



South Dakota Music Education Association

Approved Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2021

Zoom Meeting

10:00 AM

Board Members Present: Bethany Amundson, Mike Bossman, Kim Bruguier, Laura Schenk, Sheri Holt, Dave Sanderson, Iwona Lewter, Kimberly Bogart, Laura Cooper, Tanya Davis, Danny Eye, Ryan Stahle, Tara Hahn, Julie Berger, Kari Wilmes, Char Cade, Heather Nelson, Luis Viquez, Erin McFarland, Deb Rohrer, and Brooks Bowman

Board Members Absent: Molly Stueckrath, Colby Shuck

President Amundson brought the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Motion by Kim Bruguier, second by Kari Wilmes, to accept the agenda.

Motion carries.

Secretary's Report – Sheri Holt

Please review minutes at www.sdmea.net.

Motion by Dave Sanderson, second by Laura Cooper, to approve the June 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carries.

Executive Director/Treasurer's Report—Laura Schenk

Executive Director Laura Schenk has been busy transferring files, including electronic files and memberships. She has had an outboarding session with the National NAFME office to help learn the ropes of this new position. She has been working with the executive board in applying for various grants to assist us with our funds in the recovery process of our COVID year. While working through the grant process, it was discovered that our non-profit tax status had been revoked back in November, 2017 (no one had received a letter about this). Due to this status, we are not eligible for these grants. She is working with James Cummings, the SDMEA's accountant, and with the Fair Tax to find old returns, as well as the IRS. Once our tax status is resolved, we will then be able to apply for these grants.

Laura reported that our Traveler's Insurance will no longer cover us due to such things such as a lack of having a physical address and a past name change that was not updated. Our policy is updated through October but she will be working with a policy specialist to determine which policy best meets our needs going forward.

Treasurer's Report: Laura reminds chair members to fill out a deposit form whenever collecting funds. Use the folder called "What You Need to Know" to familiarize yourself with registration fees, director's fees, etc. Anytime you need money, complete the voucher form with a receipt. (A director's contract can count as a receipt). Credit card option is also available if needed.

President Report- Bethany Amundson

The North Central Division Meeting will now be held virtually on September 18-19.

A discussion was made regarding board member reviews. The reviews were all very favorable and appreciative to all our board members have been achieving for us.

Motion was made by Char Cade and seconded by Erin McFarland to approve the board positions of vice president, treasurer, editor, and executive director,

President Amundson reported that one of our goals for SDMEA this year is to again, promote our organization and increase our membership. Our purpose should always remain central in our minds as we reach out to our educators. A document entitled "Benefits of SDMEA" will be shared at the regional fall meetings. She has asked that board members distribute this document as they attend their regional meetings and "put a plug in" for our organization. President Amundson will also email this document to administrators across the state to educate them in the benefits that we can have to their music teachers.

Conference Manager/Past President Report: Kim Bruguier Music Educator Recognition Event

Kim Bruguier reported that there were 50 registrants for this one-time event (No strings teachers registered/attended). The Hegg Brothers Band played as the evening entertainment. Continuing education credit was offered through DWU and this was met with many positive comments! There were session presenters that did not have many attendees; they have been invited to present in the fall conference.

Summer Session

Kim Bruguier reported that the summer session had 67 registered/paid attendees. 55 were in person and the rest virtual. The virtual option gained us an additional 12 attendees. Tracy King presented. Had some difficulty with Paypal but Venmo was a

great addition. Credit was offered through DWU. Secured David Row for August 2, 2022.

Music Educator Conference

The Music Educator Conference will take place in Rapid City Oct. 28-30 in conjunction with All-State Chorus and Orchestra. Sessions are set but could use one more elementary or middle school choral session. Hoping to have the Army Bands as the headliner and looking for a keynote speaker within our state. Credit will be offered through BHSU.

Bethany expressed her gratitude to Kim for all of her work on these three conferences. She has gone above and beyond! Kim is up to be our next North Central president! Make sure you vote for her! Look for voting information coming in January via email.

Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser has been secured for 2023.

