

South Dakota Music Education Association
Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2023
10:00am - via Zoom

Board Members Present

Danny Eye, Laura Schenk, Mike Bossman, Char Cade, David Berberick, Kim Bruguier, Bethany Amundson, Mike Bossman, Molly Manchester, Kari Wilmes, Dave Sanderson, Laura Wilsey, Ryan Stahle, Julie Berger, Tabitha Unruh, Mackenzie McKeithan, Ellie Kenkel, Heather Nelson, Kim Bogart,

Board Members Absent

Also in attendance: Brooks Bowman, SDHSAA

President Mike Bossman brought the meeting to order at 10:05am.

Motion by Sanderson, Seconded by Bruguier to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion to approve August 2022 minutes-Sanderson and seconded by Kari Wilmes. Motion carried.

President's Report: Mike Bossman

Mike addressed meeting norms and expectations. He reminded all members to be using the SDMEA Shared Drive and demonstrated where to save files. He'd like all board members to help create a welcome document for new board members. This can help the new board member make sense of their position and be a go-to document. He also reminded everyone to be saving their event artifacts and getting them archived with Heather.

New Business: Merchandise store had 14 orders and made \$57.00. In the future, we'd like to run it in the fall and maybe have ordering opportunities at events. McKeithan suggested looking into ApparelNow.com, and Bogart suggested AmericInk in Sioux Falls. We could also use a MIOSM idea, or other rotating designs.

He reminded event chairs to compile their event auditions/registrations in a shared document. Adding historical data will also help track changes over time.

Char Cade has collected and updated many years of ASCO recordings. Bossman thanked her for her work on this project.

Elections will be held this year for MS Band-elect, Choral, Band-elect, and Elementary-elect. Nominations are being accepted.

Eligibility for All-State ensembles was discussed. The Board's policy is that a student must be enrolled in their home district's corresponding program to be eligible for auditions. If a district does not have the corresponding ensemble, the student may audition under their private instructor. This applies to homeschooled students as well.

Event dates for 2023-24 school year should be submitted to Mike by March 10 to be compiled into an event calendar. This can be included in the Spring Musician magazine.

Music in our Schools Month - Mackenzie will help with the social media campaign for this.

Webmaster Report: Mike Bossman

Mike has shifted the website to be more chronological.

He suggested using Canva to create a box for your event for the website.

Reminder to look at your page and make sure it's up to date.

Please use webmaster@sdmea.net for any website needs.

President-elect Report: Danny Eye

Next newsletters will be in February and April. Please send him pictures and articles for the newsletter.

Past President Report: Bethany Amundson

Bethany is collaborating with Ben Koch (SDBA) and Brooks Bowman (SDHSAA) on a directors' clinic for HS All-State Band. DWU will provide credit, and this will be a partnership with SDBA.

Executive Director/Treasurer's Report: Laura Schenk

Laura updated the board on the successful resolution of our IRS Tax Status. Our exemption is up to date and was restored retroactively. This allows us to qualify for grants, and she's actively seeking grant opportunities.

Kim Bruguier will be added to the Levo Credit Union bank account to have another signer on the account.

Reminder to all board members to make deposits in a timely manner, particularly if your event auditions take place in a different fiscal year than the event itself.

P&L will be available next week and distributed to board members via email.

Discussion over corporate sponsorships and organizational partnerships. Other groups have reached out to ask about partnering on events. Discussion will continue at the June meeting.

Conference Manager Report: Kim Bruguier

Summer Session: Aug 1, 2023 with Denise Gagne

Conference: 179 attendees - Highest attended conference we've had! So much positive feedback, and lots of notes of what to put into place for next year.

2023 - Rapid City

Financially RC is better, but logistics are a little more challenging. Kim is working with the Monument to get rooms side by side.

2023 Keynote Speaker: Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser

2023 Headliner: TBD (Vocal group, looking for something that is financially viable.)

Presenter and Performer links are ready to go out. Board members are encouraged to ask people you know who would be great presenters to submit applications.

Expenses associated with the conference:

Sioux Falls is always significantly more expensive, generally double that of Rapid City. Exhibits are the biggest way to recoup expenses, but since COVID booths have been a tougher sell.

Discussion on how to move forward with the conference balancing a fiscally responsible conference with offering as many tracks as would be most beneficial to educators.

Kim also updated us on work for NAFME, including her work as the new NEB liaison for the Council for General Music Education, and President Scott Sheehan's initiative to dialogue more with the states.

SDHSAA Report: Brooks Bowman

Brooks reported that the composer of one of the pieces for All-State Band will be in attendance this year. This is a potential area of collaboration with SDBA.

ASCO - If a student wants to audition for ASCO, students must be a member of the school's parallel program.

Calendar committee: SDHSAA will be working with a calendar committee to coordinate athletic and arts activities. There are more activities being added on both athletic and arts sides, and they will be working to coordinate those activities. Scott Muirhead and Angela Larson will be the music representatives.

SDHSAA will be working on ADM numbers to determine school size classifications. This may cause changes with the number of quartets to All-State Chorus. Consideration may be given to schools with high participation numbers and lower ASM numbers.

President Bossman called for a brief recess at 11:58 am. We will be in recess until 12:10.

Awards - Erin McFarland

Erin could not attend today. Board Report in folder.

