

AVA AMEA General Meeting

Fri, 1/21/22 9:00am

Meeting called to order by president Randall Fields at 9:00am.

*David Raney thanked the AVA membership for supporting the AMEA In-Service and for celebrating 75 years of this conference. He invited all to the General Session today at 10:30 with a concert by an "Act of Congress." AMEA President-Elect Rob Lyda.

Minutes, President's Report, and Financial Report

- Cara Thomas moved that we not read aloud the minutes from Fall Workshop (seconded by Taylor Stricklin). The membership read them individually (they were in print). Minutes were approved and filed for audit.
- Randall thanked all AVA membership for being at the conference. He explained a few details regarding All-State, SCPA, and ME. He also explained that our AVA website will be fading out in the next year, transitioning to a new site, separate from AMEA. Randall thanked the Board for all the hours of work through this year.
- Meg Jones explained the financial statement. Our All-state audition numbers were down about 500, which is around \$5000 loss. Fall Workshop made a little bit of money. AVA incurred about a \$20,000 loss last year and we hope to slowly recover from that. Meg explained that inflation will affect our costs for the future. She said JWPepper historically paid for the OCS \$1000 scholarship, but will no longer cover that cost.

All-State

- Mar 10-12, 2022 at BJCC. Due to COVID, there will be a little leniency on absences but the tardy policy will be intact.
- Directors must attend an event with their students for its entirety, and if not there, they are responsible to find another director to be responsible for their students.
- Hilan Wilson will be sending a Duty List for the All-State event.

S&E

- This festival is costly to AVA and often loses money. Every site must have enough participation to cover the cost of adjudicators, etc.
- Randall said a hybrid assessment will be looked at for future events, but right now all things are in person only.

New Business

- Amanda Slay has been presented as our President-Elect for AVA for the next two years
- Susan McCall asked about the Arts Council Grant that used to cover the All-State festival. Meg Jones explained that we were making too much money on that event. Kathy Hughes reported that she would help with all of the paperwork to apply for this grant again. It is a year-long process and Kathy has a friend on the council.
- Amanda Slay reported that the Young Voices Festival is back on the schedule and recommended that Middle School directors look into bringing singers. Also, she expressed the value of singing in a community choir and there are now many choirs that would love to have new choristers.
- Susan Smith, past-president of AMEA, announced that the national election are soon-coming and admonished the membership to vote in these elections.
- Meg thanked all the schools who loaned risers and shells for this.

*Next General Meeting will be at All-State.

Zach Banks made a motion to adjourn at 9:26am, seconded by Cara Thomas.

-Minutes recorded by Margaret Heron, Recording Secretary