

**SCMEA Executive Board Meeting**  
**February 4, 2016**  
**3:30 PM**  
**Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center**  
**Columbia, SC**

**Meeting called to order at 3:50 PM by President Rayner**

**Attendance**

Board: Lisa Rayner, President  
Mark Britt, Past President  
Martin Dickey, President-Elect  
Patti Foy, Executive Director

Band: Joe Gullledge, President  
Les Hicken, Past President  
Leah Corde, President-Elect

Choral: Pam Brunson, President  
Gina Jolly, Past President  
Gregory Pittman, President-Elect

Elementary: Elise Helms, President  
Donna Barick, Past President  
Todd Monsell, President-Elect

Higher Ed: Doug Presley, President  
David Perry, Past President

Orchestra: Margaret Selby, President  
Colleen Marcou, Past President  
Chris Corde, President-Elect

Piano: Anthony Lenti, President  
Marianne Holland, Past President

Chairs: Administrative Representative, Bradley Wingate  
Awards, Mark Britt  
Collegiate Membership Chair, Susie Lalama  
Collegiate Membership President, Hannah Carlson  
Editor, SC Musician, Jason Sprankle  
Education Associate, Carrie Ann Power  
Government Relations Chair, Christine Fisher  
Guitar Chair, L. H. Dickert  
Historian, Tom Finigan  
Membership Chair, Christi Lewis  
Multicultural Committee Chair, Jonathan Burbank  
Music Industry Representative, Alex Spainhour  
Parliamentarian, Steve Gillespie  
Retired Member Chair, Barbara Rich  
Teacher Education Chair, Susie Lalama  
Technology Chair, Steve Rummage

Conference: Conference Chair, Sharon Doyle  
Equipment Chair, Laurie Gittinger  
Exhibits Co-Chair, Phil McIntyre

Absent: Michael Weaver, Higher Ed., President-Elect, Research Chair  
Special Learners Chair, Jennifer Gossett  
Exhibits Co-Chair, Matt Roper  
Webmaster, Andrew Levin  
Tri-M Music Honor Society Chair, Mary Lou Schweickert

## **Minutes from August 8, 2015 approved**

### **President's Report**

- Introduced Ashley Kerns Brown  
Ms. Brown is the Arts Education Program Director for the South Carolina Arts Commission. Ms. Brown addressed the board about how the SC Arts Commission can be part of your program. She is available to come to you and your school.
- Introduced Carrie Ann Power  
Ms. Power is the Standards and Learning Education Associate for the Visual and Performing Arts at the South Carolina State Department of Education.  
Ms. Power reported on the Archibald Rutledge Scholarship and thanked the SCMEA for posting the information. Ms. Power mentioned that they are looking for educators to be part of the standards revision. Writing teams start June 27-30 and July 18-20. Team members will be selected soon and notified in May. Grant program information and award winners are on the state department's web page. Ms. Power also discussed the summer arts institutes that are kicking off this summer.
- Ms. Rayner reported on extending the contract for conference through 2020. Same hotels, meeting rooms, etc.

### **Executive Director's Report**

- Almost 900 pre-registered as of right now.
- Please make sure that we all check badges throughout the conference.
- Profit & Loss Report.
- The CPA is working on IRS report for W-2's.

### **Conference Report**

- Make sure you get projectors to Sharon Doyle ASAP.
- Sharon still needs a few things from divisions in regard to equipment needs. See her ASAP.
- Lavalieri microphones are available in rooms for everyone to use.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Ms. Rayner reported on extending the contract for conference through 2020. Same hotels, meeting rooms, etc.
- February 2-5, 2017
- February 15-18, 2018
- February 7-10, 2019
- February 6-9, 2020

### **New Business**

- Wifi Login    username: scmuseducators    password: SCMEA2016
- Future Music Educators update from David Perry about a pilot program for future music educators with 2 at this conference. Hopes to grow this in the future.
- Talked about improvements to the parking and shuttle buses.
- Jason Sprinkle announced that the deadline for the SC Musician is March 30<sup>th</sup> for the spring issue.
- May 21<sup>st</sup> is the calendar meeting @ 9 AM for official 2016-2017 and tentative 2017-2018. Also Executive Board meeting @ 10:00 AM. Location TBA.

