

AVA AMEA General Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2020
Montgomery Renaissance
Montgomery, AL

Meg Jones called the meeting to order at 9:19am. Meg introduced board members.

*Margaret Heron read the Fall Workshop 2019 General meeting minutes, which were approved and filed for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

*Meg presented the financial report (Carl Davis was not in attendance). She informed that Carl finalized the report on Jan. 11 and he will update after AMEA. Meg discussed details in the report and explained overall figures. Carl will answer any questions. If anyone wishes to email him, he will respond to the entire membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Meg thanked the membership for attendance to Fall Workshop and encouraged all to attend next year's FW if they haven't been coming. She encouraged them to submit proposals for sessions at Fall Workshop.

*Meg thanked all those involved in getting the risers and shell for the AMEA concerts. She reminded the membership to visit exhibits and support the vendors that provide a lot of income for AMEA.

*Meg also asked that membership submit to perform at AMEA next year, and to use the SCPA recordings for that purpose.

HONOR CHOIR

- Meg informed membership of the medical reasons that our clinician cancelled and thanked Gary Packwood for agreeing to come last minute.
- The low registration numbers are still a concern. Meg briefly explained the history of the Honor Choir event. The board will continue to discuss this event and the success of such. Membership was asked to contribute to the discussion on the honor choir event.

ASSC

- Numbers are still running about the same as years past. 24 total males auditioned for this choir despite the removal of requirements.
- The board will continue to evaluate the success of this event in the years to come, as the participation does not seem to be increasing.
- Ginny Coleman thanked the membership for having their students so prepared and mentioned that the ASSC concert might be better scheduled for Friday night instead of Saturday morning, which would lessen the cost for those involved.

ALL-STATE AUDITIONS

- Carl Davis thinks he has found an online audition platform that will be less costly than Accept'd and the board will discuss this again at the summer board meeting.
- Meg thanked those who judged the All-State auditions this year

*Zach Banks made the following motion:

****Change the Article VII, Section 7.1. by-law to read:**

Article VII, Section 7.1. The Executive Board will appoint All-State adjudicators. Adjudicators will not judge their own students.

Discussion:

*Kathy Hughes asked about the qualifications for those who could be adjudicators for All-State auditions. Meg answered that those specific guidelines have not yet been put in writing as we needed to vote on the change first.

*Ginny Coleman mentioned that this will also help us streamline the audition process if we find the technology for future online auditions.

*Brent Coleman asked that the board make sure that guidelines are put in place for those who will be eligible to judge All-State students. Meg assured the membership that such guidelines will be specified.

**Membership approved unanimously by verbal vote that the motion pass.*

→ Motion passed.

SCPA/S&E

- Meg reminded membership that they can attend any district SCPA.
- Teachers were asked to make sure their choir numbers are accurate so the SR can be copied. Also, the Auxiliary form needs to be completed by everyone.

ALL-STATE

- The new schedule was given to the membership and Meg went through the details of the times, etc.
- MS rooms are on the Theater side and the HS will be located in the large rooms on the conference center side
- Membership will receive a spreadsheet with the student seat numbers so that they will know ahead of time where to go.
- UAB and Montevallo will be performing during the convocation
- Meg pointed out the changes in times for HS dress rehearsals and call times on Saturday.

- Due to another conference going on simultaneously at the BJCC, the hotels downtown are not feasible, but since the interstate construction will be complete, hotels in the area (Homewood, etc) will be excellent options. For 2020-2021, we will be able to secure hotel blocks at conference rates.
- Randall is working on rehearsal duties, etc., and will send this out by the end of the month.
- Meg thanked all who are helping get risers, pianos and such for the AS event. She encouraged members to help with all these details.
- March 4-6, 2021 will be All-State for next year at the BJCC.

***Nominations for Executive Board** for the next two years (to be voted on at All-State by membership):

Recording Secretary: Margaret Heron
President-Elect: Hilan Wilson

**Recommendations for any other names for Executive board can be submitted up to 2 weeks prior to All-State festival*

MISC.

- ACDA Southeastern conference is in our state and membership was encouraged to attend.
- John Kincaid reminded the membership of the upcoming YVF. Also, he asked that all of us attend the ACDA summer conference July 13-14, 2020.
- Kristy Motley suggested that we try to allow our HS kids to hear the collegiate performances in the future AMEA conferences.

Zach Banks moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Hilan Wilson. Meeting was adjourned at 10:08am.