

AVA Summer Board Meeting Minutes

June 1 – 4, 2014

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June 1, 2014

The executive Board(Carl Davis, Pat Blackwell, Ginny White, Jane Powell---Jody Powell was absent) met @ 12:00 for lunch, set-up of meeting room, and a work session for the purpose of revisions to the District Chair Handbook. This meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting of the AVA Governing Board was called to order by President Carl Davis @ 7:05 p.m. on June 1, 2014. In attendance were: Ginny White, Pat Blackwell, Jane Powell, Hilan Powell, Ginny Hughes, Cathy Spence, Meg Jones, Jerry Cunningham, Daniel Massey, James Kendrick. Jody Powell was not in attendance due to a prior commitment. Michelle Reburn was not in attendance due to a family death. Jody was in attendance at the beginning of the meeting on June 2.

Carl suspended the reading of the minutes and the financial statement until the following day (June 2).

The meeting was recessed @ 10:00 p.m.

Meeting resumed on June 2 @ 7:57 a.m. and recessed @ 8:30 p.m.

Meeting resumed on June 3 @ 8:02 a.m. and recessed @ 9:20 p.m.

Meeting resumed on June 4, 2014 @ 8:08 a.m.

Carl thanked each board member for agreeing to serve in their position and asked each member to introduce themselves.

Minutes were read the morning of June 2 with the following result:

All-State Board meeting ---approved with corrections

All-State General Meeting----approved with corrections

Transitional Board meeting @ All-State---approved as read

Financial Report: The simple Financial Report was presented showing the following assets ---

Checking: \$65,991.87; Savings: \$11,630.00; Total: \$ 77, 621.87

Jody made a motion to suspend the detailed report to be discussed by event. Motion passed.

Over the remainder of the meeting days **reports of the treasury** were presented, event specific, in conjunction with revising the handbook by event.

Financial report by event is as follows:

All-State report reflects that operating expenses were lowered and revenue was increased.

OCS/OA/ ME report showed a profit in every district.

ASSC report reflected a deficit. Discussion followed concerning ways to cut expenses.

Possibilities are: including more students in the ASSC, ASSC does not perform at All-State, not scheduling All-state in April due to prom conflicts.

Honor Choir report reflected a profit.

SCPA, S/E, report reflected a profit in each district.

General Expenses report was presented and questions were answered concerning what is actually included in this category.

The financial report was filed for audit.

Matters of discussion:

- 1) Pros and cons of public posting of scores at SCPA resulted in the consensus that there is no measurable gain from such posting.
- 2) Pros and cons of offering high school choirs alternate levels of sight-reading based on age, grade level, or experience. A committee of Ginny Hughes, Hilan Powell, Cathy Spence will further examine this and report to Carl their suggestions.

The board read through the DC Handbook and the suggested revisions made by the executive board were discussed. The revisions were given to James, webmaster, for implementation into the handbook. The Board proofed the revisions following the implementation and further corrections were noted. During the reading of the District Chair handbook time was also devoted to orientation of new District Chairs concerning the running of events.

All-State Reading Sessions

For the purpose of approving/rejecting music the All-State Clinicians have proposed.

SSA: Chris Aspaas, St. Olaf College
TTBB: Mark Bartell, Friends University, Wichita, Kansas
SATB: Dr. Lynn Gackle, Baylor University, Waco, TX
MS Treble: Dr. Beth Holmes, Milliken University
MS Mixed : Dr. Sandra Babb, Queens College, City University of New York
ASSC : Paul Gulsvig-Onalaska, WI/Jarad Voss-Indianapolis, IN

***For the 2015 audition process students will sing divisi within a single voice part (eg. SI divides) as follows:
Districts V – VII will take the upper notes & Districts I – IV will take lower notes***

Handbook

Carl divided the board into teams of 2 people each and charged each team with reading and editing a portion of the AVA Handbook. Reading time followed with the following teams.