## **Past President's Report**

- On Hip Chat

## **Division Reports**

- All reports are on Hip Chat

## **Committee and Representative Reports**

- **Administrative Representative:** Bradley Wingate is working to determine what districts have fine arts or music coordinators.
- **Awards Committee:** Mark Britt discussed the Young Music Educator Award, Administrator Award and the Deborah Hoffman Award.
- **Editor, SC Musician:** Jason Sprankle asked that members provide feedback on the most recent "SC Musician".
- **Government Relations Report:** Christine Fisher reported that the Superintendent of Education, Molly Spearman, has asked for an increase in money from the legislature for the arts. Superintendent Spearman has also asked for a 1% increase for all teachers. Ms. Fisher mentioned 2 bills under consideration. One is the K-12 Uniform Bill that would require all students to wear uniforms and the second bill involved a moratorium on mobile technology devices in the schools. In addition Ms. Fisher discussed that Title I and Title II has music listed, music is included in early childhood education and that "A" for arts has been added at the national level to "STEM" turning it into "STEAM".
- **Historian:** Tom Finigan mentioned that this was the 64<sup>th</sup> conference and there are more SCMEA archives now on the USC server.
- **Multicultural:** Jonathan Burbank mentioned that he is working on more groups performing in festivals in the state.
- **Technology:** Steve Rummage noted that it was good to see more technology in use

**Discussion:** None

## **Announcements:**

- Motion and second made to suspend the meeting at 5:00 PM. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting will be called back to order on Sunday at 9:00 AM.

**SCMEA Executive Board Meeting  
Continued, February 7, 2016  
9:00 AM  
Hilton Hotel, Columbia, SC**

**Meeting Called back to order at 9:00 AM Sunday, February 7 by President Rayner.**

**President's Report**

- Thank you to everyone for your efforts.

**Executive Director's Report**

- There were 1059 registered for conference this year which exceeds the total of 935 registered last year.
- There were 917 pre-registered this year which included 26 retirees, 29 guests, 2 future educators, 280 collegiate, 769 active, 6 comped clinicians, and 96 exhibitors.
- There were 126 exhibitor booths sold.

**General Comments**

- We MUST be more firm with deadlines.
- We should have a word limit to descriptions.
- Comped clinicians need exact names, etc. for those out of state only.
- Mailing checks after deadlines (no postmarks after January 15).
- Address people without badges.
- Thursday was well attended.
- Food was done well.
- Exhibitors complained about security not checking badges, letting people in before they are open and ready, and securing booths that have thousands of dollars.
- Load in starts at 12:00 PM
- Thursday exhibits are to be opened from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Friday exhibits are to be opened 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Saturday exhibits are to be opened 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Prizes at 1:00 PM

**Past President's Report**

- Mark Britt showed several statistics regarding app usage during the conference

**Band Division**

- 7 groups performed and there were 8 clinics.
- Attendance at all concerts and clinics were up from last year.
- Investigating using USC Alumni center for performances in the future.
- Discussion about jazz night

**Choral Division**

- We had a great conference.
- Downstairs bleed through with rooms.
- Maybe consider doing a combined concert.

## **Elementary Division**

- More numbers in sessions this year.
- Sound issues reported that microphones would not work (convention center).
- Honor choir is always a big issue. We are looking at another venue.
- Transportation issues with Capitol buses.

## **Higher Ed Division**

- 4 sessions
- There were additional sessions that we did not realize until we got to the conference. There is a need for better communication to cover sessions in advance.
- Future Music Educator's Symposium still being developed. Identifying those future educators is important and there is a need for the high school teachers to identify these students.

## **Orchestra**

- Great conference.
- Attendance was great.

## **Collegiate**

- 3 sessions with great attendance.
- Breakfast sessions had 80 in attendance.
- Carry over sound was an issue during clinics.
- Hunter Reece is the new President.
- Teddy Martin from Limestone College is the new Vice-President.
- Dr. Lalama is updating by laws.

## **General Discussion**

- At-large sessions that are related to division need better communication.
- At-large sessions need better designations.
- Had a great business meeting.
- Would like to have inner collegiate band at conference.
- Mark Britt mentioned it would help to have a designation of the at-large sessions as to what division they relate to.
- Assign presides to at-large sessions.
- Lisa Rayner needs a list of people to volunteer from divisions to preside, cover doors, etc. at the August Business Meeting.

## **Conference Report**

- Number of sessions? Do we want more or less?
- Sponsors do want some sessions.
- Sessions from out of state.
- A large number of at-large sessions are from Higher Ed.
- Chronological order of sessions with where they are located. Not a list of sessions at the Hilton and a list of sessions at the convention center
- At-large and industry session deadlines August 1.
- All sessions deadline August 1
- Forms will be revised.
- Security upstairs was fabulous.
- Loading dock security was good.
- Event staff vs security.
- One elementary session went over time. Do we want to make adjustments?
- Performing groups arriving 3 hours early. We cannot have groups arriving that early.

- If there is someone interested in being conference chair in the future, Sharon would love to work side by side with them.

### **New Business**

Motion and second made to “move the 2017 executive board meeting from May 20th to May 13th.”

Motion passed unanimously

### **Announcements**

Band Division will meet after SCMEA board meeting in May.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM