

Minutes of the AVA General Membership Business Meeting

April 10, 2015

Birmingham, Alabama
All-State Choral Festival
Samford University

Carl Davis called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. in Bolding Studio.

Ginny Hughes made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and treasurer's report. This motion was seconded by Ginny Coleman. Motion carried.

Tim Banks suggested dining options for the SATB choir on Friday:

- 1:00 p.m. Einstein's
- 1:00 pm food court of student union
- 1:30 pm in the regular cafeteria.

Carl asked Pat Blackwell to present the simplified version of the treasurer's report.

The full report reflects the following:

Checking: \$109,435.74
Savings: \$ 11,625.72
Total Assets: \$121,061.46
Total Liabilities: \$ 4,540.00
Total equity: \$116,521.46

All-State

Carl:

- thanked Ginny Coleman for her work with all of the planning and logistics of the festival and the Director for preparing their students for All-State.
- charged Ginny Coleman and Jody Powell with going to First Baptist Church in case of bad weather. We should all follow appropriate shelter/evacuation plans of the respective campuses.
- asked the membership to please help in stuffing the programs with the inserts containing the OCS/OA/ME winners. This will be accomplished in the lower lobby of the Wright Center immediately after the business meeting.
- Pat reported that there were 42 No-Shows for All-State.
3 MST, 9 MSMXD, 7 TTBB, 5 SSA and 17 SATB.
- A question was asked from the floor about the possibility of substituting students that were next on the audition list. Jody Powell explained that this would be unfair due to the score cut-off number that was established at the end of auditions. There might be as many as 50 students with the next lower number. How would one of the replacements be chosen from that many?

- All-State Choral Festival will be held March 3-4, 2016 in Birmingham at Boutwell Auditorium and the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center. 3 Rehearsal sites at BJCC and 2 at Boutwell. Both concerts would be held on Friday. Securing food trucks was discussed as a viable food service in that area. Carl is researching a wavier for parking fees. Boutwell and BJCC are less expensive than Samford. AVA Board will meet on site for planning purposes.
- Carl thanked Diane Johnson for securing a reduced rate for the rental of Boutwell.
- All-State Auditions will be November 6-13, 2015. With this schedule, it requires the adjudicators to only miss 5 days of school. 3 locations are being proposed. North, Central and South. Pat is looking at the schedule rotation now.
- Ginny reported that she will be researching the audition process of All-State in surrounding states.

Pat announced that the certificates from SCPA, All-State, medals for All-State and resumes from OCS/OA were downstairs in the Wright Center and need to be picked up at the conclusion of the meeting.

ASSC

Carl announced that the 2015-16 ASSC auditions would be held at the Gardendale Mount Vernon United Methodist Church Friday and Saturday, October 16-17, 2015. Carl also added that the timing and location of the All-State Festival 2016 may determine if the ASSC would be able to perform at the All-State Festival.

AMEA

Carl:

- read comments made by the membership on the "Guidebook" app at the AMEA Conference.
- reiterated that AMEA had given AVA \$1000 to secure a clinician for the AMEA Conference. Carl thanked Dr. Carl Hancock and Garry Taylor for this.
- announced that Tucker Biddlecomb would be the Honor Choir Clinician. Possibility of Honor Choir and AVA session choirs having a change in venue at the next AMEA Conference. It would probably be held in Ballroom C,D and E. This would offer more flexibility in performances and acoustics.
- asked the membership to please submit for performance at AMEA. We only had 4 submittals this past year.
- Megan Rudolph suggested that the AVA General Meeting be held at a time other than Saturday morning to allow for more of the membership to attend.

SCPA

- Carl stated that SCPA's weather problems, rescheduling, assessment refunds will be discussed at Summer Board. Dr. Marvin Latimer and Dr. Carl Hancock have the SCPA scores for the last 10 years and are crunching the numbers to report to the board.
- Allen Gillespie suggested that a list of repertoire could be compiled from the SCPA/Solo/Ensemble forms and adjudication sheets.
- Diana Mayhall questioned the use of old Sight reading for this year's SCPA. Carl reported that in order to be able to peruse the SR examples, he has commissioned Dr. Ed Robertson to write new sight reading for the future a year in advance.

Fall Workshop

- Fall Workshop will be held Saturday September 11th at First Baptist Church in Montgomery.

OCS/OA/ME

Carl reported that Hilan Powell and Meg Jones will be looking at OCS/OA/ME guidelines to inform at Summer Board.

New Business

- Carl read a letter from Pat Blackwell announcing her retirement as AVA Executive Secretary effective June 30th, 2015.
- Carl announced a meeting with AVA Past Presidents to be held Saturday, April 11th at 10:00 am in the lower lobby of Wright Center to discuss the direction for AVA.
- Carl asked Pat to create a list of needed values for a replacement Executive Secretary.
- Rebecca Rockhill, Allen Gillespie, Brent Coleman offered positive comments about Pat.
- Pat stated to the membership that she would be available to help in the transition
- Brent Coleman charged the AVA board to revisit the option to divide the All-State Festival into a separate MS and HS festival.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 am.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jody Powell, Vice-President

Edited by Jane Powell, Recording Secretary

