The AMEA Governing Board met at the University of Alabama on January 9, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by AMEA President, John Baker. Present at the meeting: John Baker, Garry Taylor, Cindy Pass, Carla Gallahan, Penney Adair, Harry McAfee, Ginger Zingara, Paul Edmondson, Sharon August, Mark Walker, Sara Womack, Pat Stegall, and Becky Rogers.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Gallahan, Recording Secretary

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm by President John Baker.

Harry McAfee (Becky Rogers) motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting of the AMEA Governing Board will be held Saturday, January, 2008.

Treasurer Cindy Pass provided an overview of governing board details and will provide the detailed treasurer's report at the January 12, 2008 meeting.

Old Business

The MENC Southern Division Convention will be having a "Fall Leadership Symposium" in Atlanta to include the leadership from each state. The symposium will be held September 14-15, 2008. AMEA leadership will attend, work with, and share ideas with the leaders of the other states regarding MENC and other music related issues.

Physical Education requirements – waivers are being granted by the State Department. Follow the guidelines when completing your waiver and contact an AMEA board member if you have questions.

New Business

Discussion occurred about increasing the mileage rate for AMEA travel. Harry McAfee (Becky Rogers) motioned that the board increase the mileage rate from .42 to .44 per mile. The motion passed.

The board discussed the continued interest among some members of the organization in having the AMEA conference at the Mobile Civic Center.

Discussion occurred on calendar alignment for the divisions of AMEA. Divisions will work together to avoid major conflicts as much as possible.

Nominees for AMEA Governing Board Officers include:
President – Sara Womack, Steve McLendon
Recording Secretary – Carla Gallahan, Ken Thomas
Treasurer – Cindy Pass

Discussion occurred on AMEA and MENC dues and the percentage that AMEA owns 30%, rounded up to the nearest dollar, of National MENC dues. Motion passed.

The next meeting of the AMEA Governing Board will be held Saturday, January, 12, 2008.

Harry McAfee (Becky Rogers) motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm by President John Baker.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Gallahan, Recording Secretary

President John Baker recognized the nominees for the upcoming AMEA officer elections:
President – Sara Womack, Steve McLendon
Recording Secretary – Carla Gallahan, Ken Thomas
Treasurer – Cindy Pass

The business meeting was adjourned and the general session continued with keynote speaker John Jacobson and the Troy University Concert Chorale.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Gallahan, Recording Secretary

AMEA Governing Board Meeting
January 12, 2008
Bryant Conference Center, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

The AMEA Governing Board met at the University of Alabama on January 12, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President John Baker. Present at the meeting: John Baker, Sara Womack, Pat Stegall, Paul Edmondson, Nathan Tucker, Cindy Pass, Garry Taylor, Becky Rogers, Mark Walker, Carla Gallahan, and Robert Pendergraft.

AMEA Treasurer Cindy Pass distributed a detailed profit/loss summary. The account balance as of January 12, 2008 is $53,071.81. There were 842 registered attendees at the 2008 Conference. Plans are to include more credit card terminals to assist with registration next year.

Each division reported on the 2008 conference and addressed new ideas and areas for improvement for the 2009 conference:

AMEA Executive Director, Garry Taylor
Add an on-site exhibit coordinator
Include students from other universities to assist the host university students with set-up for stage crew

Alabama Bandmasters Association, Harry McAfee
Good report on all aspects of the band division events
Microphone concerns discussed

Alabama Vocal Association, Paul Edmondson
There is a need for more assistance in the set-up/tear down for the show choir
Request for a letter from the AMEA encouraging all music educators to attend the conference – some members were not granted professional leave for this conference and additional correspondence may be needed
Move the leadership breakfast to Friday morning

Elementary/General Division, Sara Womack
Program should include scheduled times to view exhibits that do not interfere with concertsclinics/worksheets

Higher Education Division, Mark Walker
Good report on all HED events
All events must adhere to scheduled time allotment
Working to incorporate panel discussion for next year’s convention

CMENC, Nathan Tucker, Robert Pendergraft
Very good attendance at all CMENC events
Increase registration cost for CMENC members to assist with meal and refreshment expenses

FAME, Becky Rogers
Approximately 75 students attended
AEA newsletter will have an article on FAME

The next meeting of the AMEA Governing Board will be Thursday, June 12, 2008 at the Blue Cross/Blue Shield building in Birmingham.

Pat Stegall (Becky Rogers) motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm by President John Baker.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Gallahan, Recording Secretary

AMEA General Session
January 10, 2008
Moody Concert Hall, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

The general business meeting of the Alabama Music Educators Association was called to order at 10:30 am by President John Baker.

The organization voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the January 9, 2008 AMEA Governing Board Meeting.

The organization voted to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer’s Report.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Gallahan, Recording Secretary