SDHSAA Report—Brooks Bowman

Brooks Bowman reported that the 2021-22 plan will be to get activities back to normal as best we can. He foresees that for all-state choir and orchestra, masks will be recommended and socially distancing is encouraged (3 feet). ASC&O will be held in the new beautiful Summit Arena. A schedule of the weekend was shared with us.

All-State Band will be held at SDSU. The guest artist is the MNOZIL Brass. ASB participants and directors will get free admission to the performance on Thursday, March 24th at 7:30 p.m.

2021-22 marks the first year for All-State Show choir. 52 students will be selected for this event and it will occur at the same time as All-State Jazz Band (May 5-7). Ben Eklund will be the choreographer and Peter Eklund will be the director. Any eligible vocal student, grades 9-12, from an SDHSAA member school can audition. Audition information will be posted in January and recorded video auditions must be submitted by March 1st.

South Dakota Musician Report: Deb Rohrer (editor)

Chair members, please send a high quality picture to Deb for the Musician if you haven't done so yet. We are operating in a solid financial state. September 15th is the next deadline for articles due from chairs. Feel free to reach out to professors and other professionals to include any music articles that they would like to have printed in our magazine. A discussion was made regarding affiliate members and tracking their donations.

Chair Reports:

Middle School Band-- (Danny Eye, chair/Julie Berger co-chair)

The 23rd Annual Middle School All-State Band will be held in Mitchell on March 4th & 5th, 2022. Will be scaling back to six songs versus seven songs due to time constraints. The schedule will be adjusted to give students a bit more free time in the evening to enjoy the all-state experience. Guest directors are Rebecca Warren (Honor Band) and Dale Fiedler (festival band). Would like to see the email list updated to include all South Dakota Schools and not just the ones that have participated in the past.

Elementary Report—Tanya Davis, chair/Tara Hahn, co-chair

The Elementary Honor Choir will be held in Rapid City on Saturday, October 30, 2021. The director will be Tonya Cline, the same director that had been secured for last year. The accompanist is Cora Fried from Rapid City. Registration is due September 10th and is \$50. The same repertoire will be used as 2020 EHC. Still looking to secure a director.

Festival Choir (4-6th grade-20 students per grade)

Festival Choir is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2022. We have seven sites for this year: Mobridge, Gregory, Mitchell, Harrisburg, Beresford, Sturgis, and Brandon. Registration deadline is December 17, 2021.

Collegiate Report— Dave Sanderson

There is an upcoming NAFME Collegiate kickoff the week of September 13-17. Collegiate numbers are down. SDMEA Collegiate Day is October 28th. There is a collegiate recital planned as well as the President's Council. President Bethany would like to reach out in person to all colleges this year to promote SDMEA.

Middle School Report—(Iwona Lewter, chair)

The 2022 MS Festival will be held on April 14th. Registration for this event is February 21st. Two sites are secured: Mitchell and Sioux Valley/Volga. Directors include Mike Bossman, Kim Bruguier (Mitchell), Robyn Starks Holcomb, and Sheri Holt (Sioux Valley). The same music that was chosen for last year will be used as rehearsal tracks are already made for those. A discussion was made on the number of students a director can bring. It was decided to remove the maximum number of students that directors can bring to help grow this festival. Registration is due February 21st and is \$35.

Band Report- (Ryan Stahle chair)

We are looking for a band co-chair to assist the band chair. (The board can appoint someone for this since this position has been vacated).

The 5th Annual Middle School All-State Jazz Band will be held in Mitchell on February 4-5. Guest Directors will be David Martinson and Ben Koch, awaiting contracts. Discussion was made about creating a consistency in the audition process between the high school and middle school level. Ryan would like to use the “Real Books” to audition which is already happening at the high school level. It was agreed that this was a great idea to keep things consistent and would benefit the students in many ways. Etudes will continue to be rotated in a three year cycle starting with the ones chosen for last year. Scales and improvisation portions will remain the same as previous years.

- Middle School All State Jazz Band 2021: The audition process went well. The new etudes were well received. A third year member was recognized and her certificate was mailed to her.
- Middle School All State Jazz Band 2022: Mitchell High School will host this event. Etudes are being written and will be released in the fall. Looking for clinicians that would volunteer their time.
- MSASB Band Director Clinic: Due to the success of the 2020 clinic, we look forward to having the event in 2022 and bringing more hands-on clinics to the directors at the all state band event.

