

**Alabama Vocal Association
General Membership Meeting
Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center, Montgomery
January 21, 2017**

Ginny called the meeting order at 8:00 a.m.

Cathy Spence read the minutes from the Fall Workshop meeting. Minutes were approved with no corrections.

Carl presented the financial report, correcting the checking account balance as the financial report will be filed for audit.

Fall Workshop

Ginny asked the membership for suggestions to be emailed her for clinicians, session topics, etc.

ASSC

Ginny reported that participation numbers are down and have been slowly declining. There is a need for change...we cannot have a festival that continues to lose money. The Executive Board has discussed various changes, but the membership is encouraged to email with any suggestions they may have. Jane mentioned that she discussed with the students in ASSC to go back to their schools and share their experience with other students.

All-State Auditions

Ginny expressed that she hoped the instruction sheets were helpful, and also separating the rehearsal tracks by district. We hope to continue improvement in the future. She asked the membership to provide feedback concerning the online posting of results. Unfortunately, this year the password protection did not work and we had to make the results public, but problem has since been resolved.

AMEA

Ginny hoped that the performance venue was more successful in accommodating choirs than it was last year. Next year at BJCC, hopefully the choral performances will not be in a ballroom.

She also expressed appreciation to clinician JD Frizzel and hoped the membership enjoyed his sessions. She asked again to provide recommendations for next year, reminding them that AMEA provides one clinician.

New Business

Ginny mentioned that feedback from SCPA helped to add a February festival. She reminded directors that choirs will be recorded and sent to them free of charge. She recommended using that recording to submit to AMEA! Ginny also reminder of the policy put in place for one year only to allow one choir to attend SCPA free of charge if that school hasn't attended in the past 3 years. The director must be a NAFME member and will need to contact Rebekah.

SCPA Sight Reading

The has proven to be an issue for several directors. Ginny's mentioned a new proposal that the board will review at Summer Board meeting. She also stated that we are still planning to provide demo videos and post them on the website. However, as we modify the sight reading requirement, we do not want to compromise the integrity of the adjudication.

All-State Festival

The schedule has been approved with Samford. There will be no meals on site for the choirs.

Miscellaneous

On-line registration seems to be working well.

New logos: The board has narrowed the design choice to four. They will decide at Summer Board, while trying to maintain the historic AVA logo but coordinate with AMEA's.

Electronic submission of resumes for OCS: We are still looking at that possibility in order to reduce travel and mailing costs.

Ginny briefly discussed the future of AS auditions may include the use of current technology in order to make auditions more cost efficient and to reduce the amount of travel. She encouraged the membership to provide suggestions in an email.

Ginny stated that next year we will make sure the AVA general meeting is scheduled on Friday to encourage better attendance.

New Business:

Paul asked about problems with online registration for AMEA. Ginny said that was an AMEA issue. AVA online registration worked considerably better.

Ben asked the membership to share videos of sight reading adjudication process. Please include all levels and various age groups.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am