

OMEA State Board of Control-Minutes for January 17, 2010

Attending

Craig Bader	District 3 Chair
Skip Bicknese	District 9 Chair
Nicholas Budge	District 1 Chair
Chris Chapman	Collegiate Chair
Joseph Demianew	Media Relations Chair
Kelsie Demianew	Recording Secretary/Elementary Chair
Rendell Frunk	District 13 Co-Chair
Gale Graham	District 10 Chair
Sandi Green	District 12 Chair
Jim Howell	Executive Co-Manager
Jane Howell	Executive Co-Manager
Al Kato	Business Members Chair
Louise Kienzle	District 6 Chair
Dawn Kinman	CMENC Representative
Kim Kreoger	ACDA Choral Liaison
Ben Lawson	2 nd Vice President
Cak Marshall	MIC
Rob McGlothin	Solo Contest Chair
Jennifer Muller	OSAA Band Liaison
Steve Phillips	District 4 Chair
Chris Rowbotham	District 9
Tracy Ross	Treasurer
Christopher Silva	President
Brenda Simmons	MS Orchestra Manager
Jeff Simmons	1 st Vice President/President Elect
Matt Strauser	OSAA Choir Liaison
Emily Thielen	District 11 Chair
Nevin VanManen	District 8 Chair
Julia Voorhies	Membership Chair
Mary Ann Vidourek	Small Schools Chair
Tim Wells	District 2 Chair
Sean Williams	Orchestra Chair

9:00 am—Christopher Silva call to order

I. Introductions and welcome

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Rendell Frunk

Move to include Emily Thielen in attending members

Second: Joe Demianew

Passed to unanimous

III. District Reports

- Dist. 1—District in a state of chaos; reinstated middle and elementary programs; been told that there will be a music teacher at all the new schools; magnet schools going to be opened; opening in district next year.
- Dist. 2—People are nervous about ballot measures not passing.
- Dist. 3—Honor band big success; honor choir has commissioned work by Vijay Singh.
- Dist. 4—October in-service was successful; getting ready for solo and ensemble festival and large school festival; working on reaching out to smaller schools district in outlying areas.
- Dist. 5—No representative.
- Dist. 6—Getting ready for spring events; 2nd annual elementary festival coming up; want to start a small school festival.
- Dist. 7—No representative.
- Dist. 8—Ballot measures causing stress; spring busy with festivals.
- Dist. 9—Written report.
- Dist. 10—No report
- Dist. 11—Festivals in their way; getting technology to improve festivals.
- Dist. 12—Cut days is stressful on areas; just plugging away.
- Dist. 13—A lot of music teachers are mis-assigned.
- Dist. 14—No representative.
- Dist. 15—Smart Music for fall in-service.

IV. President's Report- Christopher Silva

1. Rob McLothin- Solo Contest Software

- Working to simplify the process and will work with/train district chairs to take information back to their districts.

2. Activism

- Looking into what we can do if more music is cut in the spring
- There were more advocacy sessions at this year's conference
- Journal articles from other states' journals are helpful in advocacy; we will be looking into getting permission to use those articles in our journal
- When a music teacher calls, OMEA needs to be ready to help.
- **IDEAS:**
- Marsha Neal (via Jane) says by the time people ask her for help, it's too late
- Jane will be talking with Marsha to get some more information
- Need to start getting advocacy materials out before the first budget meeting (coming soon!); get publication from Steve Zielke
- Some districts need this publication now!
- Need to get Board approval and then immediately disburse
- Make it into an electronic format
- March is music in our schools month; would be great to advocacy publication out; and get students singing at school board meetings

- Music teachers will get accountability with this publication
- Do we have to have the approval of ODE? (Answer: no)
- We can make our statements as a State organization and use our influence on the State and National education boards
- Order honor group CD's and use with advocacy
- Can we do an OMEA sponsored event while legislation is in session?
- Some national level legislatures don't know about National Education Standards
- MENC- great place to find advocacy materials
- Be careful with e-mails—let OMEA sent out the advocacy materials
- Can we set up an OMEA Facebook forum? Board agrees this could be a great tool in increasing our communication with each other