Hilan Powell & Ginny White--- Constitution & OCS/OA/ME
Pat Blackwell & Ginny Hughes --- Fall Workshop & All-State
Daniel Massey & Jane Powell--- ASSC & Honor Choir
Jody Powell & Jerry Cunningham ---Bylaws
Cathy Spence & Meg Jones -- SCPA & Solo/Ensemble

Each team then presented a report, reflecting suggested revisions for each section. This report included reading the sections in their entirety, as a board, and revisions were supported or rejected by the board. Additional revisions were often times made during the reporting session. Revisions were given to James, webmaster, for implementation. Each team then read through the section another time to confirm that the revisions had been accurately entered into the handbook.

BYLAWS

Committee of Cathy Spence & Pat Blackwell to discuss adding a reference(see section 2.5 of the Bylaws) to the Constitution, article VIII.1 (Duties of Executive Secretary) to show that auditing of the AVA checkbook is in place.

Motion by Cathy Spence.....add this statement to Bylaws section 2.5.....The ES shall supply the AVA Executive Board copies of monthly reconciled bank statements, written checks, and deposits as well as a report of duties performed during said month. Separate reports will be submitted as soon as each event is completed state wide. Motion passed.

This will be presented to the membership for approval @ Fall Workshop 2014. A ballot will be prepared for the membership to approve additional amendments to the bylaws @ Fall Workshop.

Discussions of AVA events produced the following results:

Fall Workshop

Friday, September 5, 2014 University of Alabama Tuscaloosa

Pre-Registration is due Friday, August 29, 2014

Carl shared information about Fall Workshop and set up a committee, Ginny Hughes/Hilen Powell, to rework the schedule.

J. W. Pepper will sell complete packets of All-State music at Fall Workshop. Cash, credit card, school check but no Purchase Orders. When ordering music off the website it is best to order complete packets.

All-State

Audition dates and sites were confirmed. Registrations for ALL audition sites are due by Thursday, October 2 in order to avoid a late. Registrations POSTMARKED, FAXED, SCANNED and EMAILED after October 2 will not be accepted unless accompanied by a late fee. NO REGISTRATIONS EVEN WITH A LATE FEE WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 16, 2014

Thursday, November 13 – Alexandria, Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Friday, November 14 --- Gardendale, Gardendale-Mt. Vernon UMC

Saturday, November 15 --- Gardendale, Gardendale—Mt. Vernon UMC

Monday, November 17 --- Mobile, Spring Hill Baptist Church

Tuesday, November 18 --- Saint James School, Montgomery

Wednesday, November 19 --- Florence, Florence High School

Thursday, November 20 --- Huntsville, Willowbrook Baptist Church

Friday, November 21 --- Huntsville, Willowbrook Baptist Church

Saturday, November 22----Put choirs together in Huntsville

Executive Board Assignments for All-State Auditions

Carl Davis---SATB

Ginny White----SSA

Jody Powell----TTBB, MS Mixed

Jane Powell----MS Treble, SSA

Ginny Hughes moved to accept the Audio Recording Bid from Tim Batt for the 2015 All-State Concerts. Motion passed.

Cathy Spence asked that we give attention to a dress code for All-State rehearsals. It was agreed that a comment be placed in the Fall Newsletter, the All-State acceptance letter, the President-elect All-state letter, and included on Fall Workshop agenda.

Carl outlined the problems that he was having confirming the schedule for the All-State Festival based on the inability of Samford to totally commit to hosting the event. He shared that he and Pat had made a site visit to Auburn University to explore the possibilities of moving the 2015 Festival. He is waiting on confirmation from Auburn at this time. He will share information when it is available. Carl, Jane, Ginny White worked up a possible schedule for the festival if it is to be held @ Samford. This reflects the inability to have the Wright Center on Saturday morning.

ASSC

All-State Show Choir Auditions Thursday, October 9 – Saturday, October 11 – Gardendale-Mt. Vernon UMC, Gardendale Thursday auditions will not start before 10 am

Registrations due by Wednesday, October 1, 2014. No registrations even with a late fee will be accepted after this date. Registrations may be made with a PO BUT the PO must be paid in full before auditions.

