

President Paul Schilf called the meeting to order at 8:10 am. Board members present were Laura Baker, Barb Bowen, Rogene Brown, Todd Carr, Karla Chiarello, Trisha Fisher, Glenyta Hanson, Jennifer Hawkinson, ReNae Jackson, Barb Myers, Barb Newman, Rebecca Rasmussen, Deb Rohrer, Paul Schilf, Mary Beth Sutton, Melissa VandeStroet, Wendy Van Gent, Sheila Wipf, Lisa Zahn. Board members not present: Dr. Bruce Ammann, Stacy Gross, Boyd Perkins, Jessica Perkins. Additional members present: Mike Bossman; Additional guests: James Weaver, SDHSAA Fine Arts Executive Director.

Secretary Report - Sutton

Minutes were presented from the October 29, 2011 the General Meeting and board breakfast meeting. There was a correction to Fisher's spelling of last name. Myers would like the minutes to reflect the bleed through noise between the convention rooms was significant and strike the word 'little.' Hawkinson motioned, Rohrer seconded that the minutes be accepted as amended. Motion passed. Approval of August minutes was tabled until the May 2012 meeting to allow review online.

Treasurer's Report - Myers

The financial report from the various events and convention was presented. Motion by Hawkinson, second by Baker to accept the financial report as presented. Motioned carried.

Middle School All State Band Report- Jackson/VandeStroet

442 auditions from 86 schools were submitted. Dr. Alan LaFave will conduct the honor band and Mr. Larry Petersen the festival band. The dates are March 2 and 3, 2012 in Pierre, SD. Incorporating the use of Opus Events has streamlined and made the audition process much smoother for Jackson. This year the director's and students will receive the adjudication form back as feedback. Discussion was held regarding the judge's compensation and the time involved in adjudicating the auditions. The judging compensation has not increased in six or seven years. Weaver suggested the judging fee structure used in speech judging. Motion by Wipf, second by Sutton to incorporate a flat judging fee of \$50.00 be used for compensation of all Middle School All State Band judges with an additional \$1.00 per entry for winds; \$2.00 per entry percussion. Schilf called to question. Motion carried. Discussion was held regarding the ranking and return of the adjudication ballot. The current fees are \$9.00 to audition and \$9.00 for registration. This is a \$2.00 increase from the past years. Carr and Myers discussed the cost of using Opus Events. Discussion was held regarding aligning the of audition fees of Middle School All State Band to the High School All State Band which will be \$8.00 next year. Motion by Baker to lower the audition fee to \$8.00 and raise the registration fee to \$25.00. Second by Bowen. 10 yea's, 8 no's. Motion carried. Discussion was held regarding holding off on any additional changes to this event for another year. Motion by Myers, second by Zahn to include a t-shirt in the \$25.00 registration fee. Motioned carried. Weaver suggested that next year's guest conductors and information about next year available to show the increased value. Discussion was held regarding the value and benefit of using Opus Events. Weaver suggested an on-line ballot similar to what is being incorporated in All State Band. Schilf suggested that the chairs of the various events using Opus, Carr and Weaver investigate parallel options available for future use. Discussion was held regarding the audition/notification deadlines. It was determined that

six weeks is a reasonable time table. Auditions are uploaded faster but there is still judging time and numbers still need to be matched to names. Discussion was held regarding the sound quality of the recordings and use of reverb in auditions versus an obvious splicing or electronic editing of auditions. Schilf commended Jackson on her work for this event and her dedication.

Band Chair-Wipf

There will be continuing education credit available from NSU (\$46.00 for a credit hour) at the MSASB event. Music Advocacy in the hometown, developing double reeds, and an open session on digital recording will be offered in addition to observing rehearsal. Wipf questioned the \$54.00 fee for members and \$74.00 for non members. Discussion was held regarding the fees. Motion by Van Gent to increase the registration of non member fees \$50.00, second by Rasmussen. Motion carried. Wipf will get registration information sent to the web site.

Awards Report- Bowen

23 members received the 25, 30, 35, 40 years of service awards. 4-distinguished service to music; 2 distinguished administrator and 6 high schools receiving the participation award. The banquet was very well attended. 1500 booklets were printed. Could the programs be combined? Bowen will coordinate with Bowen. The awards nomination deadline is May 15, 2012.

Orchestra Chair- Chiarello

All State Orchestra event feedback went well. The directors meeting went well. Chiarello and Weaver are almost certain of the guest conductor for next year and are working on a three to five year plan for future conductors. There is an upcoming orchestra directors meeting and they will be selection of judges and the adjudication form.

Choral Chair- Brown/Fisher

Brown and Fisher thought All State Choir went well. The 2012 All State Choir guest conductor will be Dr. Anna Hamre, California State University, Fresno, CA originally from South Dakota and Augustana College Alumni. There was a suggestion that the cd rehearsal tracks have slower tempos for the faster songs. The cd rehearsal tracks will be adjusted next year. The comments on the new format for the spot check draw include posting the schools chosen at the venue and emailing the information out. That will be modified for next year. The selections chosen for the spot checks will be posted the Friday morning at 7 am.

Elementary Honor Choir/SDMEA Festival Choir Chair-Rasmussen

Rasmussen presented the financial statement from the EHC event. The online audition process went well. The ticket sales prior to the event were a good idea. The sound bleed through is an issue and needs to be eliminated out of respect for the student participating and the director working with them. Would this be a good year (15th) to commission a work for this event? Motion by Van Gent, second by Brown to commission a work for the 15th Annual Elementary Honor Choir October 2012. Motion carried.

Judy Britts, the Artistic Director for the Northern California Children's choir will be the guest conductor for the 15th EHC event in October 2012. <http://norcalchildrenschorus.org/proglamstaff.html>.

SDMEA FC will be held March 5 in Sturgis, Mobridge, Beresford and Sisseton. Students

participating are 87 in Sturgis, 125 in Beresford, 63 in Mobridge and 32 in Sisseton. Two sites are down slightly, one location is up and the Sisseton site is new. The repertoire committee, Karen Dooley, Kim Bruguier and Barb Newman did a great job selecting 2 part music.

Rasmussen is looking at other sites to host the SDMEA FC to rotate schools in the future.

Rasmussen is suggesting this position be split into two positions since events have been added.

SD Musician Business MGR-Perkin/s/Perkins

No report.

Webmaster-Bossman

Bossman suggested the redesign of the web page and that we look at the options of collaborating with the SDHSAA website. Myers motioned that SDMEA explore the options of using the IT services provided by the SDHSAA . Second by Rohrer. Motion carried.

Motion by Zahn, seconded by Rohrer to investigate and apply for a new state domain name reflecting the name change from National and incorporate this with the SDHSAA IT services options. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report- Weaver

CMENC / CNAfME Report- Van Gent

Van Gent thought the recital went well. The audition process is still a work in progress and will be modified slightly again for next fall. Weaver suggested that CNAfME members be assigned to assist guest conductors so they have an opportunity to meet them.

Historian Report-Ammann

No report.

Tri-M Report-Gross

T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre is the only current active Tri-M chapter in our state. The exhibit booth at the convention generated a lot of interest from students.

Membership- Baker

There are some issues with email address updates and members still not receiving the monthly newsletters from National or State.

Opus Events - Carr

Carr reported that OPUS Events contract is \$2,000 annually and it is a learning process. Rasmussen and Jackson would like better support from the contact person through OPUS events to make changes/suggestions. The combination of 773 auditions of MSASB and EHC is still under the contracted number so Carr will check with the OPUS contact person. Myers commended Carr on his work with the OPUS events people to use the system. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of utilizing another technology program that Weaver is piloting with the HS All State Band.

Executive Director Report- Hanson

Hanson has spent a great deal of time reflecting on her vision and list of things that she

wanted to see implemented. She is excited about events and opportunities that have been started and created within the last five years. She proposed some changes to the All State Chorus and Orchestra concert/rehearsal schedule to incorporate more listening/sharing. Hanson presented an idea to implement a summer singing choral program for elementary students. Discussion was held on these items. Motion by Myers, second by Baker to create a committee which will be co-chaired by Hanson and Bossman to pursue the development of a summer elementary choir program/summer camp to be piloted in Sioux Falls. Motion carried.

Government Relations Report- Newman

Newman relayed that now would be a good time to write a bill since there is nothing on the SD Arts Council docket. Pat Boyd and Barry LeBeau are the two main SD Arts lobbyists. Discussion was held regarding legislation regarding a mentorship problem. Sam Shaw is the Fine Arts Co-coordinator for the DOE. Motion by Hanson, second by Sutton to pursue visiting with a legislator to sponsor a bill to the 2012 SD Legislature for funding of a mentorship program for new music teachers. Motion approved. The point person on this task will be President Schilf.

