



Missouri Choral Directors Association Executive Board Virtual Meeting

August 18, 2024, 6:00-8:00pm

[ZOOMLINK](#)

1. **Call to order** - Kevin McBeth, President (mcbeth.k@charter.net)
In attendance (ZOOM): Bartelsmeyer, Printz, McBeth, Bhat, Layton, Logan, Allen, Elsea, Hart, Jackson, Pierson, Neas, Krinke, Ruggles, Crigger, Hudnut

2. **District Representatives (Proxies) - Roll Call (NO REPORTS)**
Board members shared thoughts about the conference.

- a. Central – Jason Bartelsmeyer
- b. East Central - Jon Logan
- 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 – Max Jackson
- i. Southeast – Joshua Allen
- j. Southwest – Katie Crigger
- k. West Central – Kay Neas

3. **Minutes** – July [MINUTES](#)*
Motion to approve the minutes: Layton, Bartelsmeyer. Motion approved.

4. **Financial/Membership updates -REPORT ***

a. Treasurer – Sherry Printz

MCDA BANK BALANCE - 8/18/2024 \$72,446.89

(All conference bills that I am aware of have been paid except for the University Plaza Hotel-\$40,399.73-waiting for a discount for banquet)

-Wilson Scholarship Checking Account-8/18/24 \$1,946.17

-Wilson US Bancorp Account Balance-8/18/24 \$9,056.73

-We received \$6000 from Noel & Carolyn Fulkerson and \$1000 from a past-president for the Founders Grant.

-Founders Grant recipient checks were written and mailed to:

Marshall Community Chorus - \$1200 - Ron Sayer, director

Republic High School - \$1500 - Zach Reece, director

MSU - \$1500 - Erin Plisco, director

-I have mailed a \$500 check for MAAE dues and the paperwork for the MAAE grant - \$1250 for ASJC, and will submit the paperwork for the ASC grant of \$600 in January 2025.

Hotel has not been paid yet, we are in discussion about the discount supplied.

Explanation of how the money for the hotel is paid; A reminder that we pay \$500 to MAAE and in exchange we get \$1200 for the All State Jazz Clinician and \$600 in January towards the All-State Choir Clinician.

Motion to approve: Layton, Logan - Motion Passed.

5. **Officer & Advisory Reports**

1. Membership Report - Kathy Bhat
 1. Membership Update
Total: 563
Active 358 - Retired 61, Life 49, Student 90
 2. Leadership Contact [FORM](#)
 3. MCDA Booth at MMEA

Membership Chair shared information about our membership numbers (highest on record - 800; lowest-452 from the black out of 2017. Throughout the pandemic, our numbers stayed steady. Yay us.

2. Webmaster – Mike Pierson
 1. Website - update on the horizon. Looking to standardize the honor choir forms; request for members to submit headshots. Last year, we had a beta launch for a calendar that everyone could add events to - it didn't go over very well. :) But moving forward, if you want to send your calendar events - Mike will post them.
 2. Opus - great issues last year. Looking forward to the awesome things that are to come.
3. Past President Greetings - Amy Krinke
 1. Founders Grant - Shared information about the grant, contributing to the grant and the process for selection.
4. President-Elect Greetings - Christy Elsea -
5. President – Kevin McBeth
 1. Theme: Sing to Me
 2. 2025 All-State Choir - Interim Plans: Dana Self, Brian Hartman, and Morgan DeClue
 3. MCDA on College Campuses - Stephanie Ruggles shared the goal to share the load within the community and college directors in St. Louis Metro/St. Louis Suburban. Will keep us posted.
 4. Master Deadline calendar - Kevin is working on a list for us to fill in the deadlines. Love this idea.
 5. Presidents Lunch (for Ch/Comm Choir) to include Past Presidents and a performing group. (Suggestions welcome)

6. **Old Business**

- a. All-State Choir - Parent Petition (tabled until later date)
- b. Handbook Revision* Krinke: Motion to accept the handbook pending specific revisions (minor modifications based on dates and name changes - NO CHANGES IN POLICY), Krinke, Layton. Motion Passed.
- c. 2024-2025 Sight-Reading - Approved at July meeting - explanation of the protocol that the presidential leaders will put eyes on the example before it goes to the district.
- d. Expansion of Award program - Bhat shared information about we are going to offer additional awards - for certain, the administrator of the year award, but we do not have any documentation for criteria. Anyone interested in offering suggestions or working on a sub committee for awards should let Kathy know.

7. **New Business**

- a. Janice Bradshaw Celebration - MMEA 2025 - looking for ways to celebrate Janice!
- b. Open Positions - process to fill (ASC Coordinator, Reading Session Packet Coordinator, All-State Show Choir Coordinator) Announcement of interims

- c. Sight-Singing Bee schedule and participation - discussion of conflicts that occurred at MMEA for the Sight-Singing Bee last year. How are we
- 8. Future Meeting:**
- a. Executive Board Meeting - 2025 MMEA Conference, To be announced
- 9. Adjournment* Motion to adjourn: Krinke; Ruggles. Motion passed.**