Clinicians: Paul Gulsvig-vocal clinician-Onalaska, WI
Jarad Voss-choreographer-Indianapolis, IN

Jane presented an alternate ASSC Festival rehearsal schedule that would begin on Wednesday evening. The board accepted the new schedule.

SCPA

Sight-reading pieces were chosen for the 2015 SCPA by means of reading from previous year's sight-reading samples that the general membership did not have access to.

Discussion concerning pros and cons of posting scores of SCPA and the consensus was that there is no measurable gain from this posting.

Discussion concerning pros and cons of offering high school choirs alternate levels of sight-reading based on age, grade level, or experience. Committee of Ginny Hughes, Hilan Powell, Cathy Spence will further examine this and report to Carl their suggestions.

GENERAL

Carl discussed miscellaneous responsibilities of various board members.

DCs were given time to purge the District mailing list in an effort to facilitate accurate mailing of AVA correspondence.

Decision was made to provide links on the website to any music related vendors who would like to provide resources to the membership.

Carl would like all directors to enter contact info into a database on the website before they are allowed to register for events. This year they will be encouraged to do so and the decision will be made whether to move forward to require this as a pre-requisite to registering for events.

Discussion of Standing Rules concerning registration deadlines in State vs District events.

Article II, Section 2.4

The decision was made to clarify by rewording in this manner:

Section 2.4. No application will be accepted later than the absolute deadline. See table below for absolute deadline. Check calendar on AVA website for dates.

Event	Deadline	Absolute Deadline
All-State auditions All-State festival Honor Choir festival All-State Show Choir festival	six weeks prior to the event	four weeks prior to the event
SCPA Solo & Ensemble OCS/OA/ME Honor Choir Screening	four weeks prior to the event	two weeks prior to the event
All-State Show Choir auditions	deadlines change yearly	

Students will not be allowed to perform until fees are paid. All schools with a scheduled time for an event must pay for that event.

No application will be accepted later than 4 weeks without a late fee All-State Choir

2014-15 event dates were shared and discussed.

	District I	District II	District III	District IV	District V	District VI	District VII
OCS/OA/ME	November 4 Florence HS DUE Oct. 7 None accepted after Oct. 21	November 20 Paul Bryant HS DUE Oct. 23 None accepted after Nov. 6	November 3 Gardendale HS DUE Oct.6 None accepted after Oct. 20	November 20 Alexandria HS DUE Oct. 23 None accepted after Nov. 6	November 3 Randolph School DUE Oct. 6 None accepted after Oct. 20	October 29 Tallassee HS DUE Oct. 1 None accepted after Oct. 15	December 1 UMS Wright DUE Nov. 3 None accepted after November 17
SCPA	March 10- 11 March 10 – Southside Baptist, Decatur March 11- UNA DUE Feb. 10 None accepted after Feb. 24	February 23- 24 Moody Music DUE Jan.26 None accepted after Feb. 9	March 23,24,25 Bluff Park UMC DUE Feb. 23 None accepted after March 9	March 5 Gadsden City HS DUE Feb.5 None accepted after Feb. 19	March 16-17 James Clemens HS DUE Feb. 16 None accepted after March 2	March 13 First Baptist ,Tallassee DUE Feb. 13 None accepted after Feb.27	March 19 Spring Hill Baptist DUE Feb. 19 None accepted after March 5
SE	March 11 UNA DUE Feb. 10 None accepted after Feb. 24	February 23- 24 Moody Music DUE Jan.26 None accepted after Feb. 9	March 7 Gardendale HS DUE Feb. 7 None accepted after Feb. 21	February 19 JSU DUE Jan. 22 None accepted after Feb. 5	April 20- 21 Willowbrook Baptist DUE March 23 None accepted after April 6	March 13 First Baptist ,Tallassee DUE Feb. 13 None accepted after Feb.27	FALL – Nov. 21 Spring Hill Baptist DUE Oct. 24 None accepted after Nov. 7 SPRING-

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Carl thanked everyone for their kind attention and participation in the meeting.

Jody motioned that the meeting adjourn. It was seconded and approved by the board.

The meeting was adjourned @ 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Jane Powell, AVA Recording Secretary