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Music Educators Association  
is to promote quality music*

DATE: November 26, 2019  
TO: VMEA Membership  
FROM: Allen Hall  
President, Virginia Music Educators Association  
SUBJECT: VMEA Election Results and Personnel Resignations

Greetings, VMEA Members,

I want to provide an update on the recent happenings in VMEA.

At our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual VMEA Conference last week, we celebrated 40 years of conference and 75 years of VMEA. A special thanks to all of those that contributed to another successful conference; in particular, Linda Gammon, VMEA Executive Director; Jeff Marlatt, conference coordinator, and Michael Ehrlich, performance coordinator.

This year was an election year for VMEA Leadership. Thank you to those of you that voted, including those that requested and submitted absentee ballots. Our election results are as follows:

VMEA President-Elect: Alice Hammel  
VMEA Secretary: Jenny Ryan  
VAMEA President-Elect: Ed Stephenson  
VAMEA Secretary/Treasurer: Holly Sunderland  
VBODA President-Elect: Laura Mulligan Thomas  
VBODA Secretary: Kathleen Jacoby  
VBODA Orchestra Representative: Carrie Finnegan  
VBODA Middle School Representative: Joe LaBrie  
VCDA President-Elect: Corbin Pinto  
VCDA Secretary: Elise Ramos Krepcho  
VEMEA President-Elect: Jenny Shirley  
VAHME President-Elect: Stephanie Standerfer

Congratulations to these individuals who will assume their roles on July 1, 2020.

We welcome all conference attendees to complete the conference survey on the Guidebook app. Your feedback is appreciated and utilized in planning future conferences.

VMEA will also have several retirements in the upcoming year. Linda Gammon will be retiring as the Executive Director of VMEA in June 2020. Jim Stegner will be retiring in November 2020. Jim currently serves as the Exhibits Coordinator for our annual conference. Dan Schoemmell will be retiring in November 2020. Dan currently serves as the conference treasurer.

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These three individuals have left an indefinable legacy on our organization. Linda, Jim, and Dan will retire with over 100 years of combined service to our great organization. Because of their leadership, vision, and commitment, our organization is a great place as we move forward into this next era.

The Presidents' Committee is currently defining a timeline and job descriptions for these positions. The job posting will occur after the new year.

Sincerely,

Allen Hall  
VMEA President