

**Minutes of the SCMEA Executive Board**  
**May 10, 2008**  
**Dreher High School**  
**Columbia, SC**

The meeting was called together by President Ann Cheek at 10:00 am. The minutes from the February 2008 meetings were approved as distributed.

Patti Foy, Executive Director, gave her report:

- She updated the group on SCMEA's non-profit status. She is waiting for tax information from the CPA who has been filing for SCMEA in order to contact the SC Secretary of State with a request for non-profit status.
- She presented the Financial report
  - The audition fees collected were much less than last year. The Band Division reported that a mistake had been made with calculations last year, resulting in their contributing more than necessary. This year's contributions were adjusted, resulting in a smaller contribution.
  - A money market checking account was opened at NBSC in February. The purpose of this account is to earn interest on any money that is not needed in the immediate future. Three checks a month can be written from the account any time access is needed to those funds. The Executive Director would like for SCMEA to eventually be able to set aside a "nest-egg" to cover losses, should SCMEA ever encounter economic difficulties.
- Since the By-Laws indicate that a proposed budget should be presented on an annual basis to the Board a proposed budget for the 2008-09 year will be prepared for the Board at the August 2008 meeting.
  - Included in the budget proposal will be requests to cover expenses to Regional and National MENC meetings for the Executive Director and the Editor of the *SC Musician*. The Executive Director and Editor have been funded in the past few years solely on an as-requested basis. However, it is common practice in other states for people serving in these positions to represent their states at Regional and National meetings. MENC covers part of the expense for people in these positions at meetings other than those held at the National Biennial Conference. Potential savings on publishing the *SC Musician* and earnings on the money-market account should help off-set any additional expenses created by funding these activities.

Division and Committee reports were given, and Jackie McNeill was recognized for her many years of service as the Editor of the *SC Musician*.

**Old Business:**

Ann Cheek reported that she, Patti Foy, Glenn Price, Andi Hill, Jeremy Lane, Cindy Brewer, Lisa Hamer, Jane Morlan, Jenny Koenemann, and David Perry represented SC at MENC in Milwaukee in April. MENC has canceled the Kansas City 2010 conference, and will replace it with a summer event in Washington, DC. Details are yet to be decided. Everyone is encouraged to submit ideas for the new conference that would help make it successful.

The MENC website has been revamped so that it is much more user-friendly and offers more information and materials to MENC members.

President Cheek also noted that the SDMENC Leadership Symposium will take place in Atlanta in September (Sept. 14-15, Sunday and Monday). We need to have participants attend from SC. We know that Patti Foy, Ann Cheek, Glenn Price, Jarvis Miller, and Christine Fisher plan to attend. MENC will pay the expenses for an emerging leader from SC. President Cheek encouraged Division Leadership to send representatives. Amy Strahm shared her experience at the SDMENC Leadership Symposium in Tampa, indicating that it made a profound difference on her professional outlook.

**New Business:**

Jeremy Lane reported that publishing the *SC Musician* costs ~\$20,000 a year. He is working on plans for revamping the magazine by the Summer of 2009, and anticipates that the changes will save half of the current cost. One idea is the possibility of moving the Division handbooks OUT of the Journal and putting them online. He also wants to solicit articles from state teachers.

In the foreseeable future, we will have a print journal in addition an online version. Deadlines through 08-09 stay the same and will be strictly followed. Division Presidents will no longer be required to submit an article for every issue. All handbook information should go to Jeremy Lane rather than Jackie McNeill for the June 1, 2008 deadline.

Dr. Lane presented a proposal for purchasing a computer and other equipment, costing approximately \$2981.80 to help him institute changes in the magazine. Michael Foxworth (Martin Dickey second), moved that the proposal be accepted. The motion was passed.

Glenn Price suggested that any divisions making technology purchases make sure they are compatible with the new equipment.

Ann Cheek appointed Phil McIntyre to chair a committee to nominate the next SCMEA president-elect. The committee will consist of Martin Dickey, Andi Hill, Sue Quindag, Mark Hodges, Tony Lenti, and Amy Strahm.

The contract for the Embassy Suites for the February 2011 conference was discussed.—  
A motion was made by Chris Selby (seconded by Martin Dickey) to hold the conference on February 3-6, 2011 and to ask the hotel to hold the second weekend of 2012 for the conference the following year. The motion passed.

Chris Selby (Martin Dickey, second) made the motion that SCMEA add a standing rule indicating that SCMEA will provide up to \$1000 to each Division to help pay for clinicians at the Inservice conference, if funds are available. The motion carried.

Chris Selby (Martin Dickey, second) moved that the Board raise conference pre-registration fees to \$75 and onsite registration fees to \$100 to cover the SCMEA’s cost of providing additional money for clinicians, with a late registration fee of \$30 for CMENC members. The motion carried.

Martin Dickey (Phil McIntyre, second) made the motion that SCMEA cover the Executive Director’s expenses to the MENC State Manager’s Meeting in Washington this summer. MENC will cover the cost of transportation and SCMEA will cover the cost of lodging and meals. The motion carried.

Glenn Price reported that <http://TED.com> is an excellent site for music education advocacy. He spoke specifically of a video on the site featuring Sir Ken Robinson and urged everyone to watch it.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

**Members present**

*Voting*

Ann Cheek  
Phil McIntyre  
Glenn Price  
Martin Dickey  
Michael Foxworth  
Andi Hill  
Susan Quindag  
Mark Hodges  
Chris Selby  
Jarvis Miller

*Non-voting*

Sharon Doyle  
Jackie McNeill  
Jeremy Lane  
Christine Fisher  
Vivian Jones  
Tracy Leenman  
Patrick Wylie  
Steve Rummage  
Patti Croft  
Patti Foy

*Observers*

Scott Rush  
Sheneice Smith  
Lisa Rayner  
Amy Strahm