Higher Education- David Sanderson

Sanderson reports that the conference Collegiate Day went very well. Students enjoyed the presenters.

Sanderson will work together with Bruguier to streamline registration for Collegiate Day and for scheduling the dinner break.

Sanderson offered having Collegiate chapters collaborate with high school level Tri-M chapters. Higher Ed will be splitting on their own since the National Conference format will be changing. Sanderson also commented on the NAFME Strategic Plan and encouraged board members to review this plan.

NAFME and the NEA have teamed up on a study to address music teacher turnover and retention. The initial draft was presented and the final will be available this spring. This data will be useful from the higher ed perspective, however it is very regional.

SMTE is looking at various laws pertaining to what can and cannot be taught, texts that can be used, etc., and how that affects music programs. Next SMTE conference will be October 2023.

SRME is looking at trying to help facilitate best practices from research into teaching. Poster sessions have been helpful in some states, and Sanderson will work on implementing ideas into South Dakota's conference. Next SRME conference will be in 2024.

Choral Chair - Kari Wilmes

Freshman Festival rescheduled to Tuesday April 18, 2023.

Forms are updated and ready to go live on the website and Kari will get something ready to send out to membership and into the newsletter. Registration deadline will be February 28.

Music selections are mostly finalized and Dr. Nero is still the conductor.

Band Chair - Ryan Stahle & Ellie Kenkel, Chair-elect

MS All-State Jazz - Rooms are booked, and auditions are wrapping up. Registration deadline was extended slightly due to weather. This will push the judges a little since the turnaround is tight already, but is still achievable. 64 auditions have been received so far.

Copyright permissions have been secured for all selections. Clinicians are Joel Shotwell and Ron Stary. All music is ready to be distributed.

Discussion over future dates for MSASJazz. Stahle plans to survey directors for feedback.

Director's Clinic - DWU will be doing the credit. \$30 cost for attendees, \$70 to DWU for credit.

Clinicians include Mackenzie McKeithan, Ali Dunbar, Poppler's sponsoring a Reading Band Session, and a marching band session.

Orchestra Chair - Kim Bogart & Laura Wilsey, chair-elect

February 24-25, 2023 at Jefferson High School - Dr. James Weaver, conductor

All reservations are secured. Arrangements made for a side-by-side performance with JLW Honors Orchestra.

196 auditions were received and 82 students were accepted. Discussion on whether in the future two ensembles may be beneficial. Finding facilities big enough to host would be a consideration.

Audition fees were collected. Shirt store is open.

String Symposium is organized in conjunction with this event. Laura Wilsey reported that the schedule is worked out. DWU will be offering credit.

Musician Magazine - Molly Manchester

Ad revenue was \$3,100 in the fall and \$2,200 in the winter.

Winter issue went to the printer this week and should be out soon.

Deadline for Spring Issue is Mar 17, 2023 . Magazine out early April.

Discussion over ad prices and color options.

Tri-M - Mackenzie McKeithan

There are currently 3 registered chapters and 2 active chapters. There are other chapters around the state who are not officially registered. Mackenzie is working with lapsed chapters to get more chapters up and running.

DEIA - David Berberick

David is currently seeking to highlight schools who are doing work in the area of diversity and diverse composers. He plans to use our publications to build awareness. He would like to incorporate a forum session in the conference that would build awareness and facilitate the exchange of issues surrounding diversity and inclusion.

Retired Music Educators - Char Cade

Char reported that retired educators continue to appreciate the free tickets offered for the All-State Chorus and Orchestra concert.

Char has collected recordings and programs from All-State Chorus and Orchestra and copies of the SD Musician Magazine dating back to the 1950s. She would like to donate those to the archives held at Augustana. She's also created an extensive list of past presidents of SDMEA and other historic facts, which she would like to publish in the magazine.

Membership - Colby Shuck

Colby was unable to attend the meeting. No report was available.

Middle School - Julie Fastnacht

Julie reported that there are two sites for MSFC and contracts are being finalized. Registration is now open on the website, and the deadline is February 20.

Emails will be sent with invitations and a personal letter from Julie encouraging participation.

Elementary Honor Choir- Tabitha Schmidt, Chair-elect

EHC was a successful event! Sophia Papoulis was a wonderful conductor and the concert sounded great.

October 28, 2023 in Rapid City. Director will be Chris Manou. Auditions are due Friday Apr 7, 2023 . All information is available on the website and will be emailed to teachers. All information will also be shared on social media.

Elementary Festival Choir - Tara Hahn

Tara was unable to attend but submitted her report. Six sites are confirmed and over 1,000 student participants! Registration closes January 9.

She's confirmed most logistics and is finalizing the last details.

Middle School All-State Band - Danny Eye & Julie Berger, Chair-elect

Danny reported that the google audition form went smoothly in the 3rd year. 543 auditions were received from 75 schools, which is the most we've had. Danny thanked the board for getting the word out and seeing increasing participation across events.

Deadlines were extended due to weather, but Danny is hopeful results will still be available January 16, which is the same as last year.

Discussion regarding editing of audio for auditions, and the policy of receiving a zero score for any edited audio.

Julie discussed preparing the music, including copyright permissions. Discussion of ePrint and digital copies of music.

Next meeting date - Saturday, Jun 3, 2023

Laura reminded board members to fill out a voucher for today's meeting.

Motion was made by Sanderson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Amundson.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:13pm.

