

# Virginia Music Educators Association

*VMEA Mission: To promote quality music education throughout the Commonwealth by providing leadership, instructional resources and professional development opportunities for Virginia's music educators.*

## Meeting of the Executive Board

Virtual Meeting  
September 12, 2020  
12:30 PM

### MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Annamarie Bollino, President  
Introduction of Presiding Officers
2. Review of Voting Procedures – Curtis Nolley
  - When we vote, type yes or no in the chat
3. Confirmation of the Agenda – Annamarie Bollino
  - MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA made by Terry Hall, seconded by Marie Weber
  - MOTION PASSED
4. Roll Call – Jenny Ryan
5. Approval of minutes of the June 6, 2020 meeting – Jenny Ryan
  - MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES made by Sandy Goldie, seconded by Marie Weber
  - MOTION PASSED
6. Strategic Plan – we will be revising this in January 2021
  1. Provide Professional Development Opportunities for Music Educators
  2. Develop and Enhance Membership
  3. Promote Music Education Advocacy
  4. Develop Current and Future Leadership
  5. Promote Higher Education/Research
  6. Promote Education within Music Education
7. Financial Reports
  - A. VMEA Treasurer – Doug Martin - \$160, 371.46
  - B. Section Treasurers
    1. Choral – Amy El-Khoury - \$85,994.62
    2. Instrumental – Steve Turner/David Webb - \$172,976.95
    3. Elementary – Page Durham/Kimberly Upshaw - \$16,741.09

4. Higher Ed and Collegiate – Doug Martin - \$6,610.04
  5. Administrators – Holly Sunderland/Katrina Chaney - \$401.19
  - C. Other Treasurers
    1. Conference – Dan Schoemmell - \$148,222.81
    2. VMEA “NOTES” – Merry Beth Hall - \$3,327.35
8. Reports
- A. Section Presidents
    1. Choral – Dana Van Slyke
      - A. Thanks so much to people working on getting honors choir going
      - B. Conference headliner is Jonathan Palant from Texas
      - C. Corbin Pinto, president-elect, has done good work with the literature manual
      - D. Dr. Paul Head is directing the All-VA SATB Chorus and Dr. Lynn Gackle is directing the SSAA Chorus – will also do it virtually if it ends up being that way
    2. Instrumental – David Webb and Carrie Finnegan
      - A. SRO auditions – virtual auditions are set up and ready – registration just opened
      - B. Conference – Scott Rush is headlining
      - C. Districts are encouraged to move All-District Band auditions to January and also to be planning for virtual auditions if necessary
      - D. All-Virginia Auditions – looking into setting up times for virtual auditions
      - E. Conductors for All-Virginia event – Jeffrey Grogan, orchestra; Marina Mosenbichler-Bryant, Kevin Sedatole, bands
      - F. Concert assessments – opening up the window for possible assessments later in the year
      - G. All-VA Jazz auditions during second semester and event prior to the All-VA event in April
    3. Elementary – Kimberly Upshaw
      - A. Lots of new reps this year
      - B. Reps will reach out to their districts and create a “share ideas” folder and also facilitate zoom calls
      - C. Anti-racism teacher groups
      - D. Patty Born is the headliner for the conference
      - E. Feb. 20 professional development workshop – may be virtual
      - F. All-Virginia Elementary Chorus April 10 at Longwood, Dr. Paul McDermott is conductor. Thanks to Jason Kriner for coordinating the event
      - G. Starting a new All-VA Orff Ensemble in 2021-2022 – looking for a conductor
    4. Higher Ed – Dr. Sandy Goldie
      - A. Focusing on providing resources

