

President, Jody Powell, introduced Phillip Copeland for opening comments.

The meeting was called to order at 11:37 am by President, Jody Powell. Board members present were Jane Powell, Carl Davis, Pat Blackwell, Susan McCall, James Kendrick, Kathy Hughes, Michelle Reburn, Ginny White, Brent Coleman, Cathy Spence, Joe Whitaker, Jerry Cunningham, and Tracy Mank.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The financial report was given with the following assets: checking - \$107,586.69, savings - \$11,629.09, for a total of \$119,215.78. Pat presented the following:

- A simplified version of the balance sheet.
- Purchase of a new computer for Carl (his died).
- Our bond was reinstated.
- We have approximately \$17,000 in bills with no income.
- Raised fees helping, but too early to tell.
- ALL BILLS MUST BE TO PAT BY JUNE 1 FOR PAYMENT.
- The report was filed for audit.

Board Packet – Jody asked Pat to explain listed responsibilities to board members.

- Pat asked District Chairs to report for registration on Thursday at 9:45 am.
- Please continue to stress to directors – 1 check per event!
- 15 no shows already, remember to pull student materials if there are more at registration.
- Sit at front of auditorium for concerts.
- Follow listed instructions for summer board.
- James, superintendent line may need a re-do on forms due to spacing.
- Let Jody/Pat know if envelopes are needed ASAP.

All State Show Choir – performing at assembly. Band rehearsal tonight; Dell Kincaid rehearsing singers. These students are ok to eat on campus due to special arrangement with Subway (thank you Jane!).

SCPA

- Events are complete and well done.
- Please keep reminding directors of \$50 fee, SCHOOL BOOKKEEPERS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING FORMS/FEEES IN ON TIME.
- PLEASE INCLUDE ALL BOARD MEMBERS ON YOUR EMAILS TO MAKE SURE INFORMATION IS GETTING OUT!
- Jody shared problems with parents sending emails to board members. Please remind directors to follow chain of command, and handle as much as possible themselves. Joe stated that directors don't always know parents are doing that. Tracy asked if there could be a separate "public" area for parent information on our website. Cathy suggested a director login for that type of information.
- Brent stated that online forms will revert to the outdated ones if computer "cookies" aren't deleted.

HONOR CHOIR – will next be 2015-16.

NEW BUSINESS

- Brent stated that Shirley Ellison has offered to judge all district's sightreading next year.
- Carl asked for suggestions for 30 minute sessions for Fall Workshop (deadline May 1).
- Pat shared original intent for sightreading – directors were never meant to be allowed to choose the example their students read. Several samples were needed for schools with multiple groups of like voicing. Forms now require sightreading voicing to be stated, and one example will be used (except in the case of multiple groups). This requires lots less material to be written.
- Ed Robertson will write a new set for 2015 Summer Board. Pat will pull from archives for this coming year's events.
- Carl asked for comments about HC online registration, and shared that there is an ADOBE format for possible future use.
- Jane stated that we don't yet need to be totally online – she had problems getting this year's All State packet printed (and the majority of the board hadn't filled out information sheets for this year's registration.....).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Susan McCall, Recording Secretary

General Membership Meeting

April 4, 2014

Samford University

The meeting was called to order by President, Jody Powell, at 9:04 am. Updates were given on the student from Westlawn HS (ok and at home after allergic reaction), and Damion Womack's son (having scan this morning). Carl briefly related the situation from Honor Choir for Randolph HS, and stressed again the importance of every director attending every event with their students.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Financial report was given with the following assets: checking - \$107,586.69, savings - \$11,629.09, for a total of \$119,215.78. Pat presented the simplified version of the report for the membership, and gave the following explanations:

- We will still lose money on AMEA as ASSC is listed there, and we bring them to AS to perform.
- Fall Workshop cleared \$1400
- OCS/OA/ME cleared \$1700
- SCPA complete, 1 solo & ensemble to finish.
- Board expenses don't generate money, and we had to replace one computer.
- OCS/OA scholarship winner info will be sent to directors after All State. Money is paid directly to the college.
- Thanks to Starbucks for their contribution this weekend.

The report was filed for audit.

All State Show Choir

- Performance was great – thanks to Jane and Dell Kincaid for getting students ready again.
- Auditions for 2015 are October 9-11 at Gardendale, Mt. Vernon Methodist Church.
- Please have these students on time for rehearsals – lot of material to cover in a short time!

AMEA

- Great attendance, wonderful concerts.
- Thanks again to Jane, Jerry, Carl, the board, and all who assisted or presided.
- We had a lean session year to try and save money – but more to come!
- Please submit for your choirs to perform – June 1 deadline.
- November 1 deadline for lobby performances.
- Performance block of time suggested, and NO 8 am performances for choirs requested.
- Next HC will be 2016. Sophomore no-shows from 2014 aren't eligible.
- 2015 dates are January 22-24 at Renaissance, Montgomery.

- State winners – ME – Shelby Morgan, Bob Jones HS
 OA – Derrick Byars, Lee HS
 Female OCS – Layla Tajmir, Hoover HS
 Male OCS – Trevor Dodson, Florence HS
- Great participation this year at district level. Good experience for students.
- Suggestion – bring back former OCS winners for an All State and allow them to share how this experience affected their lives/where they are now.
- ME winners must take part in FAME at AMEA – refer to your handbook for requirements.

