

SCMEA Orchestra Division
September 11, 2004

Susan Baier, orchestra division president, brought the meeting to order at 2:00pm at the UNC String Project Building in Columbia, SC.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Susan Baier thanked and introduced the orchestra division board, Sarah Fitzgerald-President Elect, Johanna Pollock-Vice President, Amy Strahm-Secretary, Sharon Doyle-Treasurer, Jacob Dakon-Concert Festival, Angela Rex-Solo and Ensemble Festival, Chris Corde-All State, Chris Selby-Region Chair and Member At Large, Paul Buyer-All State Taping, and Sarah Rose-Member At Large.

Paul Buyer sent the membership list around. Check the accuracy of the information and correct if needed. Keep up with e-mail changes.

*** New Business**

Phil McIntyre stepped in for Patti Foy. He encouraged everyone to attend the conference in Charleston in February. There will be many events worth attending including a performance of Boston Brass and a grant writing workshop presented by the SC Department of Education.

New teachers were introduced as well as teachers who have changed positions within the state.

II. Officer's Reports

Approval of the minutes-Sarah Fitzgerald approved the minutes from the February 28, 2004 meeting and Norman Neff seconded.

Treasurer's Report-The 2003-2004 financial statement was distributed. The proposal for the 2004-2005 budget was also distributed. Start thinking about improving the quality of the events in our state (i.e. Concert Festival, taping for Region/All State.) If regions need assistance with taping needs, please contact Sharon Doyle. Colleen Marcou approved the proposed budget and Johanna Pollock seconded.

President-Elect-Sarah Fitzgerald talked about the sessions that will be available at the Inservice conference. Julie Lieberman from a school in New York City is doing two sessions, Creative Orchestra and Alternative Strings. She thanked everyone who sent in tapes for convention. There are three groups who will perform, the South Carolina Philharmonic Youth Orchestra lead by Jerry Gatch, Lexiton Middle School Orchestra lead by Melissa Martin and Dawkins Middle School Orchestra lead by Jennifer Diehn. The third session has been left open to give the opportunity to visit the exhibits. The last session on Friday will be on practical instrument repair. The breakfast make-and-take will occur on Saturday. See Sarah Fitzgerald if you are interesting in presenting at the make-and-take. The second session on Saturday is hands on bass technique with John Kvasnicka and Alison Mann. The last session on Saturday is part two of the Alexander Technique. Sharon Doyle added that on Thursday afternoon they will continue the leadership conference. There are grant writing and National Board Certification workshops on Thursday. The Banquet will be \$15 and a lunch on Friday.

Concert Festival-Refunds are coming to those waiting, but approval must come first. If you did not receive something please contact Jacob Dakon. His cell is 803-524-5594. His e-mail is jmdakon1@yahoo.com or jd65458@appstate.edu. Pick up an updated list for concert festival. Thanks to Jay Pinner who has updated this list. Please remember to mark if you want to trophy or a plaque on the concert festival form.

- Up State East (Region 1): Spartanburg County and Rock Hill
March 24-25?, Paul Buyer and Leesa Nanney
- Up State West (Region 2):
Greenville/Pickens/Anderson/Oconee, ????
- Mid-State (Region 3):
March 24-26, Susan Coferty
- Low Country (Region 4):
(Charleston and Myrtle Beach may split) Lynn Auman

Solo and Ensemble-Solo and Ensemble is almost 3 months earlier this year. Please make sure the registration forms are postmarked by the 17th of December. You can do the entries on your spreadsheet and attach to a registration form. Make sure the photocopy is readable. Do not send a student check for every child. Get a check from the school. Everyone who is a site chair will receive a budget. Please send left over metals and certificates to Angela Rex. There is a list of people who are willing to judge. Please add your name if you can judge Concert Festival or Solo and Ensemble.

- Pickens, Oconee, Anderson: Darby Innerst and Khristin Miesbauer
- Charleston: Rebecca Runge
- Greenville:????
- Florence: May need to go to another area if numbers are small
- Lexington: Khristy Lineberger at North Side Middle School
- Lexington 5: Collen Marcou at Irmo High School
- North Myrtle Beach: Lynn Auman? Moved date to Feb. 26-27.
- Richland: Anne Ezell
- Spartanburg 6, Rock Hill: Susan Baier at Dorman High School
- Spartanburg 7: Paul Buyer at Spartanburg High School

All State-The All State Orchestra will be February 18-20 at Furman University. Music will be determined in the next couple of weeks. Music will be available at Region Orchestras. Alex Spainhour will conduct the junior orchestra and Kathleen Brungard will conduct the senior orchestra. A few comments were made about the audition sections. Susan Baier said that you can change the bowings and dynamics in the Region/All State audition sheets. Paul Buyer said the individual teacher can change the bowings or dynamics, not the rhythm or notes. Angela Rex mentioned the wrong ritard and a tempo in Jr. All State. The ritard should be in the last three eighth notes of measure 53 with the a tempo in measure 54. For senior cello a note will be given to the judges to allow for a variation in a specific measure. There are fingerings that are not correct in the junior bass, please correct them accordingly. Committee members, please make sure you play through the excerpts before publication. Sandie Goldie asked about bowings. Susan

responded that students will not be judged on musical bowing changes. Chris Selby said the judges will be able to tell the difference between a musical bowing change and complete disregard for bowings marked.

