

SCMEA Choral Division Business Meeting  
Feb 17, 2018  
Columbia, SC

Choral Division president Gregory Pittman called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the previous meeting on Feb 4, 2017 and the treasurer's report were reviewed. The minutes were approved as read.

There was no news from the board through past-president, Pam Brunson.  
President-elect Nikki Belch will be sending a Google form for ideas for the 2020 conference.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Middle School Clinic- Christopher Hulsey reported

1. There are two SATB clinics coming up.
2. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade clinic is in March.
3. The planning meeting is Mar 17.

#### Middle School CPA- Camille Jones reported

1. The location has changed to Cayce United Methodist Church.
2. There were 63 choirs registered; 54 choirs will attend.
3. A few registration issues have been dealt with.
4. Texas UIL is a possibility for sight reading.
5. Adjudicator suggestions had been requested.
6. The dates for 2018 are April 11-13, Wednesday through Friday.
7. The dates for 2019 are April 9-11, Tuesday through Thursday.
8. The email address for CPA is [SCMEAmiddleCPA@gmail.com](mailto:SCMEAmiddleCPA@gmail.com).
9. Nominating committee members are unconfirmed.
10. There is discussion about using three locations in the future.
11. Judging is done online, with recordings sent out that evening.

#### Solo and Ensemble- Erin Phillips reported

1. There were three sites with 34 schools total.
2. Hopefully, next year's registration will be online.
3. An upstate host is needed.

#### Region Choir- Dale Roth reported

1. Two region choirs met this year, with 22 schools involved.
2. Dates for next year are Jan 17-18 and 24-25.

#### All-State- Lizzi Elliott reported

1. All-State is earlier this year. Registration is at 2:00 with rehearsal at 3:00.
2. Auditions for next year are Nov 5-8.

High School CPA- Lisa Cunningham reported

1. The schedule went out this week.
2. The repertoire forms are out now, so please get your list turned in.
3. There are three sites, and new schools are attending.
4. The ten minute time limit on stage does not include entry and exit.
5. Isaiah McGee is a substitute judge this year.

Unfinished Business- none

New Business- new members are needed for Middle School CPA, Middle School Clinic, and All-State committees. There are also three committees which will receive appointed members.

1. Middle School CPA- Names submitted by the nominating committee were Candace Potter Craig, Camille Jones, and Mickey Summerall, all from region 2. There were no nominations from the floor. The nominations passed.
2. Middle School Clinic- Names submitted by the nominating committee were Denise Tweitto (region 2), Lynn Perkins (region 3) and Anna Wallace (region 4). Anna Wallace nominated Katie Hardwick (region 4) from the floor. All nominations passed.
3. All-State- names submitted by the nominating committee were Peter Simm (region 1), Ashley Poole (region 2), Lizzi Elliott (region 3), and Lindsay Webb (region 4). There were no floor nominations. All nominations passed.
4. The appointed committee members will be as follows:
  - All-State, one member from region 1, serving until 2019
  - Middle School Clinic, four members, one per region, serving until 2021
  - Solo and Ensemble, one member from region 2 who will be a site host

Announcements

1. Outstanding Performance Assessment (OPA) award is being considered. This is point based and not easy to achieve. Committee members are investigating and gathering input. Rebekah Rostron and Nicholas Shumate asked about what would be included and how points would be distributed by category.
2. An invitational choral festival is being considered. Middle and high school choirs with a rating of Superior with Distinction from CPA would be invited back to a ranked festival.
3. Choral Arts is Sept 7-8 at USC School of Music with Tom Shelton as clinician.
4. The 2019 Professional Development Conference is Feb 8-9 in Columbia. Dr. Sharon Hansen is one of the clinicians. She will address female conductor issues. The other clinician has not been confirmed.
5. Please use the website and Facebook for Choral Division information. The website is [choraldiv.org](http://choraldiv.org). Pam Brunson is working with Christopher Selby on updating our bylaws. The handbook will be settled by March.
6. New teachers in attendance at today's meeting were Hannah Faulkoury from Pelion Middle, Dr. Terry Grant Robinson from Hardeeville Ridgeland High, and Shirra Ward from West Ashley High.
7. The fee for CPA is being raised \$10.

8. Michele Welton asked about conference evaluation. There is a feedback section on the conference app.

The meeting was adjourned.