



# Missouri Choral Directors Association Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 7:00-9:00pm (Port)

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1. **Call to order** Meeting opened at 7:01 by President McBeth - in attendance: McBeth, Bhat, Printz, Logan (east central proxy), Hudnut, Fox, Oncken, Hart, Aniyah Glenn, Bartelsmeyer, Sexton, Neas, C. Elsea, Krinke. Not in attendance: Bradshaw, Barnard, Crigger, Layton
  
2. **Introductions (Proxies) - Name, District and Role View Reports [HERE](#) Bhat apologized for the delay in the report template. Reps asked to submit reports even if they come after the meeting. General consensus from the reps is that the format of the template is helpful - we will maintain this format for the future.**
  - a. Central – Jason Bartelsmeyer
  - b. East Central – Christopher Boemler (missing financial at time of the meeting)
  - c. KC Metro – Ryan Layton
  - d. Northeast – Levi Hudnut
  - e. Northwest – Paul Hart
  - f. St. Louis Metro – Jenn Oncken
  - g. St. Louis Suburban – Stephanie Ruggles
  - h. South Central – Melissa Barnard (missing financial at )
  - i. Southeast – Viretta Sexton
  - j. Southwest – Katie Crigger (missing financial)
  - k. West Central – Kay Neas
  
3. **Minutes – August [MINUTES](#)\*** Motion to approve the minutes with one change - switching Missouri and 11/12 to match the other ensembles. (Bartelsmeyer; Ruggles) MOTION PASSED.

4. **Financial/Membership updates -\_REPORT \***

- a. Treasurer – Sherry Printz
  1. MCDA Checking Account Balance as of 1/24/2024 - \$60,258.71
    - a. No bills for the ASC have been paid at this time.
  2. Wilson Scholarship Account Balance as of 1/24/2024 - \$446.68
    - a. We will have to withdraw from the investment account for the 2024 scholarship.
  3. Wilson Investment Balance as of 1/24/2024 - \$10,526.52
  4. District Reps - if you have not submitted your latest bank statement and reconciliation form to me, please give me a hard copy tonight

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Neas, Hudnut) MOTION PASSED.

5. **Officer & Advisory Reports**

- a. Membership Report - Kathy Bhat
  1. Membership Update  
Total: 544 (-19)  
Active 350 - Retired 62 - Life 49 Student 76 (-14)  
The student membership is most concerning and will be asking our resource chairs for assistance.

b. District Representatives are the champions and cheerleaders of ACDA. Please make it a priority to speak highly of the organization to all your colleagues and encourage them to do so as well. Just as you work to champion your choirs - please champion the organization.

2. Leadership Contact [FORM](#) Updates to the leadership contact form.
  3. 2024 Longevity Project information/update - I am so pleased with how well the recognition and certificate presentation went. I have ideas to make it smoother next year - good part of that, we won't have nearly as many certificates. All will be recognized, but only new additions will receive the certificates.
  4. National Membership Drive is still going on. Kathy can share some personal thoughts. One benefit is that the 2 year certificate program can still be utilized.
2. Webmaster – Mike Pierson
    1. Website - discussed the calendar that we have on the website which has not been utilized yet. Bhat suggests putting information in the newsletter each month. Another idea - the sign up for adjudication for district choir. This really didn't take off - suggestion to have dates from THIS GROUP to bring dates to MCDA. Qr codes for people to sign up. Thank you to Mike for his work in getting the all state forms launched digitally. Certificates and name tags MAIL MERGED! WOW!
    2. Opus - Spring Edition, deadline **April 1**
  3. Honor Choir Updates - Jana Fox 11/12 Missouri Festival Choir (OFFICIAL NAME). - Krinke gave a little history of the 11/12 Missouri Festival Choir, and encouraging the students to come to that experience. We would like to have that choir at about 100 students - last year we were at 80. The conductor for 2024 is A. Jan Taylor, recently retired from Prairie View A&M University in Texas.
  4. Past-President's Notes - Amy Krinke
    1. Founders Grant Update - Youth Chorus of KC - Ryan Main, Francis Howell Middle - Olivia Howard - Looking for donations and sponsors for this fund. Please help!
    2. All-State Conductor/Choir notes Looking at the changes and the schedule and rehearsal; district choir forms going digital, sight reading issues, question about the time required for alternates; scheduling/facilities issues from
  5. President-Elect Greetings - Christy Elsea
  6. President – Kevin McBeth (mcbeth.k@charter.net)
    1. MMEA News and notes
    2. MAAE (MOU, I.D.E.A Rep., Media Arts Rep) - Alberta Smith/Pam Grooms
    3. All-State alternates attendance policies (non-school related events) Looking at the changes and the schedule and rehearsal; district choir forms going digital, sight reading issues, question about the time required for alternates; scheduling/facilities issues at MMEA - continued discussions about things that we have looked at. If a formal proposal comes, we will look at it as a board. It is always a healthy task to look at processes to make sure they are still relevant.

## 6. Old Business

- a. Conference Banquet/Registration fee increase [PROPOSAL](#)\* Motion to accept the proposal: Bhat, Printz. MOTION PASSED
- b. Handbook access - sometimes the handbook can be deceptive because the deadlines don't match what happens in the district.

**7. New Business**

- a. 2023 All-State "challenges" and outcomes - information sharing here: an update to the handbook should happen soon; outcomes have been great; the repertoire has been quite challenging but the students were working hard. Secret Announcement that Dr. Eugene Rogers will be the 2025 all state conductor. Another all state issue because of the loss of the northwinds and suite g. Concerns were brought to the board about decibels in the parasol room. After much conversation and passionate dialogue - all ensembles will have shorter bursts. Each ensemble has a sound analysis trial where various zones will have decibel amounts evaluated. That data will be used to determine the facility assignments next year. Krinke recommended kindness and flexibility with our affiliate colleagues.
- b. Sight-Reading evaluation (difficulty level) - discussions of the difficulty level. View the data from Kansas City [SR DATA](#) Discussion about the value of sight reading; is it relevant to the all state choir; should we have conversations with our instrumental colleagues who have taken sight reading out of their process; might be difficult to gather the same type of data (like KCM) because not all the district use the same spreadsheet entries. The number of students taking piano/voice might be different now than pre-covid. Levi loves numbers. He is now in charge of data.

**8. Future Meetings:**

Pre-Conference Dinner - Monday, July 15, 6:30-7:30pm (U. Plaza Hotel, Springfield)  
Board Meeting - Monday, July 15, 7:45-9:45pm (U. Plaza Hotel, Springfield)

**9. Adjournment Motion to Adjourn: Oncken, Sexton. MOTION PASSED.**