V. Mary Ann Vidourek- Conference Housing

- Students well-behaved this year
- Not many problems and already looking into next year

VI. President's Report Continued

3. Communication Preferences

- Is there a better way to distribute our Journal?
- If we do e-mail version, it might kill the Journal
- Advertisers like their stuff in print
- Some won't read Journal if it goes to an electronic version
- Everyone update your profiles; this helps with communication for e-blasts and such
- Looks like we will keep Journal in printed format for now

4. OSAA Participation Requirements

- Have talked at length about individual eligibility
- Some students are in a "music class" but not in the class of the OSAA participating instrument
- It is currently legal that a student in any music class could join another class to help them do better at State competitions
- We as a board need to approve this and present it to OSAA (see attached sheet)
- "i.e." needs to be changed to "e.g."
- "the school the student wishes to represent..." line is for students who are home-schooled
- In some schools, students can only take one elective and this new rule would prevent the student from participating unless both choir and band teachers are on the same page; a waiver may not be approved in this case

- Some districts can get a waiver to get some independent study credits to allow students to do both electives

Motion: Rendell Frunk

Move to amend music rule #8 for music eligibility, to include the change from “i.e.” to “e.g.” on question 2 in the rule.

Second: Sean Williams

Passed to unanimous

- Will send out an electronic copy of new policy once approved by OSAA.

5. Survey Results on Academic Eligibility

- Divided on results on OSAA; just over half was in support but not enough to go to OSAA about it
- OSAA needs an assistance plan; if you have an ineligible tuba player early on, get the student on a plan of assistance before it's too late
- Can we send the survey out to the board so we have the information?
- Clarification question: Some online grading systems are too up-to-date and if a teacher hasn't entered a grade, can students be punished, even if the entered grade would make a passing mark? This is up to the school administration and the circumstances. Solution: send around a written grade check

VII. District Reports- Skip Bicknese District 9, and Gale Graham District 10

VIII. President's Report Continued

6. 2010 Evaluation and 2011 Vision

Thank you, Jeff!

JEFF:

- Satisfied with conference; thanks to everyone
- Need a discussion with Hilton; they were filling rooms without talking to us
- Superintendent of Schools spoke at MS concert; has agreed to come back and speak at the high school concert next year
- Stuart Welsh did an amazing job; would like to see it split into 2 jobs - Session Equipment and Performing Group Equipment (Ben says: Done!)
- Need to think about performance venue-do we need to change because of a smaller audience?
- Thank you, Jim and Jane!
- Personnel changes- Stuart will stay on as one of the equipment managers but we need to find another one.
- Holiday Inn did not honor our contract; Valley River Inn did an amazing job to accommodate us
- **SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR:**

- Good to have a concert Friday night for high school kids
- Banquet- adding screen was good but is the cost worth it?
- Conference attendance up-would like to keep that going
- The use of the screens should depend on each year's budget
- Can we get better lighting at the Banquet?
- Can award winners step up on stage?
- 50-minute session can be tricky if more time is desired
- Impressed with the getting questions answered and happy with the Hult center staff
- Jim Rusby very helpful with the Hult
- Maybe add a group host to the performance hours
- There weren't as many school groups—more colleges and community group this year. How do we get groups here? Now playing in the Hult; this should bring in the performance groups
- Would like to get more smaller schools involved in performance hours
- Did better in provided warm-up spaces for performance groups
- Don't put the brass in Studio 1!
- Confusion on the receptions (general elementary, choral, etc.)
- Could do a sharing session with drinks and food for a Friday night reception
- The increased size of the middle school choir was a success
- Would like to have men's and women's MS choirs for next year? Is this a possibility? (Ben says: Done! Christopher says: Yes!)
- Use this to get administrators on board with financing subs
- Next year for men's MS choir, will make sure appropriate music is chosen
- There were come complaints about using an in-State director for honor groups—DISCUSSION:
 - Maybe consider bringing an In-State conductor for 2nd band
 - The judging and festivals the In-State conductors do might conflict with the conference
 - "2nd band" may not be the best way to deal with this-kids want to feel special
 - Take way "big school" and "small school"
 - Group manager should hire who they want to hire
 - This is more of a high school issue
 - The kids enjoyed Dr. Z this year
- The registration table went so much smoother this year
- Get some CMENC members to help with honor groups