Susan Baier clarified the difference between Chris Selby's job as the Region Orchestra Chair (school e-mail: cselby@rnh.richland2.org) and Chris Corde as the All State Chair. Chris Selby will field questions about how to run the event, but cannot assist with running the individual region events (conductor, sites, etc.) This is the job of the local chair people.

- Region 1: Auditions-Spartanburg High School-Paul Buyer
Event-Rock Hill, Sullivan Middle School-Brandy Duncan, Lydia Lowe and Marsha Gross
- Region 2: Auditions-Greenville Fine Arts Center-Catherine Crowe and John Ravnan
Event-Riverside Baptist Church-Ginger Greer
- Region 3: Auditions-Ridgeview High School-Chris Selby
Event-????-Anne Ezell
- Region 4: Auditions-Charleston School for the Arts-Sarah Fitzgerald
Event-Cliff Hinton, Ronda Lee, and Eugene Epting

Chris Selby read line nine from the handbook-*Any student who has been accepted into the orchestra must participate. Failure to do this will mean forfeiture of his right to participate in Orchestra Division activities for one full year. Illness and family emergency excepted.* He went on to encourage students not to audition who cannot participate in the entire event. The board has voted to change line 9 to read: *Any student who has been accepted into the orchestra must attend and participate in the concert and all rehearsals. Failure to participate in the event's entirety will mean ejection from the orchestra event and forfeiture of that student's rights to participate in subsequent Orchestra Division activities for one full year. Illness and family emergency excepted.* Susan Baier went on to clarify students cannot participate in state sponsored events one year from the date of the infraction.

All State Taping- There are over 1000 entries. Paul Buyer will get the local chair people a list as quickly as possible. When you setup your sites allow for quiet areas in order to run this in a professional manner for the students. You will need a quality cassette recorder in each room. Monitors need to check the tape for the scale, excerpts, and sightreading. Please stop the tape while the student looks at the sightreading. Separate the tapes of those who have made it into region and those who have not. Junior violins are cycled through the regions from year to year. When you fill out forms make sure they are filled out completely and neatly. A suggestion was made to fill out all questions possible for a specific form before photocopying and getting the principal's signatures all at once.

Additional Information:

Additional awards to be given out at the conference include the Young Educator's Award, SCMEA Business Award, and Friend of Music Education Award. The Young Educators Award is designed for teachers with 4-7 years experience. The Business Award will be given out to a member of the Business community who has shown exemplary support for local Music Education programs. The Friend of Music Education Award will be awarded to a member of a local community who has demonstrated exemplary support for music education programs in the community. The application forms will be posted on the SCMEA web site at www.scmea.net.

The Southern Division Leadership Conference will be held in Florida January 5-8. They are targeting young educators with 3-8 years experience. The Orchestra Division would like to sponsor one teacher who is interested in attending. Please check the SC Orchestra web site (www.scorchestra.com) if you are interested in filling out an application.

III. Old Business

The state web site has developed a curriculum guide aligned with both the State and National Standards. It is an excellent tool if you need to write a curriculum guide. It is located www.myschools.com/offices/cso/vpa/vpa.htm.

The last meeting involved a discussion about the All State process. The committee members, Catherine Crowe, Sarah Rose, Sarah Fitzgerlad, and Jennifer Diehn, are still open to comments from the membership regarding the this discussion held at All State in Myrtle Beach.

It is difficult to schedule around spring breaks. The president needs to hear about calendar dates before the meeting in the spring. Make sure to e-mail the president of the state before the meeting in May with dates that need to be avoided for state events.

Gail Barnes talked about a quartet adventure weekend at USC. You can send a full quartet or individuals. A statewide mailing will be sent out shortly. It will be held January 22, 2005.

Paul Buyer reminded the membership about Cello Choir. Go to the Furman web site and go to events. Download the PDF for the application.

Angela Rex thanked all Spartanburg teachers for encouraging students to attend FiddleFest. She wants to know if anyone from other areas would be interested in attending. Interest was established

Stacey Burnette won the free stay at the Embassy Suites and registration for the SCMEA Convention.

Paul Buyer motioned to close the meeting and Colleen Marcou seconded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Amy E. Strahm

Members in Attendance:

Rhonda Abercrombie
Susan Baier
Bonnie Balawender
Gail Barnes
Tim Bennett
Stacey Burnette
Alvera Butler
Paul Buyer
Haley Calore
Cristina Chiles
Chris Cordé
Jacob Dakon
Cortney Dial
Jennifer Diehn
Sharon Doyle
Anne Ezell
Sarah Fitzgerald
Brian Gencarelli
Christopher Gladman
Dottie Hanlin
Pamela Hayes
Candace Henry
Amy Herin
Robert Jesselson
Ann Keiter
Rosa Kelly
John Kvasnicka
Christi Lewis
Kristy Lineberger
Lydia Lowe
Alison Mann
Colleen Marcou
Melissa Martin
Brian McCants
Kristin Miesbauer
Leesa Nanney
Norman Neff
Johanna Pollock

Melissa Priester
Angela Rex
Sandy Rice
Sara Rose
Christopher Selby
Margaret Selby
Pam Speas
Brad Stewart
Amy Strahm
Jolene Walter
Michelle Warber
David Warlick
Adrienne Wells
Christian Williams
Brent Wilson