Retired Music Teachers Report- Cade

No report.

Old Business:

Statewide Song Writing Contest- Rohrer

Rohrer presented an idea to engage more ms vocal musicians in a song writing competition. The use of OPUS events was discussed as well as the form. Discussion was held and minor changes were made to the form. A line was added for the sponsoring teacher's membership number. Motion by Hansen, second by Bossman to implement a statewide song writing competition in the spring of 2012 year. Motion carried.

Virtual Choir-Rohrer

Rohrer has investigated the logistics of a virtual statewide choir. Discussion was held on developing a relationship with SDPB to move forward. Tabled under old business.

New Business:

SDMEA CONFERENCE REPORT- 2011 & 2012

The financials were reviewed. Tim Lautzenheiser had to back out of being the headline speaker in October 2012. Nancy Ditmer, the new NAFME President-Elect has been issued an invitation to speak. Applications for presentations and concerts are posted on the web site.

Application for Funding- Deadline application is January 1

Two applications were submitted. The first application was for \$700. It is for a Northwestern MS Music Festival in Mellette, SD for band and choir. 15 schools attend the one day festival with a concert in the evening. The second application requested not to exceed \$1,000. The second application was from the Sioux Falls Jazz and Blues camp for the second annual camp for vocal and instrumental students 7-12. Motion by Zahn, seconded by Baker to fund both the Northwestern MS Music Festival and the Sioux Falls Jazz and Blues camp in the amount of \$500.00 each. Motion carried.

Applications for Scholarship to attend NAFME- \$500.00 amount

2012 NAFME conference location- St. Louis

One application was submitted by Dr. Wendy Van Gent. Motion by Hanson, second by Bowen to fund the scholarship for Dr. Van Gent to attend the NAFME National Conference in St. Louis. Motion approved.

New Logo-Zahn

After attending the fall North Central Regional NAFME meeting, Zahn and Schilf came back with ideas to update the state logo with the letters SDAfME in block with the state outline around it. Motion by Zahn, seconded by VanGent to move forward with the creation of the new state logo. Motion carried.

Nominations for BoD-

Elected Open positions are President-Elect, Orchestra Chair, Elementary Chair, and MS Choral Chair. The immediate Past President serves as the chair of the nominating committee. Chiarello is open to running for the full two year term for Orchestra Chair. Rohrer is open to serving again as the MS Choral Chair. Hawkinson is in the process of contacting people for President-Elect. Hawkinson stated that perhaps the process of when the selection and the length of term begins be adjusted to better fit the needs of the organization. Discussion was held. Appointed positions include technology, historian, awards chair, membership chair, web master, secretary, collegiate, retired teachers, treasurer and executive director are made by incoming President Zahn July 1, 2012.

Discussion- Executive Secretary Position

Hanson has expressed that she would like to step down from the appointed executive secretary position. This is a paid position of \$3,000. Schilf would like an application to be placed on the web site along with the job qualifications. The time line would include a review of applications at the May meeting and the person be appointed to begin their duties July 1, 2012. Myers reminded board members that the Treasurer's and the Executive Secretary position are not appointed and are life memberships until resignation. Motion by Rasmussen second by Van Gent to offer the two positions of State Executive and State Treasurer as either one combined position or two separate positions depending on the application qualifications received with compensation based on experience. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Myers has submitted her resignation as treasurer. The history of the positions of state executive secretary, treasurer, secretary being separated from one position into three positions was reviewed. Comparisons were made from other states on handling the compensation for the executive secretary position and the treasurer position. Discussion was held on keeping the jobs separated or combined together again.

President Schilf expressed his thanks to SDHSAA Executive Director James Weaver for hosting the meeting at the SDHSAA office. The fostering and development of such a positive working relationship with the SDHSAA is amazing. The central location of the meeting site is also more logistically convenient for many board members.

Upcoming Events:

Music In Our Schools Month- March 2012

All State Middle School Band, March 2 & 3, 2012 Pierre, SD.

SDMEA Festival Choirs, March 5, 2012 Beresford, Sturgis, Mobridge, Sisseton

Elementary Honor Choir, October 27, 2012 Rapid City, SD

All State Chorus and Orchestra, October 26-27, 2012 Rapid City, SD

Next meeting dates:

May 18 & 19, 2012 Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD

Motion to adjourn by Brown; Second by Carr. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Sutton on Sunday, January 7, 2012.