

SCMEA Orchestra Division Meeting
September 6, 2008, 2:00pm
Business Meeting
Irmo High School

Announcements:

Kathy Robinson--- Congratulations to new ASTA officers:

Secretary, Angela Rex

Treasurer, Kathryn Dey

Collegiate Representative, Janice Hutton

Kathy encouraged string teachers to join ASTA, participate in the meetings and attend the conferences. ASTA members enjoyed a reading session of orchestra literature from 9:00am-12:00pm. Thanks to all who participated and organized the event.

Sylvia Howell invited string teachers to audition and play with the Lake Murray Symphony. Advanced high school students (all-state level) are invited to play too.

Paul Buyer distributed roster and is updating the database.

Sharon Doyle asked all new teachers to register for drawing to receive a complimentary registration fee and 1 night paid hotel cost for the SCMEA conference in February. In addition, each of these 5 teachers received music from our past sightreading events to start their music libraries!

Welcome to our new string teachers!

Stacey Wiley---Richland 2

Jessica Bonds ----Spartanburg 7

Diana Geiger---Spartanburg 7

Jenny Mann---Richland 1

Andrea Kimper---Charleston

Jonathan Depriest---Charleston

Carly Francesca---Charleston

Mark Johnson---Rock Hill

Laura Buff---Lex/Richland 5

Alyssa Hoogenboom---Lex Richland 5

Margaret Selby---Lex/Richland 5

Nancy Davis---Greenville

Susan Weiss---Greenville

Cliff Hinson---Greenville

Approval of Minutes

Chris Corde made a motion to approve the minutes.
Dottie Hanlin seconded and it was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Sharon Doyle gave the Treasurer's Report. Our current balance is \$31,708.19.

The question arose about why we have such a high balance. Sharon responded that in the past, we have had to pay for unforeseen expenses such as a broken bassoon at an All-state event and have acquired high dollar expenses including rental equipment, etc.

In addition, Chris Selby stated that the federal government mandates that our organization balance has to be less than whatever we spend per year and we are well below that number. We currently spend about \$52,000 per year.

The motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Paul Buyer and was seconded by Dottie Hanlin .

Conference---Amy Strahm distributed a printout of sessions to be held at the SCMEA Conference on February 5-7 at the North Charleston Convention Center. The orchestra sessions and general sessions are posted on the orchestra website.

Site chairs are highly encouraged to attend the committee meetings at 8:00am Friday at the conference.

Amy encouraged the membership to bring instruments and attend the conference!

An invitation was given to teachers interested in bringing a high school group to perform at the Awards Luncheon at the conference (6-10 students). Please contact Chris Selby if you are interested in having a group perform.

Concert Festival

Ginger Greer report that 3,800 students participated, a record number for this event.

The \$85 fee has increased to \$100 for registration

This year everyone will get a plaque or trophy for superior, excellent or good

If you need an extra trophy for multiple schools, the cost is \$25 and teachers should let their region site person know.

If you want the plaque engraved, it will be an additional \$10.00 fee and will take about 3 weeks for delivery.

Sightreading issues were discussed. Ginger Greer stressed that the music is donated by vendors for us so we are at the discretion of the publisher who lets us use the music. Some problems can be eliminated by better planning of site chairs.

Site chairs for this year:

Region 1---Tammy King., Chapman High

Region 2—Anne Matthews, --where?

Region3 –Chris Selby at Keenan

Region 4—Pamela Heine –somewhere in Mt. Pleasant

Our fees are still cheap compared to band fees. Send any suggestions to Ginger Greer. Kudos to Ginger for doing a great job.

The issue of bus problems for Concert Festival was discussed. Many districts had to charter a bus. Everyone has their own district policies regarding student transportation. We can't wave the magic wand--please do the best that you can.

Theresa Jenkins—Region 1 had problems with recording This type of problem should be resolved with your region site chair. Other regions had the same problem.

