

Minutes of Fall Workshop General Meeting  
1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church  
Montgomery, AL

September 11, 2015

General meeting: Began @ 4:16 p.m.

The minutes of the All-State general meeting were read and approved with corrections.

The financial report was presented and filed for audit.

The financial report reflected the following:

Checking: \$67,856.06

Savings: \$11,628.51

Total Assets: \$79,484.57

### General Information

- Membership must update contact information on the website to be able to register for AVA events. This will have to be done yearly.
- Executive Secretary position will re-open in January 2016.
- Board members have new email addresses. alavocal.org addresses will be phased out and new gmail.com addresses are already being used
- Carl apologized for misleading information concerning free registration for Fall Workshop
- Rebekah reported on moving the AVA website to the AMEA website. The cost will be \$4000
- For each AVA event if the registration materials are incomplete then the students will not be scheduled.
- The membership is reminded again that when registering for events, please submit 1 check per event. Do not send one check for multiple events.
- 2015 NAFME National In-service Conference: Nashville, TN – October 25-28, 2015
- Megan Rudolph & John Kincaid presented the following information concerning ACDA: To encourage attendance at the Regional Conference, ACDA will pay membership in ACDA for 1 year for those who have never attended the Summer Conference but will register for the next one.

### Policy

- Cathy Spence made a motion to accept the amendments to the Bylaws that had been read at the opening session of the workshop.  
**These proposed changes were:**
  - ✓ **Fees for each event must be paid by the absolute deadline or students will not be allowed to participate in the event. After discussion by the membership: Jody Powell made a motion that fees must be paid by absolute deadline & Josh Agnew amended the motion by stating fees must be postmarked by the absolute deadline. Motion passed.**
  - ✓ **State Outstanding choral students will receive a trophy and a scholarship award. Taking out “winners will perform their vocal selection”**
- Meg Jones presented the following OCS candidate guidelines:  
The candidate needs an accompanist (should not serve as his/her own accompanist), no recorded music, no original compositions by the candidate.

## All-State Show Choir

- All-State Show Choir Auditions: October 16 & 17, 2015 – Gardendale-Mt. Vernon UMC, Gardendale Registrations due by October 1, 2015. No registrations even with a late fee will be accepted after October 9 and fees are also due on that date.
- The audition fee is now \$30 per student
- Clinicians: Paul Gulsvig-vocal clinician-St. Paul, MN/Kye Brackett-choreographer-Las Vegas, NV
- The festival is January 20 – 23, 2016 @ Montgomery Performing Arts Center. Rehearsal will begin on Wednesday evening, January 20, with registration @ 5:30 p.m.
- Question from the floor concerning ASSC results being published prior to All-state and students having to be removed from the choir when they do not make an All-state choir. Response: During an Honor Choir year the ASSC results have to be shared prior to HC screening. The board will visit this issue for the following year and see what the options are.
- Megan Rudolph asked why ASSC performs @ All-State? She feels like this was not voted on by the membership. The explanation was that the kids put in many hours of work and a very few people actually get to see the performance. The decision a few years ago to remove ASSC from the All-State MS concert brought much criticism from the membership. A performance @ the opening ceremony does not interfere with the All-State festival and allows the students to see the ASSC. The point was made that the ASSC will probably not survive if the students involved only perform @ AMEA.

## All-State Choir Auditions/Festival

- Carl explained the plan for AS auditions throughout the state:  
2015 Audition Location/Dates  

Thursday, November 13	Cullman
Friday, November 14	Cullman
Saturday, November 15	Florence
Monday, November 16	Gadsden
Tuesday, November 17	Gadsden
Wednesday, November 18	Montgomery
Thursday, November 19	Montgomery
Friday, November 20	Mobile
Saturday, November 21	Mobile, Formulate Ensemble Rosters
- Jane explained the plan for the MS Treble choir voicing. We will divide the S2 voice along district lines. In the 2 part music districts I - IV will sing the soprano, district V – VII will sing the alto.
- For all choirs, if a voice part divides Districts I-IV will take the higher note, V-VII will take lower note.
- The SATB piece, Jubilant Song: the one in the packet is not correct. This will be addressed with the clinician and a decision will be made and communicated to the membership.
- All-State Festival will once again be at Samford University, Birmingham, March 2 – 5, 2016
- Carl explained in general the All-state schedule
- Carl reminded the membership that documentation is required for missed rehearsals or festivals: Page 31 of the AVA Handbook deals with supplying documentation for not attending the festival: *Students who were selected for the previous year's All-State Choir Festival or All-State Show Choir Festival and did not attend, or who were dismissed from either festival, are not eligible to audition for All-State Choir unless absences are excused. All absences are reviewed by the AVA Board. Documentation must be submitted to the AVA Executive Secretary within ten days of that year's festival (doctor's excuse, funeral, etc...).*

- Megan Rudolph offered to provide “call for sessions” from among the membership for PD during the All-State festival

**AMEA:**

- January 21 – 23, 2016/ Renaissance Motel, Montgomery
- Jeffrey Benson is the AVA Clinician
- AVA General Meeting – Friday – 9:00 a.m.
- AVA concerts will be in Ballroom A
- The State Music Education winner will not be required to stay for the Friday night awards ceremony. The ME winner will be recognized @ the High School All-State Festival only.

**SCPA**

- Sight-reading: Ed Robertson has written the SR for the 2016 SCPA but is not available for 2017
- Music: Jerry Cunningham will compile an SCPA music list that reflects the music that has been performed by the membership over the past several years

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned @ 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Jane Powell  
AVA Recording Secretary