

SCMEA Choral Division Business Meeting
Saturday, February 9, 2019
Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

President Gregory Pittman called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the fall meeting were presented and approved as presented.

President's Report

In order to address shortages, the legislature has approved add-on certificates for non-arts teachers to teach arts classes without any further course work. The only requirement is passing the Praxis in the add-on area. No input from arts educators (except dance) was sought before this legislation was passed. SCMEA has put together a committee to quickly respond to the State Department.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lisa Pecarina was absent due to back surgery. If there are concerns, please email her.

Committees- Printed committee reports were available.

Middle School Choral Clinic Committee- Millie Shiflett reported. The report distributed has rough estimates on the money issues.

Middle School CPA- Camille Jones reported. The committee will decide in April concerning using a rating system of 1-5 instead of a 100 point scale for CPA. Next year's registration postmark deadline will be December 14. Dates for next year's CPA events are not yet published. States that border SC may participate. Multiple schools may perform together if they are taught by the same itinerant teacher.

Solo and Ensemble- Erin Phillips reported that Beth Mears sent the schedule out Feb 8.

Region Choir- A fourth site will be added at Winthrop for the northern region. Dates will be published soon. The choirs will use rehearsal tracks again this year. Please email repertoire suggestions and bring more students (in balanced quarters) to the event.

All State- Lizzi Elliott reported. She asked for flexibility since Winthrop has initiated some changes to the venue.

High School CPA- Lisa Cunningham reported that there are no additions to the printed report.

New Business

Elections

The president of the Choral Division, who also serves on the SCMEA board, is elected every 2 years and must alternate between high school and middle school at each election. This year's election calls for a high school director to be chosen as president-elect. In the fall, a nominating committee contacted candidates. At today's meeting those names will be submitted along with nominations from the floor for president-elect. The selected person will serve two years as president elect, two as president, and two as vice president. Today's candidates for president-elect are Craig Coelho, David Richardson, and Walter

Graham. The nominee for secretary is Erin Phillips, and Lisa Pecarina has been nominated to continue as treasurer. There were no floor nominations. High school and middle school voted by secret ballot for officers and committee members. The elected officials will begin their terms July 1, 2109.

Leroy Kennedy asked about the All State committee election and was told to vote for only four names.

Current president-elect Nikki Belch announced that David Richardson was elected the new president-elect of the Choral Division.

Performance Session Submission Guidelines

A printed document of 12 guidelines was available. These guidelines are not changing- just getting the weight of the body behind them.

1. Gina Jolly asked why show choirs cannot perform at conference and moved to strike guideline #4. Kendra Hodges seconded this motion. Diane McFarlane suggested that show choirs submit visual auditions. Discussion ensued. The body voted to strike guideline 4.
2. April 30 is the deadline for audition submissions.
3. Printed programs are not required.
4. Dr. Terry Robinson asked why auditioned groups are selected from the previous year's students. The April 30 deadline for submissions is due to the June 1 deadline for the MUSICIAN magazine.
5. LeRoy Kennedy asked about invitations to perform being withdrawn due to a change in directors at the chosen school. The rationale was explained- quality of groups is dependent on the director.
6. Nicholas Shumate asked about making recordings of the performing groups. One archival copy can be made, but in general, recordings are forbidden.
7. Michele Welton asked how groups are chosen if both middle and high school groups audition. Gregory Pittman replied that a balanced approach is used.
8. Katie Hardwick asked if teachers are required to have a certain number of years teaching experience to submit an audition. The answer is no.
9. The guidelines were adopted.

Standing Rule regarding copyright

Gregory Pittman read aloud Standing Rule 11. Motion passed to confirm support of this rule.

Amendments to Bylaws

Pam Brunson is working with Christopher Selby from the Orchestra Division to update the bylaws.

1. There is no vote until September. Today is just a presentation of the updates.
2. There will be more changes submitted in September which will be voted on next February.
3. President Pittman offered to read aloud the bylaw updates. No one requested this.

Announcements

1. Choral Arts is Sept 6-7, 2019 in the USC Music Building.
2. Please submit applications on the Choral Division website for your groups to perform at conference.
3. Look for the high school Outstanding Performance Award (OPA) application on the website. Leadership is still considering middle school OPA options.
4. Please let your voice be heard concerning education reform. President Pittman advocated for unionization for SC teachers.

The president adjourned the meeting.