

AMEA Governing Board Meeting

January 20, 2010
Conference Center
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

The AMEA Governing Board met at the University of Alabama, Conference Center on January 20, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by AMEA President, Pat Stegall. Present at the meeting: Pat Stegall, Garry Taylor, Carla Gallahan, Steve McLendon, Damion Womack, Chuck Eady, Marcy Wilson, Mary Jo Lakin, Carl Hancock, John Baker, Sharon August, and Lindsey Folsom.

The minutes of the August 15, 2009 meeting of the AMEA Governing Board were read by Recording Secretary, Carla Gallahan. John Baker (Marcy Wilson) moved to accept the minutes as read. Passed.

The AMEA financial report was presented and discussed by Mary Jo Lakin and Garry Taylor. Steve McLendon (Carl Hancock) moved to accept the financial report as presented. Passed.

Officer, Representatives, and Division Reports were presented and may be viewed online by visiting our website, www.alabamamea.org

Old Business

John Baker reported that approximately 50 students were scheduled to attend FAME. This year we will have students from each division (band, orchestra, and choir) in attendance.

AMEA was represented by several Board members at the MENC Southern Division Leadership Board Meeting. Pat Stegall, Garry Taylor, Steve McLendon, and Lindsey Folsom were in attendance.

Discussion continued regarding orientation sessions for new Division and AMEA Officers. There will be a continued focus in this area to improve the efficiency and consistency of office transitions.

Discussion continued on the feasibility of conducting an Intercollegiate Band and Choir at future AMEA conferences. Preliminary interest and ideas will be presented at the Saturday, January 23, 2010 meeting of the AMEA Governing Board.

New business

The MENC National Meeting will be held in Anaheim, CA. AMEA will be represented.

The slate of officers for the upcoming AMEA Officer Elections was presented to the Board and will be presented to the membership at the Friday, January 22 meeting.

Music Education Week will be held in Washington D.C. June 25-29, 2010. President Stegall is encouraging AMEA members to attend this week of activities in support of music education in the schools.

Carla Gallahan, as a member of the board of directors for the Alabama Alliance for Arts Education, will attend individual division meetings and sessions at the 2010 AMEA Conference to discuss the mission of the organization and the opportunities the organization provides for the music educators and students of Alabama.

Gary Taylor discussed the move of the AMEA Conference in 2011. He encouraged the Governing Board to discuss the move within each division.

The next meeting of the AMEA Governing Board will be January 23, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Pat Stegall (John Baker) adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Gallahan, Recording Secretary

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The AMEA Governing Board met at the University of Alabama, Conference Center on January 23, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by AMEA President, Pat Stegall. Present at the meeting: Pat Stegall, Garry Taylor, Carla Gallahan, Steve McLendon, Jane Powell, Chuck Eady, Marcy Wilson, Mary Jo Lakin, Carl Hancock, Sharon August, Taylor Sparks, Mark Walker, and Lindsey Folsom.

The minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting of the AMEA Governing Board were read by Recording Secretary, Carla Gallahan. Mark Walker (Carl Hancock) moved to accept the minutes as read. Passed.

The AMEA financial report will be updated and distributed electronically to the Governing Board for review to allow details of the 2010 AMEA Conference to be included. 761 people attended the 2010 AMEA Conference.

Officer, Representative and Division Reports and comments on the 2010 Conference:

Executive Director - Garry Taylor reported a very smooth conference. He commended the work of Carl Hancock with the stage crew and the Division Presidents for the session and performance selections.

President - Pat Stegall was very impressed with the conference overall including the clinics, keynote speaker, and performances. He recognized the Board for the recommendation of the keynote speaker. 50 students attended FAME and all sessions went well. Reported that the All-State Jazz Band was incredible.

Ala Breve – Garry Taylor reminded the Board that the deadline for submissions is January 27, 2010. He encouraged more article submissions and reminded the AVA and ABA Presidents of the need for the All-State schedules for inclusion in the Ala Breve.

Alabama Orchestra Association – Marcy Wilson was very positive about all aspects of the orchestra events at the conference. She commented that a scheduling conflict with performance groups from the same town caused some concern and should be addressed in the future.

Elementary/General – Sharon August reported great sessions for the division. She spoke very highly of the keynote speaker and the dance. Comments from members of this division reflected the desire for additional exhibitors.

Alabama Vocal Association – Jane Powell commented that some of the members expressed interest in scheduling the Honor Choir performance earlier.