BEN:

- 2011 Theme: Planting the Seed of Inspiration
- Banquet entertainment: Trombones de Costa Rica
- Banquet food: Costa Rican
- Marsha Neal wants to bring a mariachi band to next year's conference
- Has 2/3 of the venues looked in for next year

MORE SUGGESTIONS FOR 2011

- Send Ben reflections for this year
 - Put more information in conference schedule about honor group rehearsals
 - Maybe get a shuttle to move people around the rehearsals
 - Get signs for buses so students know where they are headed
- IX. Treasurer's Report- Tracy Ross
- Get missing treasuring reports into Tracy ASAP
 - Web page- 2/3 of the set-up for the web page shows in report
- X. Executive Manager's Report- Jim and Jane Howell
- Feeling good about first conference; know a lot for next year
 - See report
 - Need some consistency in previewing contracts; send through Jim and Jane
 - Christopher says: Thank you, thank you, thank you Jim and Jane!
- XI. State Solo Contest Chair- Rob McGlothlin
- See report
 - All registration will go through OSAA website from now on- NOT OMEA!
 - State solo at Linfield this year
 - There will be Tool Kits for festival
- XII. Choir Contest Chair- Matt Stauser
- See report
- Doree Jarbo heading a committee to update repertoire list
- XIII. Choral Chair- Kim Kroeger
- ACDA Sacred Music Workshop on January 30th
- Looking into setting some standards for solo judges
- XIV. Public Relations Chair- Joe Demianew
- Press releases were sent out
 - Sent information to retirement centers
 - Suggestions welcome on what else we can do to get the word out

- Go through Nancy Anderson to get to Rick Dancer to get some publicity
- XV. Orchestra Chair- Sean Williams
- See report
 - Looking to build relationships between orchestra teachers in the state
 - Looking for a new high school orchestra chair
- XVI. Collegiate Chair- Chris Chapman
- **Improvements for next year's conference:**
 - Add "CMENC" next to the CMENC sessions so they know these are for them
 - Pizza party needs to be added to the program
 - No one responded to the e-mails correctly and so we had too many CMENC members who showed up to work; good problem to have, but need to figure this out for next year
 - Either don't allow college kids into Banquet or allow them in for the concert part
 - See report
- XVII. CMENC Rep- Dawn Kinman
- Good turn out for CMENC dinner this year
 - Miscommunication on amount of college volunteers were needed
 - Like the idea of letting college kids into the Banquet for the concert portion
- XVIII. General Music Chair/Elementary Chair- Wendy Appleton/Kelsie Demianew
- See report
 - Getting ready for next year!
- XIX. Jazz Chair- via Christopher Silva
- Joel had a lot to take on this year; will continue with jazz band next year
 - Looking for a new chair to start up the jazz choir again
- XX. MIC Representative- Cak Marshall
- Spoke with vendors; not happy that there was less traffic since performing groups were all in the Hult
 - Send blurbs to incorporate into Journal

- Get more vendors!
- Good things to have Exhibitors breakfast in the restaurant; keep on schedule for next year

XXI. Business/Sustaining Members Chair- Al Kato

- See report
- Thank you for your help, Cak!

In closing-

June 5, 2010 is the next meeting; location TBA

At spring meeting, will look at and adopt budget

Thank you all for your service to OMEA

11:51am Christopher Silva Adjourned