

**AVA General Membership Meeting
All-State Festival
March 9, 2018
Brooks Hall, Samford University**

Ginny called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Cathy read the minutes from the General Membership meeting at AMEA, January 19, 2018.

Minutes were approved as read.

Rebekah presented the financial report with balances of:

Checking:	\$166,006.18
Savings:	\$ 11,643.06
Total Assets:	\$177,649.24
Total Liabilities (scholarships):	\$ 5,000.00

The financial report was filed for audit.

Ginny reminded the membership that we would be sending out a survey following this meeting.

She encouraged members to join Remind, and to complete the survey.

Ginny thanked Meg Jones for her work with the All-State Festival.

SCPA

Ginny told the membership that all choirs would be recorded as part of their registration fee, and they may use these recordings for AMEA submission.

Sight-reading: Meg shared that we are working on a revision. A committee is in place but new members are welcome to participate. At summer board, concrete ideas will be put in place.

This will not be a complete overhaul, but some changes will be made this next year. Please see Meg if you are interested in working on this committee.

Fall Workshop

Workshop will be Friday, Sept. 7, 2018 at Huntingdon College. Leslie Mann from Belmont University will be the clinician.

A survey will be sent out about possible sessions to offer.

ASSC Auditions and Festival

The participation numbers have improved. We will continue opening to 9th graders, and keeping the festival a few days before All-State. We will possibly move to a video audition for ASSC. This will likely be at a later date, since the festival is in March. Questions regarding this will be included in the survey.

Honor Choir

There have been issues with students not being prepared and an entire selection had to be cut. Ginny stated that there is a problem with the process. Basically, Honor Choir started with a financial need. It also provided an opportunity for students who were not prepared to audition for All-State. She suggested whether or not we need an event that's like All-State, but not as good.

Ginny proposed the idea of a sight-reading choir with a final concert. The membership applauded! She said this would be a tentative plan. It was announced that AMEA will be in Birmingham again this next year. If the registration numbers are sufficient, we will have Honor Choir. Ginny said the clinician would be booked on a tentative basis, depending on registration. Melissa Payne asked if there were certificates handed out this year, and if students who missed because of the weather could receive them.

All-State Auditions

Ginny reminded the membership that the board is working on the video process, and a new rubric form for auditions. The board had a presentation by Accept'd on Wednesday night. Ginny shared what the company proposed. This audition procedure would eliminate the need for board travel. Students would still prepare and sing the songs in their entirety. Adjudicators would only listen to a designated cut. This is most similar to what we already do. Students could possibly have a 2 week window to submit the video. AVA will use a small sample of students with this process next year as a trial. This will not affect judging. Heather Cantwell raised a concern about middle school students being able to navigate the process/website. Directors would be required to do this for middle schools. A few small concerns were addressed by the board, but the feedback was mostly positive. The issue of available technology for individual schools was discussed. A possible solution was for each district chairman to offer a central location for directors, if this were the case. Ginny shared the various types of auditions Accept'd has serviced. Representatives from the company will be coming to train directors at Fall Workshop. Jane reported that Jared with ASSC felt this would work well for the choreography audition. Ben commented that auditions located in each district could then be a possibility. The membership continued much discussion about this. Ginny stated that we would still use the audio tracks for auditions, with the student's voice part muted.

Ginny thanked everyone for their questions and comments and assured the membership we would proceed with everything gradually and on a trial basis. She assured that we would be auditioning the service, not the students.

AMEA

Conference will be January 17-19, 2019 at the BJCC. She encouraged directors to submit to perform or present by June 1.

Miscellaneous

Meg Rudolf invited everyone to ACDA July 16-17 at University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. She also reminded them of other events such as Young Voices, Contempo Festivals (Jan.) and the Collegiate Choral Festival. Ginny thanked Meg and others for their work organizing and presenting the sessions during All-State.

Ginny shared that Rebekah will be resigning as Executive Secretary. We will open the application for this position from March 9-April 7 and the job will be posted on AVA website.

The membership thanked Rebekah for her service. Ginny thanked the rest of the board for their service over the last two years.

She recognized Jerry Cunningham for his 20 years of service to the AVA board.

Heather Cantwell asked that we revisit the staggered rehearsal dismissal times at All-State.

New Officer Election

Ginny presented the new slate of officers after reading the handbook bylaws, which were changed at Fall workshop.

Randall Fields-President-Elect

Margaret Heron-Recording Secretary

The new Executive Board members were unanimously voted in.

Meg shared how important the AVA organization has been to her and presented the remainder of the governing board:

District Chairmen:

Stacy Owens- District 1

Hilen Wilson- District 2

Stacy Daniels- District 3, assisted by Nicole hill

Holly Luke- District 4

Marla Jenkins- District 5

Trey Holiday- District 6

David Pryer- District 7

All-State Festival

March 7-9, 2019

She thanked the choir coordinators and assistant coordinators, concert coordinators, etc. for their help with the festival.

Meg presented a "birthday" gift to Ginny Coleman. The membership sang and thanked her for her service.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:54.