Alabama Bandmasters Association – Chuck Eady reported super clinics at the conference. Concerns included the need for additional space in some of the clinics. Due to the move next year, this will not be a concern. On behalf of the ABA, Mr. Eady commended the performance of the Alabama Honor Choir.

Higher Education – Mark Walker reported that the conference went very well. Higher Education attendance at events was down slightly and attendance was encouraged. New officers for this division include: President - Tim Phillips, Vice President – Gary Packoch, Research Chair – Carl Hancock, Treasurer – Lori Ardovino

CMENC – Lindsey Folsom reported wonderful attendance (representation from across the state) and well prepared sessions for the CMENC events. New officers include: Taylor Sparks, Heather Haynes, and Dakota Bromley. Ty Parker won the Interview Competition and will be participating in the Music Education Week activities in Washington, D.C. this summer. He interviewed Theo Vernon. Moya Norland is the new CMENC Advisor. Members of CMENC went to Capstone Village to perform as a community service project. This activity was very well received. CMENC members expressed an interest in being involved in AMEA and the move next year to Montgomery. Lindsey thanked the Board for their support and encouragement.

CMENC Advisor Carl Hancock suggested that a professional photographer be hired to better document the AMEA events. Surveys will be sent out to identify how the Board can better serve the membership at the conference.

Old Business

In discussion on the AMEA Conference registration, it was noted that no one had registered as a non-MENC member.

Dates for the Summer Planning Meeting of the AMEA Governing Board were discussed. The meeting will take place in Montgomery at the Renaissance Hotel on June 10, 2010.

Pat Stegall distributed information regarding the Officer Training Proposal.

Purpose:

- To train incoming officers in their roles as leaders in their respective divisions and offices
- To develop a more consistent way of conducting the business of each division
- To continue developing manuals and guidelines for the leadership of all aspects of AMEA
- To find the best practices of each division and adapt them where possible to meet the needs of the other divisions
- To create a smoother transition from one officer to the next

The Board discussed possible ideas for implementing the program and providing time for each division to collaborate. Division Presidents spoke individually regarding the transition process currently in use and the need for an improved transition process within administrations. Garry Taylor commented regarding board dynamics, participation, and length of term feeling that an improved transition would improve the overall effectiveness of the Board. President Stegall is seeking suggestions for ways to continue the development of this proposal. Chuck Eady (Marcy Wilson) motioned to have each Division President and the President Elect for their division as well as the CMENC past and present Advisor and the past and current President attend the training program at the Summer Meeting with AMEA paying travel expenses.

The process to have Peer Reviewed article submission for the Ala Breve was discussed. The Higher Education Division is working on developing an Editorial Board to implement this.

Garry Taylor will contact the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery to tentatively schedule the AMEA Conferences for 2013 and 2014. The final decision will not be made until after the 2011 Conference.

The Alabama Orchestra Association requested that AMEA provide financial assistance for a representative of that organization to attend the Music Education Week in Washington, D.C. The cost of this trip was discussed and it was decided that financial assistance for this meeting would have to be funded through the divisions if funds were available. Chuck Eady encouraged the Board to contact their individual school boards as possible methods of financial assistance.

Carla Gallahan reported that some initial interest and contacts have been made in regards to the Intercollegiate Honor Band and Honor Choir. An email will be sent to all collegiate directors regarding this topic to determine interest and establish an organizational meeting if necessary. There will be a meeting at the 2010 Alabama All-State Band Clinic regarding the Intercollegiate Band.

The Governing Board discussed exhibitor badges and the policy regarding conference event attendance.

The AOA requested two performance slots for future conferences.

A "Call for Sessions" form is available on our website. Clinicians should complete this form and return it by the established deadline to be considered for the 2011 AMEA Conference.

Sharon August commented on recognizing the Nationally Certified Teachers in the AMEA Program and proposed recognizing them personally. A suggestion was made to have a clinic on the preparation of this certification and recognize those already certified at that time.

New Business

President Stegall asked the Board to continue to encourage new members to join our organization.

President Stegall asked the Board to be mindful of music jobs being cut and let him know if any jobs are lost.

The following AMEA Governing Board members have completed their terms: Damion Womack, Mark Walker, Lindsey Folsom, Carl Hancock, Mary Jo Lakin, and Carla Gallahan. President Stegall expressed his gratitude for their service to our organization.

The next meeting of the AMEA Governing Board will be held on June 10, 2010 at the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery.

Chuck Eady (Marcy Wilson) motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m. by President Stegall.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Gallahan
Recording Secretary