

# SOUTH CAROLINA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 8, 2012

USC STRING PROJECT BUILDING  
851 PARK AVE., COLUMBIA, SC 29201

### AGENDA

#### Call to Order

President called meeting to order @10:00. Concerns were shared for members who have lost family members or have experienced sickness over the summer. Each member present introduced themselves for the benefit of new members on the board. Mileage sheet was passed around the table. President thanked everyone for attending this meeting.

#### Approval of Minutes

Minutes were sent via email prior to this meeting to all board members for approval. Motion to approve and a second were submitted.

- Approved unanimously

### SCMEA STATUS REPORTS

#### Treasurers Report – Patti Foy

Profit and Loss Statement was given to each member present. Concern was expressed over return on our investment funds. Seem to be falling behind our returns in previous years. We may have to reconsider how and when we award scholarships. Report will be available online. Total Liabilities and Equity = \$86,240.66 as of August 11, 2012

**Conference Report – Sharon Doyle** All Divisions are responsible for ALL equipment this year. Chairman will still need to know WHERE equipment is coming from for the conference. Forms for equipment requests and session requests are available online. Need to get our online applications for exhibit space online earlier this year (by June 1). Internal scheduling for conference will remain on the same timeline, but outside businesses need this information sooner than September.

#### National Assembly Report – Patti Foy

Board was given an outline of the report. President Selby was not able to attend meeting, but Executive Director attended as a proxy. Dues for NAFME did increase this year by \$3 to help with new national database (for searches of state lists, etc.), website, and other expenses. Eventually several of our division officers will have access to this new information made available on the NAFME website. The new website will also assist us with registration process and conference surveys for our Professional Development Conference.

Executive Director shared information on a new technology (Accepted) that could assist us with All-state auditions, solo and ensemble registration, scholarships, etc. Members can investigate this technology at <http://www.getaccepted.com>. Considering a webinar from this organization. Will solicit responses from Division Chairs. ED feels this will be a help to our organization. President Selby also added support for further investigating this technology. Some concerns over sound quality of the website were shared by board members. Others requested a demonstration at our PDC. Most likely scenario will be a webinar first before inviting this organization to the PDC.

ED also indicated that on a national scale few Charter Schools have music programs. Several have piano and guitar programs, but few have music ensembles. ED suggested that SCMEA pay attention to the changing needs of student populations in the state. It is likely that more students seeking music instruction will seek alternatives to ensemble instruction in the years to come. It is in the interest of our organization to provide support for increased music programs here in our state. Currently only 20 Charter Schools in SC have music programs.

Music Education Week has replaced the Biennial Conference. Has not been successful in summer. Will be moved to the fall season. First new Annual National Conference will take place in Nashville fall 2013. NAFME does plan to include some honor ensembles at the national level and plans to move the national band, orchestra and chorus from its original summer slot to this new fall conference. We are allotted student membership in the ensembles and they will be tied to the number of NAFME members in each state. Using recent membership numbers, SC will probably be eligible to submit 15 students for these ensembles, and nominations will come from the previous year's All-State rosters. Will still be a cost to each student (Approx. \$600) so if we send students, efforts will be made to find sponsors to assist with cost.

NAFME is investigating the possibility of revising the National Standards and NAFME is currently working with the National Coalition for Core Arts Standards to study the 1994 National Music Standards. Updates on the status of the Standards revision can be found at <http://nccas.wikispaces.com/>

Give –a Note Foundation awarded \$20 million in grants last year. Teachers are encouraged to investigate this organization for potential grant activity. <http://giveanote.nafme.org/>

## **DIVISION REPORTS – WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT SCMEA.NET**

### **Band**

All events for 2012-2013 were submitted to President Selby. (US Army Field Band and Brass Quintet will be involved in the PDC.) Other clinicians are still being determined, but all info will be available on SCMEA.net and Bandlink.org

### **Choral**

Report will be available online.

### **Elementary**

Report will be available online. Synopsis provided for board.

### **Higher Education**

Report will be available online. Synopsis provided for board. This division will host an event on September 29, 2012 (10am-3 pm). Christine Fischer will be one of the clinicians. Event will be of interest to ALL people involved in Higher Education. More info available online. Contact Michael Moore if interested.

### **Orchestra**

Report will be available online. Synopsis provided for board.

### **Piano**

Report will be available online. Synopsis provided for board.

## **COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

### **Administrative Representative**

Report will be available online. Representative did reinforce the need for local advocacy.

### **Awards Committee**

Report will be available online. Board does recognize an issue with securing nominations for our awards. Must be addressed before next PDC.

### **Collegiate Membership**

Report will be available online.

### **Education Associate**

Report will be available online. Representative gave a synopsis on his report to the board. Members are encouraged to read this report for important updates on SC Standards. Issues regarding proficiency level versus grade level (including Honors credit) are the focus of updates. Discussion on this issue took place. The issue is a hot button politically at the local level. Education Associate will investigate these issues and report back to the board.

Arts Integration Conference in Columbia Oct. 3-4.

### **Government Relations**

Report will be available online, but synopsis was given to the board. Teacher evaluation will remain to be based on student test scores. Concern expressed over this approach for music, phys. Ed, arts, librarians, etc.

Federal Budget cuts will affect Dept. of Ed. budgets. Will trickle down to state level for special ed. and Title 1 budgets. BUT, have added arts teachers in the state. Still concern over this budget cut at federal level.

Common Core and STEM at issue. Music and other arts still must fit into these categories. Most issues are regarding standards.

SC Arts Commission is still solvent for another year. House and Senate vetoed the Governor's budget item that would have effectively eliminated the commission.

### **Historian**

Report will be available online.

### **Membership**

Report available online.

### **MIOSM (Music in Our Schools Month)**

Report will be available online.

### **Music Industry Representative**

Report will be available online.

### **Research**

Report will be available online.

### **Retired Members**

Report will be available online.

### **Special Learners**

Report will be available online.

### **SC Musician**

Report will be available online. Must decide what to do with an old computer that was used for the SC Musician. Board is in favor of selling the computer and using the money for general funds. Motion to sell computer. Second. Approved unanimously.

### **Teacher Education**

Report will be available online. Now have a Dropbox on [SCMEA.net](http://SCMEA.net) to submit sample lesson plans. Plans will be shared among membership. Teacher Education and Higher Education are investigating joint research project.

### **Technology**

Report will be available online. Smart Music up-to-date with rhythmic and sight singing activities.

### **5-minute Break**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Contracts for 2015-2017 PDC have been submitted to the Convention Center in Columbia. The three-year contract gave us more options and refunds from the Convention Center. President alerted the board to the danger of relaying this information *en masse* until official notification to the membership.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Selby is interested in developing specific job descriptions for ALL positions on the Executive Board. Currently we only have descriptions for President, President-elect, Executive Director, and Parliamentarian. Need documentation on Division Presidents and other officers. Looking to also develop unity between the divergent memberships of the organization. Would like for EACH division to develop these descriptions. President is also interested in improving the function and information distribution at the PDC. Suggests the development of a Conference Chair for EACH division. This person would report directly to Executive Conference Chair. Also would like for ALL Division Treasurers to meet bi-annually to coordinate with the Executive Director. Meetings could take place online. Desire to update our SCMEA website was expressed. Executive Board will investigate the manner in which we intend to make these updates. Could include a change to a website consultant or finding a website design person from within the membership. Suggestion was also made to change our “tentative” calendar to a definite calendar. (Change to a 2-year planning cycle.) Will be explored. May be some caveats in place to prohibit this change.

Discussion on the above issues took place. Various officers offered questions and concerns. Suggestions will be implemented into future communication via email from President.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Conference Chair encouraged all in attendance to follow deadlines for submission.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**