All State

- No shows – 14 SATB, 5 SSA, 9 TTBB, 7 MSM, 8 MST = 43 total this year.
- 2015 dates are April 9-11 at Samford. Directors PLEASE make students aware of other events that will involve your individual schools on these dates!! DON'T ALLOW STUDENTS TO AUDITION WHO WILL NOT COMMIT TO ATTEND IF SELECTED!!
- All State Band is April 15-17, 2015.
- Cutoff scores were high this year because of the number auditioning. Board is looking into how to include more students if at all possible.
- Carl shared stats on SSA auditions – need for more inner voices! Huge numbers of girls auditioning.
- Audition time will be greatly helped if you will screen your students BEFORE bringing them to auditions. Don't bring students who are unprepared.
- Thanks for working with us on parking and meals. Not sure at this point if campus dining will be available again.
- Any suggestions you have to help, please put in writing and get to a board member.
- 2015 audition dates are November 12-21 – specifics to come.
- Directors were asked to pick up medals and certificates in lobby of Wright today.

SCPA AND SOLO/ENSEMBLE

- Large group festivals complete, 1 more S & E to go.
- Please remember to use current fees and forms, check your math, double check dates, follow up with bookkeepers to make sure registration has been mailed on time – IT IS DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THINGS ARE IN!
- Please email the board if there is a website problem!
- WE MUST SEND ONE CHECK PER EVENT FOR REGISTRATION AND ADHERE TO DEADLINES!
- Judges are hired based on recommendation/reputation. Instructions prepared that gives guidelines to follow and asks for justification of scores given. Dr. Latimer suggested a session of some type to educate judges on how to use our new rubrics.
- Please double check your own scores – we all make mistakes. Let board know if there is a problem.

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- Gina Garmon asked if we could remove “facial expression” from the discipline category.
- Donna Callahan asked if there was a way for board members to step in when the performance situation is discouraging to the students. Jody stated that we must know of the problem immediately.

- Cathy Spence reminded directors that we must prepare our students for ALL possible scenarios in performance. No one ALWAYS gets “the highest score”. We do ask judges to be positive, and if that is not the case, they usually are not used again.

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- Website is being adjusted to prevent parents from emailing board members! Directors, please take care of as much as possible in-house!
- “Contact us” is now password protected (Pat is username, Blackwell is password!)

FALL WORKSHOP

- September 5 (Friday) ONLY!! At University of Alabama, with Rollo Dilworth.

NEW BUSINESS

- Carl shared AS clinicians for 2015 – SATB, Lynn Gackle – SSA, Chris Aspaas – TTBB, Mark Bartel – MSM, Sandy Babb – MST, Beth Holmes
- Statewide mailing list needed – registration coming to our website, will be mandatory in order to register for events in the future.
- Megan Rudolph shared dates/info for the ACDA summer conference.
- Jody was honored (roasted?) for his service to AVA as President.
- Jody expressed thanks to all and stated that this job is NOT accomplished alone.

Slate of Officers for 2014-16

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| • President, Carl Davis | D 1 – Michele Reburn |
| • Vice President, Jody Powell | D 2 – Hilen Powell |
| • President Elect, Ginny White | D 3 – Ginny Hughes |
| • Recording Secretary, Jane Powell | D 4 – Cathy Spence |
| • Executive Secretary, Pat Blackwell | D 5 – Meg Jones |
| • | D 6 – Jerry Cunningham |
| • | D 7 – Daniel Massey |

Officer slate was presented with a second, nominations were solicited from the floor, there being none, the slate was accepted as presented. Carl introduced the new/returning district chairs.

Jody expressed thanks to the board, and to all directors for their work here.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted, Susan McCall, Recording Secretary

Transitional Board Meeting

April 4, 2014

Samford University

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by President, Jody Powell. Board members present were Carl Davis, Jane Powell, Susan McCall, Pat Blackwell, James Kendrick, Michelle Reburn, Ginny White, Brent Coleman, Cathy Spence, Joe Whitaker, Jerry Cunningham, Tracy Mank, and incoming chairs Hilan Powell, Ginny Hughes, Meg Jones, and Daniel Massey. All were briefly introduced.

Jody expressed thanks to those board members leaving, and asked Carl to take control of the meeting. Pat distributed folders of information for incoming members and gave brief explanation.

Carl shared the following:

- have dates and locations for events at summer board.
- OCS/OA/ME must be complete before Dec. 1.
- Summer board will begin at 7 pm, please be prompt.
- This is handbook revision year – we will read it in pairs, by section, to revise, then present to entire board for review before compiling the total.
- Executive board will revise the DC handbook to be for ALL board member's use.
- Pat has extra handbooks to use for making notes (don't use the one you have!)
- ALL bring DC handbooks with you.
- See James for passwords to alavocal board page.
- New DC see "old" DC for supplies/materials. Pat will provide other things needed – bring a crate to summer board to fill.
- Pat asked that large white AVA envelopes NOT be used for SCPA.
- Please email Jane with number/kind of envelopes you have so new ones can be ordered.
- PUT THE ENTIRE BOARD ON YOUR EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST – so correspondence can be checked for accuracy and make sure it's getting out!
- Please know that this position means service! You will be away from your family and students to handle AVA events.

Other business:

- Brent stated that having an agenda before the meetings would help members be prepared, and old members will need to share the "why" of some things for the benefit of new members.
- Better police presence is a must for this event! We are paying for services we aren't receiving!
- Suggested to have buses park at stadium and have those students walk.
- Check your email – communication is key!!
- Current board be seated down front at 6:45 for concert.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted for the last time, Susan McCall, Recording Secretary.

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

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