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and its lifelong impact on the human spirit..*

MSVMA EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES RADISSON HOTEL, LANSING, MI SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

The Executive Board meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by president Douglas Armstead. Present for the meeting were board members Angel Gippert, Julia Holt, Virginia Kerwin, Steve Lorenz, Pam Pierson, Mandy Scott, Brandon Ulrich, and Erich Wangeman. Pierson moved to approve the August minutes; seconded by Lorenz. Passed. Holt moved to accept the June minutes with the change in spelling to Therees in Ms. Hibbard's name; seconded by Scott. Passed.

President Elect Lorenz provided an update on the 2014 MMC. The 2015 MMC will be a 10th anniversary celebration. It will include a collage concert on Thursday evening with performances by all grade levels up through grade 12. There is a correction to the flyer: Each performance will be up to 10 minutes in length, but not necessarily limited to one selection. The deadline for audition submission is Oct. 1, 2014.

Next year the District Managers will use Google Doc in advance of their July retreat to select future festival dates.

Treasurer Holt reported that the DM's future accounting will be more transparent in a uniform way due to the use of Quicken and the creation of a document on financial requirements and reporting. The Policy Manual needs to be clearer as to what can and can't be called mileage.

Holt moved to change the board policy to allow district managers to have a debit card that is linked to the district checking account; seconded by Pierson. Discussion. Passed.

A discussion was held on the relation of State Events to the overall budget.

Executive Director Kerwin discussed website security. There is nothing on the MSVMA website that would breach security. MSVMA passed the security scan and we are fully compliant for accepting credit card payments.

Pierson moved to maintain the current adjudication policy of requiring new adjudicators to attend an in-service day before they can be certified to judge; seconded by Lorenz. Discussion. Passed.

The Bylaws state that the Ex. Bd. meetings are the decision of the President and may be by Skype, phone, email, or in person. The following dates & venues were decided upon for future meetings:

- Saturday, January 11, 2014, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., conference call or Skype
- Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 5:00 p.m. dinner at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids, before the EB meeting at 7:00.
- Saturday, May 3, 2014, convening at 9:00 a.m. and will be an all day event, probably in Lansing.

Technology Coordinator Adam Wurst led a tutorial on Google Apps in preparation for tomorrow's Full Board meeting. Wurst informed us of additional benefits to being an MSVMA member besides going to festival. There is a new arrangement for reduced costs to our membership for the Sight Reading Factory and Iris Enterprises. Items of a technical nature were discussed.

Honors Choir Director Gippert & Wurst discussed on-line auditions for HS honors choir. Wurst has decided that "Get Accepted" is the company to use since they have such a long track record of success. On-line auditions will allow the judges to go back and listen to the best applicants and two judges can be assigned to the same student so you have two judge's opinions. The SR issue might be solved by hiring more judges in Dec. and include SR at that time. Discussion. As we haven't done the pre-pilot and many districts have not had their fall meetings, the board decided by consensus to table this item until the January meeting.

Recommendations for HC music for 2015:

Lorenz moved to accept Sandra Snow's 2nd program; seconded by Wangeman. Discussion. Passed

Wangeman moved to accept Phil Johnson's pieces as revised on 9/13/13; seconded by Holt. Discussion. Passed.

Ulrich moved to accept all other conductor's pieces as edited by the HC literature committee; seconded by Holt. Discussion. Passed.

Matt Laura resigned and has been replaced by Katie Rohwer as the Region B HC Supervisor.

Concern was expressed over TB being allowed in addition to TTB at JM auditions. The application form and the website have conflicting information. Boys can still audition for SA.

State Events Director Pierson: A Musical Theatre Coordinator is needed. Several names were mentioned and the board decided by consensus to select Robert Doyle.

Music Selection and Sight Reading Director Scott: The new SR committee met in July. Ulrich moved to accept the HS Audition SR; seconded by Holt. The final festival SR is almost ready. It will go back to the committee and then will go to the Ex. Bd. for final approval. The print deadline is Nov. 15. Ulrich moved to change the price of the SR books from \$2.00 to \$2.50; seconded by Wangeman. Discussion. Passed. Composers list for 2015 will be ready soon.

Summer Workshop and MYAF Director Ulrich noted that the MYAF jazz choir directors are Greg Jaspersi in 2014 and Duane Davis in 2015. The SW Headliners are Jerry Blackstone in 2014, Sandra Snow in 2015 and Jo-Michael Scheibe in 2016.

Past President Wangeman Ulrich moved to support the MMC board in their quest to change their bylaws. They should be allowed to use Skype, conference calls, or to meet in person; seconded by Holt. Discussion. Passed.

Wangeman will need about an hour at the Full Board meeting tomorrow to discuss the survey results. The narrative told a lot that the responses to the questions didn't tell us. The 4 major areas of concern were:

1. Urban/rural/block/semester/instrumental teachers
2. Dichotomy between larger & smaller schools
3. Rubric good tool but acerbates the distinction between the haves and the have-nots.
4. Hard to justify the cost of membership if they are not having a positive festival experience.

Results of phone calls by the leadership to the membership will be discussed at the Full Board meeting tomorrow.

Items from the floor:

Ulrich: MSBOA is piloting a new rubric modeled after our performance rubric

Kerwin: Sept. 15 is the membership deadline.

Rick Cathermans's committee needs a vocal music person on it. It's a difficult position to fill as they do not want someone who is not teaching (Kerwin has volunteered and been rejected.) Armstead has volunteered, but their meeting dates and times are undetermined. This makes it impossible for him to determine how it might fit into his schedule or to ask anyone to fill this position.

Wangeman will set up a meeting by Oct. 15 to discuss candidates for HC conductors. The ballot will be sent to the membership on Nov 16.

There was a request for clarification on appointments to committees. Armstead informed us that the Director chooses the committee members, the Director proposes those names to the President, and the President officially appoints those people to the committee.

Concern over Sandra Snow's lack of MSVMA membership was noted. Membership will be required of her next year as an HC director. Gippert will contact her.

Ulrich moved to adjourn this portion of the meeting; seconded by Holt. The board then moved into closed session at 10:55 p.m.

Sept. 14, 2013. Wangeman provided the email documentation to show the Ex. Bd.'s approval of Shirley Lemon and Linda Martino as recipients of emeritus status. Armstead asked approval for the compliance of the website security policy for accepting online payments. Both were approved by the Executive Board.