

**AVA General Membership Meeting
AMEA Conference
January 19, 2018
BJCC**

Ginny called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.
Cara moved to skip the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Stacy Owens shared the financial report with balances of

Checking:	\$114, 518.59
Savings:	\$11, 642.15
Total Assets:	\$126,160.74
Total Liabilities:	\$ 5,000.00

Ginny shared that we have had very few expenditures so far this year.

Fall Workshop

Ginny reported that the participation numbers are continuing to increase and encouraged feedback from the membership.

ASSC

Again, Ginny encouraged feedback from the membership, especially concerning the addition of 9th grade, and moving the festival to the week of All-State.

All-State Auditions

Ginny stated that the adjudication form needs some revision, possibly to a rubric.

She reported that we are moving forward with video auditions, and consulting "Acceptd", a company in Wisconsin. Videos are uploaded, and Acceptd organizes and sends them to the AVA board. There would be a fee involved, but it would be considerably less than AVA board travel expenses.

Gina Garmon asked about the possibility of videos being tampered with. Ginny stated that that is being addressed and measure would be taken to ensure the integrity of the audition.

She said that some ideas being discussed are: to begin with the option of using a video; begin the process with show choir auditions; and the possibility of singing with a track of other parts.

Ben Cook shared how demanding it is for the board to go throughout the state auditioning.

Ginny encouraged feedback from directors with any ideas or concerns they may have.

AMEA

Ginny shared that the conference is going well, especially for the new location. The venues are more spread out, but it has worked out fine.

Ginny asked for members to share feedback on the Montgomery vs Birmingham conference location.

Honor Choir

Meg reported that this year's Honor Choir is going well however, the students do not seem to know the music well. In the future, directors need to make sure the students are better prepared. Meg asked for ideas to ensure that the screening process is more successful.

She mentioned the possibility of changing the Pass/Fail system to a rubric form.

She reported that 182 students were registered and we were down to 159 after weather cancellations. There would be more cancellations by Friday.

Brent Coleman asked about the possibility of having more of a learning situation, where students would not receive the music until the event, much like other Honor Choir events hosted by colleges.

New Business:

SCPA: Ginny reported that all choirs will be recorded and encouraged directors to use these for AMEA concert submissions.

Incentive: We are still going to allow schools to come for free if they haven't participated in SCPA for the previous 3 years.

Meg Jones reported that she is heading up a committee for a Sight Reading adjudication revision. She asked for directors to send any ideas or recommendations to her by this year's All-State Festival.

All-State: Ginny reported that the schedule would be sent out soon and reminded that students are not to eat meals on campus.

Directors should watch for a questionnaire about dates for the upcoming year for District Chairmen to use in scheduling events.

There has been no negative feedback about online registration for AVA events.

Ginny asked for ideas concerning the electronic submission of student resumes for ME, announced that the ME scholarship will be named the "Pat Blackwell ME Scholarship".

Ginny shared that at Fall Workshop it was reported that we would announce the new slate of AVA officers, however this year's slate is not ready to present.

She stated that members will receive an emailed when it is ready.

FW survey did not have many to volunteer for positions.

Ginny reminded that Executive Board members must have previously been a District Chairman.

Gina asked about SR samples and if they would be updated. Ginny said that this past year we used old samples from the website.

Brent asked about the SR overhaul. Meg reported that she is still researching other states using various levels and how those levels are determined. Ginny again encouraged members' participation on the revision committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35.