- B. Also focusing on marginalized voices, and diversity
    - C. Helped with VMEA Climate Survey
    - D. VMEA Conference – focusing on culturally responsive teaching and teaching with technology
    - E. Reviewing posters that have been submitted for the poster sessions
  - 5. Administrators – Katrina Chaney
    - A. Have been working to help teachers get ready to return to school
    - B. At conference will focus on diversity and cultural responsiveness; also holding a virtual job fair
  - 6. Collegiate – Jan Marie Laman
    - A. Providing online resources
    - B. Business meeting and collegiate recital on the same day
    - C. Discussion with JJ Norman from Maryland MEA on equity and equality in the classroom
- B. Department of Education – Kelly Bisogno
1. Shoutout to all the music educators
  2. Summer sessions – videos from them are on the website
  3. Implementation of the new SOLs
  4. Michelle Milligan has been added to the staff – she introduced herself
- C. VMEA “NOTES” Publication Staff Report – Merry Beth Hall
1. Next issue will be on the website October 1
- D. MIOSM – Marie Weber/Anna Moore
1. 36<sup>th</sup> year of MIOSM
  2. Theme this year is Music – The sound of my heart
  3. Materials for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be available; online library of past lessons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  4. Trying to encourage a year-long celebration of MIOSM especially since things are so different this year
- E. VMEA Professional Development Conference 2020 – Allen Hall/Michael Ehrlich
1. Thanks to everyone who is working on this – new territory for sure
  2. Over 80 sessions planned
  3. We are working with Socio to make it accessible and interactive
  4. Prices are lower - \$35 for active members, \$20 for students
  5. Performing groups:
    - a. Navy quartet Friday 6:45PM
    - b. One virtual performance from a choir Friday afternoon
  6. Lobby concerts
    - a. This year schools can submit videos of student groups performing – details still being worked out about copyright and licensing

- F. Advocacy/Government Relations – Dr. Steve King
  - 1. New committee – Advocacy/Govt Relations – 12 members; met Sept. 3
  - 2. Want to update advocacy page and develop materials that members can use
  - 3. VMEA Hill day 2021 in the works – maybe in person, maybe virtual
  - 4. Inequities between jurisdictions, schools, etc
  - 5. Working with the Coalition for the Arts to get a stand-alone Fine Arts credit requirement for graduation
  - 6. Recruiting is always an issue, especially during Covid
  - 7. Providing classes to Virtual Virginia online school
  - 8. NAFME is providing an Advocacy Leadership Force – Steve and John attend the meetings
  - 9. Annamarie mentioned that VMEA sent a letter to all the state superintendents in July stating the importance of keeping music in the curriculum
  
- G. Tri-M – Jon Schoepflin
  
- H. Elementary Grant Program – Kimberly Upshaw
  - 1. There are three \$500 grants available for teachers – apply online
  
- I. Leadership Symposium – Dr. Alice Hammel
  - 1. October 24, 9AM – 12PM
  - 2. JJ Norman will be speaking
  
- J. Membership – Lisette Satterwhite
  - 1. Just as important to keep pushing membership even though we are virtual right now
  - 2. VMEA Notes is an opportunity for us to write and submit articles and earn professional development points
  - 3. She hopes that collegiate members who attend events see the benefits of membership and become members themselves when they teach
  
- K. Mentorship – Claire Leeper
  - 1. Everyone is encouraged to get involved in this program
  - 2. 103 people have signed up to participate so far
  
- L. Council for Music Education – Christy-Jo Adams
  
- M. Council for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Ashley Cuthbertson
  - 1. This is a brand-new council
  - 2. Identified several areas to focus on – membership, resources, and programs
  - 3. There is a serious need to intentionally seek out and include the VA historically black colleges
  - 4. We also need more professional development on equity and inclusion

N. Guitar Council – Kevin Vigil

1. There are five sessions geared towards guitar teachers at conference
2. 2021 All-VA guitar auditions are set up

O. Historian – Jack Elgin

1. Please send him any info you have on your schools
2. How you responded to the pandemic

P. State Executive – Allen Hall

1. Send in your conflict of interest forms please
2. Connections – make sure we are communicating with each other

Q. President's Report – Annamarie Bollino

1. VMEA combined treasurer – Doug Martin
2. Two Council post openings – Creativity and Innovation Council chair and Composition Festival chair
3. She publically thanked the hosts for the first ever VMEA Town Hall meeting – it was great!
4. Thanks to Claire Leeper for the mentorship project – this is so important

9. Old Business

1. VMEA calendar of events – some revisions will be made due to the pandemic – please be flexible – revamped calendar will be sent out in October

10. New Business

- A. New branding unveiled – very cool!

**This concludes the business part of the meeting**

11. Announcements

- A. Executive Board meeting on Saturday, January 16, 2021 – Location TBD; Strategic Planning will also occur for selected EB members on Friday, January 15, 2021
- B. Other announcements

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Marie Weber, seconded by Jenny Shirley

MOTION PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Jenny Ryan, VMEA Secretary