



Missouri Choral Directors Association Executive Board Meeting

August 21 - 5:30-7:30

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1. **Call to order** Meeting called to order at 5:30. In attendance: A Krinke, Rew, McBeth, Bhat, Printz, Oncken, Layton, Neas, Allison, Boemler, Ruggles, Sexton, Crigger, Fox, Bartelsmeyer, Bradshaw, Glenn, Marple, Brammer. (Introductions)
 - Review information regarding meeting norms of the MCDA Executive Board.
 - Voting Members/Advisory Membership
 - Maintain Membership for the duration of role

2. **Introductions (Proxies) - Name, District and Role**

- a. Central – Jason Bartelsmeyer*
- b. East Central – Christopher Boemler
- c. KC Metro – Ryan Layton
- d. Northeast – Scotty Allison
- e. Northwest – Chris Marple
- f. St. Louis Metro – Jenn Oncken
- g. St. Louis Suburban – Stephanie Ruggles
- h. South Central – Amy Brammer
- i. Southeast – Viretta Sexton
- j. Southwest – Katie Crigger
- k. West Central – Kay Neas

3. **Minutes – July [MINUTES](#)***

Motion to Approve July Minutes: McBeth, Oncken. Motion Passed.

4. **Financial/Membership updates - [REPORT](#) ***

- a. Treasurer – Sherry Printz
 1. MCDA Checking Account Balance - \$23,376.83
 2. Wilson Scholarship Checking Account Balance - \$1,718.72
 3. Wilson Investment Balance - \$10,304.80

Printz shared our current bank balances. We also just received \$1500 from MAAE. Conference income vs Conference expenses. -59xx.xx . Preview of mileage increase that we will cover later in the meeting. Directed attention to the history of the balance: Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Bartelsmeyer, Sexton

5. **Officer & Advisory Reports**

1. Membership Report - Kathy Bhat
 1. Membership Update
 - Total: 565
 - Active - 366
 - Retired - 68
 - Life - 51
 - Student - 80

2. Leadership Contact [FORM](#)
3. [National Membership Drive](#) Sept 19-October 16

Reminder about the make up of each individual district and how this information is generated. District Reps will receive a new list monthly (hopefully).

2. Webmaster – Mike Pierson (To come into the meeting later)
 1. Members-only website access
 2. Headshots - please send headshots (new board members) to Mike
3. Past President - Stephen Rew
 1. Founders Grant Update

Summary of discussion between Amy and Stephen and Noel. The original vision of this grant was to provide services and experiences for underserved districts. Those who would otherwise not have the experience for a choral experience. Request of the district representatives to look for ways to include an experience within their districts. Small schools that do not have conference events or if they do have a conference event, to help pay for the clinician or music. The idea is to include younger singers - elementary and middle school. Question: when is the grant due? July 1.

4. President-Elect – Kevin McBeth

Reminder to each representative about the job description. Suggestion that

1. [Job Descriptions](#)
2. Equity Task Force

Presentation of Task Force recommendations as outlined in the shared document.

5. President – Amy Krinke
 1. Opus Magazine “In Tune with Gratitude” - Mike Pierson will be the editor in conjunction with Jon Dilley.
 2. 2023 All-State Clinician
 3. Exsultate - hoping that this file will be posted on the website soon.
 4. All-District/All-State - Pre-Covid Standards for auditions/rehearsal/performance: Last meeting the board voted to move back to pre pandemic standards: All audition and rehearsal protocols will return to pre-Covid standards for the 2022-2023 School Year. This includes audition music selection standards which are decided upon by each district. This also includes the in-person attendance policies for All-District and all-State Choir auditions, rehearsals, and performances. Virtual rehearsals or auditions are no longer offered.
 5. Conference debrief/Next Conference - Theme: MCDA Woven.
 6. MAAE - Some dates will be coming your way from the context of the MAAE meeting that was held yesterday.

6. Old Business

- a. Presentation: Recruitment, Retention of members) I AM MCDA [PRESENTATION HERE](#)
- b. Advertising on Facebook Page tied to [Advertisement](#) in the Opus*

Background: We have had many people and organizations get free advertising through our facebook group (profit based) and we have had many discussions on how to increase our advertising revenue. Motion to accept Advertisement Proposal as outlined: Oncken, Boemler. This will be placed in the “Group Rules” of the facebook group. Motion passed. Clarification that this does not restrict concert announcements - it is drawing the line between profit centered events.

- c. Expansion of All-State Festival Choir eligibility*

Background: Having 100 students is a reasonable target and we thought that 100 students would be an easy number to achieve. This is not the case. We were at 90 before the conference, and less than

80 participated. Some reasons that students were not in attendance were attendance in the show and jazz choirs, also schools might not pay for summer events, especially those who have graduated. Jana has a recommendation for the expansion of the eligibility for this choir: For each district to add 4 more students to the list per voice part. Discussion about numbers and processes.

Motion to include a layer of recognition to the All State Choir in the name of Honorable Mention. The number of voices to be added would be 4 additional per part (up to 10 qualified voices). KC Metro District and South Central District would be able to add up to 6 qualified voices per part (for a total of 14 students selected). Motion: Allison, Layton. Motion Passed. (note - Honorable Mention students should be listed alphabetically not in score order)

d. New Recommendations for Summer Graded Honor Choirs audition criteria*

Motion to accept changes to the Audition criteria as submitted: Rew, Sexton. Motion Passes

e. Added level of registration specific to Full-time Graduate Students (\$35-early, \$40-regular, \$45-late)*

Motion to add a level of registration as listed below: Rew, Layton. Motion passed!

7. New Business

a. MCDA Mileage Rates*

Motion to suspend the rules to vote on an item in new business: Printz; Allison. Motion passed

Motion to set our mileage rate at \$.38 per mile (in line with MMEA) for conference presenters: Printz; Oncken. Motion passed.

a. Founders Grant Processes

Discussion - our current practice of funding the grant is not sustainable without donations. We will discuss this further in January.

b. Pay Structure for virtual adjudicators for summer honor choir auditions

Presented by Christy Elsea, we need to create a fee structure in January.

c. All-State Show Choir Fee Restructure

Need to look at the structure so that this ensemble will be self-sustaining.

d. All-State Vocal Jazz Proposed Changes

Proposal from C

8. Future Meetings:

a. Executive Board Meeting - TBA

9. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: McBeth, Bartelsmeyer. Motion passed.