a motion to accept the minutes, and Dottie Hanlin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and Paul Buyer called for a vote.

Treasurer's Report, Sharon Doyle

\$43,211.72 is in the budget right now. Region chairs did a great job staying in the budget. If we can save a few dollars, we can add more money to online registration, paying for commissioned pieces, and spending more on clinicians.

Conference, Marsha Gross –

Thank you to everyone for attending this year's conference. Marsha sent around a sheet for suggestions for next year.

Paul Buyer noted that Bob Phillips attended the convention but did not present. Marsha Gross responded that she attempted to make contact with him to present at this year's convention but he was previously booked at that time.

Concert Festival, Ginger Greer-

Ginger was happy about Concert Festival fees, only three have not paid. If you have a purchase order cut, Ginger sends it to Sharon Doyle, and Sharon e-mails the invoice to the schools. This is working well.

See Ginger For Concert Festival Info. Have her e-mail her info.

One of your selections needs to be from one of the graded lists, Texas, Virginia, Florida, Georgia, and New York.

Region 3, please let Chris Selby know if you have specific scheduling requests.

Site chairs for the different regions will receive the information and make scheduling decisions.

- Solo and Ensemble, Christine Hallett

New deadline for Solo and Ensemble Festival-Friday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. Next year there will be a late fee. Sending a purchase order works well. Please send a hardcopy of the excel sheet (see website), payment, and cover sheet with a copy of your current MENC card. Fees are same as last year, \$3 for ensemble and \$5 for a solo. Next year it will be \$5 for each event. If you were an "early bird" and did everything early, we can get you a refund. Please attach your MENC card to your cover sheet. It may be \$25 for a late fee for next year. The largest ensemble may have 8 members and ensembles with 9 members need to go to Concert Festival.

Rosa Kelly stated some drop down menus did not work on the online form. Christine said it is working now.

Paul Buyer said he cannot sponsor a student that is not in his class is this correct?

Ann Buttimer brought up some private lesson teachers are sponsoring students. The President, Amy Strahm, responded by reading our rules stated in our SCMEA handbook "All students must be enrolled in their school string or orchestra class if such is offered at the school they attend". The teacher of that student should be the student's sponsor but, if no school program exists, a private teacher who is a SCMEA member may sponsor a student.

We are looking into graded lists for Solo and Ensemble. This may help categorize students with judges. Christine may send out a template to help with scheduling.

Jeremy Shaw asked about combining band students with orchestra students for Solo and Ensemble Festival. This will be looked into by the board.

Glen Price began speaking. We all have moments when we are afraid; frightened because we might not be prepared. Many could not come to convention due to budget cuts. We are at the mercy of our legislators. Encourages membership of the 100% Club. 100%.org-profile three people every month. Try to get influential people in your community to get involved in the 100% Club.

Chris Selby-They money will go toward the professional production of a video that shows the importance of music in SC. This will be given to all legislators.

- Region Orchestra-Phillip Pagal  
Great job with the region orchestras. Please read the handbook about sponsorship. If you know about a change in site changes, please see Phillip. Thank you for keeping with the budget. Guest conductors-there has been a list that is now lost, Phillip is starting a list and will send it in the packet for next year. If you would like to add anyone, please e-mail Phillip.
- All-State Orchestra, Brian Gencarelli and Patrick Murch  
We have music for the 11-12 Orchestra. The competition winner is playing the Elgar Concerto. It was decided that the 10-11 orchestra would have difficulties with this so it was moved to the 11-12 Orchestra. Changes will be made next year for the solo audition. I-385 is closed northbound in Clinton, the suggested detour is up I-26 over to I-85 to Greenville, allow another 45 minutes and plan ahead. We will use last year's election process for the following year, we have to have the nominations done by All-State Weekend. Last year 11-12 Louis Bergonzi was unable to do it, so we will ask him to do it for this year. E-mail names of people you are interested in conducting All-State to Brian Gencarelli, he will get a bio together. We are all set for this year's All-State.

Johanna Pollock suggests that we take soloists to only those in 11-12. Also, we would like to make the audition for the solo possibly happen in the fall. What if that student doesn't make All-State? Students that audition should be able make it into All-State Orchestra. Please contact Brian Gencarelli with questions.

Conductor's: Rebecca McCloud, Kirk Moser, and Jeffery Grogan  
We commissioned a piece by Kirt Moser for the 9-10 group.

We are trying to post excerpts or create a cd-rom to make it more efficient and cost effective. Publishers will be contacted about the ability to post music. Information will be posted on our website.

- Region Auditions, Paul Buyer-  
Some did not follow directions for registration but, much better this year. We would like to make online registration more broad, including Solo and Ensemble, this probably will not happen for next year. Thank you for region auditions, Amy Strahm, Susan Baier, Brian Gencarelli, and Marleen Marcou. If there are late registrations, we may have to add a late fee as well.

Chris Corde-please accommodate band students that may be from your school.

Amy Strahm-We are looking into receiving scores for your individual students

Christian Williams-Please make sure your child's name is spelled correctly for the All-State program.

John K-move to adjourn and Dottie Hanlin 2<sup>nd</sup> .

Members in attendance: Jolene Walter, Cheryl Munro, Sara Rose, Cortney Dial, Chris Corde', Colleen I. Marcou, Andrea Kemper, Sarah Fitzgerald, Christian Williams, Alisa Hodges, Andrea Clinebelle, Kristy Gwyn, Kim Le, Jeremy Shaw, John Kvasnicka Margaret Selby, Melissa Martin, Ginger Greer, Johanna Pollock, Gary Robinson, Brian Gencarelli, Susan Wines, David Saliny, Christi Lewis, Michael Mayo, Marsha Gross, Sharon Doyle, Amy Strahm, Ann Buttimer, Jenny Diehn, Paul Buyer, Matt Peebles, Michael Baier, Linda Versprille, Bonnie Balawender, Adrienne Counes, Ken Pruitt, Bonnie Adam, Erica Wells, Anne Routh, Kathy Perry, Helen Tipton, Jeff Kuntz, Christopher Selby, Dottie Hanlin, Jenny Mann, Allison Gallimno, Ray MaGee, Timothy Bennett, Christine Hallett, Phillip Pagal, Heather Tuner, Rosa Kelly and Pam Speas.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Diehn  
Secretary