



# ALABAMA VOCAL ASSOCIATION

*An Affiliate of NAFME*

Minutes of the AVA General Membership Business Meeting

January 22, 2016

AMEA

Ballroom A, Renaissance Hotel

Montgomery, AL

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Davis @ 9:17 a.m.

The minutes of the Fall Workshop general meeting were read by Jane Powell and approved as read.

Rebekah Stevens presented the financial report which was then filed for audit.

**Carl asked membership to:**

- Provide feedback via email with regards to:
  - ✓ Friday morning AVA General Business Meeting time
  - ✓ AVA performances in Ballroom A compared to MPAC
  - ✓ Ideas for alternate festival times for ASSC. Ideas as to why there is a reduction in the number of students auditioning.
  - ✓ Communicate concerns or requests concerning AMEA to board prior to the After Action meeting on Saturday morning.

**Executive Secretary**

The Executive Secretary position officially becomes open again January 25 – February 22. Look on the website for application and additional information.

**AMEA**

- ❖ Congratulations to the performing choirs and session presenters. The choirs presented a nice selection of literature.
- ❖ Carl will suggest that AMEA sponsor a choral ensemble for the 2017 conference since the recent investments have been for the Symphony and Big Brass.
- ❖ Carl would like for the AVA membership to make an effort to thank AMEA for the \$1000 grant for Jeffrey Benson
- ❖ Be aware that exhibits will be closing early due to the weather

## **Honor Choir**

- ❖ Tucker Biddlecombe expressed that he was pleased with student preparation for Honor Choir. Directors were encouraged to involve students in Honor Choir. Carl noted that 1 of the districts only had one school involve students and he wondered why this would happen.

## **General Information:**

- ❖ Membership is reminded once again that incomplete registrations will be sent back to the director. Students will not be scheduled for an event until the Executive Secretary receives a complete registration packet, late fees apply.
- ❖ It is no longer necessary to send score sheets to the Executive Secretary when ordering S/E or SCPA medals.
- ❖ A reminder concerning the cancellation or postponement of AVA events due to weather. If AVA cancels an event, fees will be refunded. If AVA reschedules an event, funds will not be refunded.

## **OCS/OA/ME**

Send OCS résumés to the District Chairmen prior to All-state. The District chairs read the résumés prior to the beginning of the scheduled vocal auditions and interviews.

## **All-State**

- ❖ Auditions
  - The reduction of sites was much better for the adjudicators. The District Chairmen did a great job of preparing the sites and managing the auditions. Thank you to the membership for working with the sites so that the adjudicators could eliminate some travel.
- ❖ The Festival
  - Samford gives AVA significant rental discounts
  - Food trucks will be available for meals so that students do not have to leave campus. The cafeteria is still not an option.
  - Vendors: Carl plans to request compensation from Vendors
  - The student dress code needs to be addressed by directors. Skimpy clothing is not allowed. Align what students wear with the dress code at the schools.
  - Megan Rudolph reminded membership of PD opportunities available during All-State
- ❖ Samford would like for students to register biographical information info for recruiting purposes. They would like for AVA to provide student email addresses. This will be discussed further @ All-state.

## **Website**

- ❖ Continue to consult the website for information. For district information consult the District Chairman webpage.
- ❖ The offer from AMEA to host the AVA website has many positives. AVA will be moving the website to the AMEA site.

## **SCPA**

- ❖ Membership is reminded to read & familiarize themselves with the sight-reading rules in the handbook
- ❖ Each director needs to print & fill out the choir Literature Selection List Form for each choir and present and bring to SCPA. These will be collected and a list made for Jerry Cunningham, who is compiling literature lists to be put on the website.

## **Other Business**

- ❖ Megan Rudolph once again reminded the membership of the Regional ACDA Conference and passed on information concerning carpooling plans. Contact Megan if you need transportation.
- ❖ The ACDA Young Voices festival is April 29 – 30. Information is available at [alabamayvf.org](http://alabamayvf.org)