



**Missouri Choral Directors Association**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
February 25, 2021 - 7:00-8:00 pm

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**1. Call to order**

In attendance: Rew, Printz, Bhat, A. Krinke, Ottinger, Ewens, Benham, Oncken, Layton, Thomas, Heinrich, Sexton, Bartelsmeyer, Carlew, Rudolph, Elsea, Boemler  
Not in attendance: Pierson, Fox, Bradshaw

**2. Introductions (Proxies?) - Name, District**

- a. Central – Jason Bartelsmeyer
- b. East Central – Christopher Boemler
- c. KC Metro – Jackson Thomas
- d. Northeast – Christy Elsea
- e. Northwest – Christie Ottinger
- f. St. Louis Metro – Jenn Oncken
- g. St. Louis Suburban – Kurtis Heinrich
- h. South Central – Jacob Carlew
- i. Southeast – Viretta Sexton
- j. Southwest – Melinda Benham
- k. West Central – Ryan Layton

**3. Minutes – [December Minutes](#)**

Motion to approve the minutes: Krinke, Rudolph (Motion Approved)

**4. Financial/Membership updates**

- a. Treasurer – Sherry Printz
  1. MCDA Checking Account Balance - \$26,040.96
  2. Wilson Scholarship Checking Account Balance - \$4345.94
  3. Wilson Investment Balance - \$10,458.04

Printz presented financial information and requested information from Northeast and East Central Districts.

**5. Officer & Advisory Reports**

1. Webmaster – Mike Pierson - not in attendance but reminders from President Rew to PLEASE submit your pictures and to update the announcements page.
  1. District Representative Announcements Page
  2. Photos
2. Student Representative - Connor Ewens
3. Past-President – Nathan Rudolph, Chair Past-Presidents Council

Requesting information about what the grant recipients are doing with regard to the performances in which they received the grants.

4. President-elect – Amy Krinke
5. President – Stephen Rew

## 6. Old Business

- a. All-State audition music/issues with auditions - Stephen Rew
  - i. Locus Iste - [All-State Audition Replacement](#)

Presented the two pieces up for discussion as a replacement: O Sing Joyfully (Batten)

Open discussion: Thoughts of a sacred text vs secular text. Limited range/difficulty for the alto part. Stylistically the all state choir isn't a madrigal choir; so the larger voices might be out of place? Lots of support for this song over the others. We are limited by cost to have to use something on cpdl.

Listening to the second piece: Shall We Go Dance (Stanford)

Open discussion: A reminder that the audition piece is just that, an audition piece - it does not define what the all state choir is. There is a lot of contrast in this piece; range, dynamics. It is short, but sometimes you don't need that much time. A shorter piece is more enticing for the students to prepare. Question about the lack of sustained singing within this selection.

Unofficially there is a tie between the two. Further discussion.

Motion to accept the Batten as the replacement piece for Locus Iste in the all-state audition process: Sexton, Thomas. Motion Passes 10-5.

Kansas City Chorale is going to record both O Sing Joyfully and Exultate Justi.

Motion to table Items B and C of Old Business (Krinke, Boemler) Motion Passed

- ii. [Preference Poll](#)
- b. All-State Choir Rooming Procedure Discussion - Stephen Rew TABLED
- c. Honor Choirs TABLED
  - i. Festival format vs. Auditioned

## 7. New Business

- a. MCDA Summer Conference Considerations
  - i. [Membership survey results](#)

President Rew presented the information for the conference survey and then the cost of clinicians and options for our conference. Ask for thoughts - JB likes the option for hybrid without honor choirs. Honor choirs are not something we should do this year. Bring in one really big name and the rest of the presenters are in-state. Missouri presenters get free registration? That is not really feasible. One big headliner would be great, but the board wants to be in person to have that connection.

Motion to table NEW BUSINESS RULES: Printz, Ottinger (Motion Passed)

Motion to proceed with hybrid conference for summer of 2021. (Elsea, Layton) Motion Passed

Discussion about honor choirs.

Motion to cancel all honor choirs associated with the summer conference. (Heinrich, Printz)

Motion Passed

Motion to approve for the honor choir coordinators to explore the opportunity for students to have a virtual choral experience with the provision that it is self-sustaining. (Carlew, Oncken) Motion Passed

- ii. [Conference Comparison](#)
- iii. Honor Choirs
- iv. Virtual vs. Hybrid
- v. Jazz Choir Proposal
- b. Subscription Fees for Membership Chair
  - i. InDesign, Yet another mail merge, Illustrator

Motion to provide funding for the membership chair to cover the apps and subscriptions used in the course of membership and mcda duties (Boemler, Bartlesmeyer) PASSED!

**8. Future Meetings:**

- a. Doodle will once again be sent out for meeting in March/April

**9. Adjournment**

**Motion to finish suspending the rules (Oncken, Krinke) PASSED**

**Motion to adjourn: Heinrich, Ottinger PASSED.**