Solo and Ensemble—Christine Hallett

Regions have two dates to choose from: April 24/25 or May 1/2

Overall, deadlines were met and forms filled out correctly. Christine suggested to put registration information in excel or word to be emailed, however, hard copies should be sent with the registration fee.

Phillip Pagal may post a sample form on the website. Teachers are encouraged to shared judges with neighboring districts.

Solo and Ensemble Festival: Local Chairs and Sites:

Spart. 2, 5, 6, 7, Rock Hill---Anne Buttimer/Dorman High /May 1-2

Lexington 1 and 2—Johanna Pollock/Lexington High/April24-25

Charleston—Paul Buyer/April 24-25

Myrtle Beach—Lynn Auman/date?

Richland1 and 2—Brent Wilson/Dent Middle/April 24-25

Anderson---Candace Henry/Palmetto High School/April 24-25

Pickens Oconee---Joyce Parvin/Seneca Middle/date?

Florence, Hartsville, ---Rosa Kelly /May 1-2

Lex 5---Colleen Marcou/Irmo High/ date?

Greenville—Angela Rex/Bryson Middle/date?

Region Orchestra-Johanna Pollock

Region I—Audition Chair, Susan Baier, Dorman High School
Event Host, Marsha Gross, SouthPoint

Region II---Audition Chair, Brian Gencarelli, Beck Academy
Event Host, Diane Atkins, Easley High School

Region III—Audition Chair, Colleen Marcou, Irmo High
Event Host, Johanna Pollock, Lexington High

Region IV---Audition Chair, Sarah Fitzgerald, Charleston SOFARTS
Event Host, Sarah Fitzgerald, West Ashley High

It is time for a new Region Orchestra chair. Any volunteers? Please let Chris Selby know. Region Orchestra Festival is November 21 and 22.

All-State

All-State Orchestra is February 27, 28 and March 1. The rehearsals will be at Dorman High School and the concert will be at Converse College on Sunday at 2:00pm.

Our local site chair for All-state is Susan Baier. Susan announced that her orchestra booster club will be serving lunch at Dorman and the lunch break will be a shorter amount of time than the supper break.

Christian Williams is doing the All-State program. He asked that teachers please send him information for program ads from ALL around the state.

Region and All-state Auditions-Paul Buyer

Teachers should download the instructions from the website for online registration. The Deadline for registration is next Sunday, September 14 at 11:55pm. Text files will be downloaded onto desktop ...should email as an attachment to Paul Buyer.

Each teacher MUST send a teacher cover letter with principal signature and MENC current membership.

Paul Buyer reviewed the process on the big screen for all teachers to see.

Paul Buyer stressed that all files from last year be thrown away before beginning the current registration.(audition manager).Registration fees need to be mailed by September 15th.

New Items

Sarah Fitzgerald is slowly but surely taking over the post as webmaster goddess. She is planning to have separate pages for events such as concert festival, all-state, etc. Blog for teaching tips, employment opportunities, etc. Be on the lookout for this change. New website address: www.scorchestra.net

Brian Gencarelli explained the Outstanding Performance Award proposal. Please see the attachment. Much concern was suggested about the grade level of music in relation to years of playing experience and fledgling programs. This is the first reading of this proposal.

John Kvasnicka made a motion that anyone interested in giving input for this idea, please plan to meet at 8:00am during the committee meetings at the conference. Dottie Hanlin seconded the motion.

Chris Selby added that this award is about taking our quality programs to the next step and should not be something that anyone can get easily. This should be an incentive for improvement.

Henry Anderson from Landrum expressed some concerns about Concert Festival. Make sure that scores and extra parts are there for the judges. A seating chart form was suggested and Dottie Hanlin is sharing her form with this region.

Amy Evers stated that there is a misprint in the Senior Violin piece-- B# in measure 26 should be added in the audition excerpt from the website. The judges should count either note as correct without penalizing the students.

The drawing for new teachers happened and Jessica Bonds was selected to receive the paid registration fee and paid hotel night at the conference.

John Kvasnicka made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Sarah Fitzgerald approved.