Tri-M Report – Molly Stueckrath

No report

Webmaster/Historian/Archivist/Newsletter Editor Report: Mike Bossman, Heather Nelson

- *Email Bossman at webmaster@sdmea.net with any changes on the website.*

Retired Report- Char Cade

Char Cade reported that her position focuses on contacting retired educators and providing them with free concert tickets to the All-State Chorus and Orchestra Concert. She reported that we have never gone over our maximum number of tickets and she doesn't anticipate that we will. She is looking forward to 2023. This will be the All-State Chorus and Orchestra's 70th anniversary. She has some historical information/articles that she would eventually like to have shared in the Musician Magazine at the proper time prior to this event.

Awards Report—Erin McFarland, chair

Erin expressed her thanks to Kim, Bethany, and Laura for helping her in her new role. Erin McFarland reported on the current nominations that she has received so far. So far, there have been no nominations for Distinguished Service to Music and Outstanding Young Music Educator Award. We have received one nomination for Distinguished Administrator. Still collecting names for years of service awards. She reported that she is still waiting on additional high school participation awards, we have received two so far. She will look into getting the awards done through Sioux Falls to save on shipping.

Membership Chair: Colby Shuck, chair

No report.

President Bethany reported that Colby has the membership email list and membership list. If you need anything sent out to the whole membership, please send him an email and cc Bethany.

Laura Schenk reported that there is an initiative with financial incentive to renew or join NAFME right now. She reported that nationally 25% of our membership was lost this past year, but South Dakota only lost 2 members so our membership is holding strong.

Choral Report – Kari Wilmes, chair

The Freshmen Festival will be held on November 9th, 2021 at Mitchell. It was suggested that we raise the registration from \$30 to \$35 to keep it consistent with the elementary and middle school festival choirs registration fees. Nominations from directors are due September 17th with registrations due by October 1st. Freshman Festival Choir emails to be sent out on Monday, August 30th. Dr. Russel Svenningsen of Augustana University will be the director. We are still working on securing an accompanist. Music has been selected.

Orchestra Report --(Laura Cooper, chair/Kim Bogart, chair-elect)

Middle School All-State Orchestra (MSASO)

MSASO will be held on Feb. 18-19 at Rapid City Central. Laura Cooper reported that audition materials were sent out last spring. Invitations to directors were sent out last week. The conductor will be Dr. Chad Hutchinson from Eastern Michigan University. Auditions will be held virtually and can be submitted from October 15th through November 15th. She is still looking for a JLWHO conductor. Laura is hopeful that numbers will be up this year.

String Symposium

The 4th annual String Symposium will be held in conjunction with MSASO and J. Laiten Weed Honors Orchestra. Kim Bogart reported that great presenters have been secured but still looking for a few more. Continuing education credit will be available.

DEIA (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Advocacy) Luis Viquez, chair

Luis Viquez expressed that he is honored to serve on the board. He expressed that we indeed have a great need for this position in our state and he is excited to help out in this way. He would like to create a series of articles that can be published in the Musicians Magazine. (This job description can be found in the by-laws). This is a new position and he will develop it as we go.

Old Business

The e-newsletter information needs to be emailed to the president elect by the 15th of each month: webmaster@sdmea.net. This is done every-other-month.

*The next one will be September 17, 2021.

New Business

Dave Sanderson reported that the SD Board of Education has now put out the new Fine Arts Standards for review. He recommends that we familiarize ourselves with these standards and get the word out to music educators on this so that they can review and comment on these. He recommends that we put this out in the Musicians Magazine, newsletters, and social media. Dave mentioned that there will be some public commentary sites across the state in regards to how educators feel about these new standards. Discussion was made on the creation process and representative selections on the music side of these standards.

Motion by Mike Bossman, second by Dave Sanderson, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

2020-2021 Meetings
October Conference--RapidCity
January 8th
June 4th

Submitted by Sheri Holt