

March 6, 2013

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AVA Board Meeting Minutes

Samford University

The meeting was called to order at 11:32 am by President, Jody Powell. All board members were present except James Kendrick and Joe Whitaker. Jody introduced Erin Hunter (Samford event coordinator) who welcomed us to the campus and offered her assistance while we are here. Eric Gay is in charge of stage setup.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

The treasurers report was given with the following assets: checking-\$113,045.10, savings-\$11,622.98, for a total of \$124,668.08. Pat reminded the board that this included fees for several events that haven't taken place yet, and bills for All State haven't been paid. AVA lost money on AMEA, but made small amounts on Fall Workshop and OCS/OA. District chairmen are reminded to forward notes from Pat to directors concerning balances due AND that they are responsible for making sure registration and fees are mailed on time – NOT SCHOOL BOOKKEEPERS. With no corrections, the report was filed for audit.

ALL-STATE SHOW CHOIR – Jody commended all for the great job at AMEA.

- Vocal clinician for 2014, Mark Meyers
- Choreographer for 2014 is again, Jared Voss
- Due to the rule change concerning making All-State in order to be part of ASSC, 5-6 replacements had to be made. This made a huge difference in student attitude and work ethic, which was greatly noticed by our clinicians.

AMEA – the 2<sup>nd</sup> plaque for JSU is coming with Wayne Broom.

- Feedback concerning the event was sent piece by piece to Jody's email, and thus hasn't been reviewed at this time. The numbers of those in AVA giving feedback affects how AMEA spends for the event, so please encourage anyone who hasn't completed that to do so.
- Pat requested that Jody address the hotel billing problem with AMEA.
- Jody expressed thanks to all who assisted in any way.
- Brent requested that ALL age groups be represented on the performance program, even if the President needs to ask groups to perform.
- Jody stated that there is a form to submit to request performance time in the lobby area.
- Carl suggested that district chairs make provisions to record SCPA performances and use those recordings to submit for AMEA performance.
- Jody reminded us that FAME (and some other issues) were left out of the handbook in this printing and must be dealt with at summer board.
- Incidents must be dealt with at the time of the event, and an incident report filed.

ALL-STATE – Jody stated that dates for 2014 will be April 3-5, with OCS/OA on April 2.

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- There will be major parking issues next year due to a Samford performance on Thursday evening. This might affect TTBB rehearsal, but Jody will look into specifics at a later date.
- On campus lunch is an issue – no one is allowed in the cafeteria without a ticket. We are asked not to advertise the food court so Samford students can be accommodated.
- All rehearsal areas must be clean and in proper order when we leave the last rehearsals!
- Brent asked that AVA receive a list of what is covered in the \$10,000 we pay for use of this facility so we know exactly what we are responsible for.
- DC's get OCS resumes to read immediately following our meeting.
- Pat went over board duties for registration and reminded us that Thursday lunch will be in shifts to make sure registration is covered. You must stay until your entire district is registered.

OCS/OA – today's performance order – FEMALE, 7-4-3-5-1-2-6 – MALE, 7-1-3-5-2-4.

- ME winners will receive trophies on the Saturday concert.
- DC's please review resumes carefully as you are choosing the Outstanding CHORAL Student. Pay particular attention to the choral program they come from, and how they represent AVA in it. Pay attention to what seems to be most important to the candidate. There should be several "control" questions, but the rest should come from their resume. The best singer may not necessarily be the OCS...the rubric in your handbook will help with scoring. Kathy will address the selection criteria when introducing this part of the program at the concert.
- Carl, Moya Nordland, and one other area person will be judging OA.

SCPA – Jody stated that although this year's sightreading was difficult, the rubric helped.

- Ed Robertson will be preparing our next SR set, hopefully by Fall Workshop.
- Make sure judges are adding scores, and you recalculate to confirm.
- \$50 late fee and drop dead date has been very effective (except when dates on the website don't coincide!).
- Consider dates for the coming year carefully to avoid trouble getting judges. This also allows our membership more flexibility to attend the festivals.
- CHAIRMEN STAY ON DIRECTORS ABOUT GETTING THINGS IN ON TIME – IT'S THEIR RESPONSIBILITY, NOT THE SCHOOL BOOKKEEPER!
- Pat will inform directors that if things are sent in late, they must include the late fee, or she will return it until it's included.

SOLO/ENSEMBLE – Cathy stated that the solo adjudication sheet contains a "12 out of 10" and needs to be corrected.

- Pat said certificates for completed festivals are ready for pickup at registration.

ADVOCACY – Kathy stated that we must address issues with AMEA. The new AVA banner is being re-done, as the first was incorrect.

- Susan stated that a JSU student is currently working on a Miss Alabama platform supporting the choral arts. She is requesting letters from choir directors/students to support her effort in getting a bill to the Alabama legislature. Information will be forwarded to directors.



OLD BUSINESS – none.

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NEW BUSINESS – Pat asked that the board review the sheet in your packet concerning duties for this weekend.

- Decide on dates/locations for the coming year ASAP. Spread events out as much as possible to get judges and help directors.
- When changes have to be made after being published, you MUST email the board and get changes to James for the website immediately!
- Look at calendars NOW for summer board dates and be prepared to set on Friday.
- Carl gave out a technology survey sheet and asked that the board review. He would like to gather data about how sister organizations use technology, and we discover how to help AVA better serve and be organized. Please add/delete questions that will pertain to our membership.
- Brent asked for the ultimate goal for this survey? To adopt best practices. Cathy stated that at some point we may have to do ALL online. Pat asked that DC's get ALL directors in their district to participate (even by calling and asking questions over the phone) in order to continue to encourage those who don't participate in AVA events to join us!
- Pat reminded DC's to continue to forward reminders from her in order to stay on top of registration/fees/technological issues.
- DC's report to Brock Hall at 2:30 for OCS auditions, and Wright lower lobby for registration at 9:45 Thursday.
- Our next board meeting is 11:30 am, Friday on the mezzanine.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Recording Secretary, Susan McCall