

**Alabama Vocal Association**  
**All State Virtual Board Meeting**  
**March 7th, 2023 4:00pm**

Hilen Wilson began the meeting at 4pm on March 7th, 2023.

Hilen Wilson, Meg Jones, Amanda Slay, Matthew Gardner, Frank Andrews, Zach Banks, Carrie Payne, Debbie Fylnn, Sallye York, Christie Breland, Nichole Hill, Jody Powell, and Marlin Ward were all present.

**All State:**

The AVA Board discussed Risers for All State. Who is bringing there's, loading, and the loading dock area and loading time. Frank Andrews has volunteered along with Jody Powell to handle the risers. They will need help loading at 7:00am at the loading dock. Jody will also be bringing the trophies and awards on Friday.

**SCPA/SE:**

Hilen stated that she hopes that it has gone well so far with each school that has held their SCPA or SE. Hilen took a moment to ask DC's to make sure when they finished to report scores on the score sheet to Meg and to Hilen.

Meg Jones went over the following point in regards to contracts for judges.

- We do not pay for travel to and from
- Dinner is not bring your receipt it is a \$20 stipend
- Will not pay for meals on arrival day
- Be minimal on your hospitality
- Go check SCPA reminder in email to make sure you have done everything

This year Meg has asked that DC's take the time and research the best hotels for their SCPA/SE judges on booking the hotel. After the DC has booked the room then they need to send the confirmation to Meg so that she can authorize payment. DC's need to research where they need their judges to stay carefully.

Meg took a moment to remind us all to be very detailed oriented with all paperwork and finances.

Megs google drive has gone insane. So she is going to send out her files to us but please know that she is working on it. She is also going to send out a video on how to fill out the spreadsheet she is sending us.

- Spreadsheet for scheduling
- Spreadsheet for sight reading
- Spreadsheet for scores

## AMEA:

Hilen Wilson discussed with the board the survey responses and that most comments were positive. Membership really enjoyed our clinician at AMEA. AMEA will be held in Huntsville next year. We will get more information on Huntsville space for AMEA at summer boards.

In regards to the survey, the membership had many ideas about adding sight reading to our All State audition process. One particular idea was brought up by Taylor who brought up the idea of making a panel of teachers to look at the All State audition process and possibly adding sight reading to this process.

Hilen brought up the no food rule at the convocation at All State and wanted to make the point was made clear to remind the membership about concert etiquette, about food -where it can go and where it cannot go. Food can not be in the concert hall for the convocation on Friday.

## Honor Choir

Amanda Slay discussed that we host one more Honor Choir using the idea of a gospel immersion choir. The audition/screening process would be the same as past honor choirs. Two more ideas discussed was the possibility of allowing the middle school to participate, and secondly trying to use a local director as a clinician.

Hilen Wilson made the point that last time we held an honor choir we only profited \$17 dollars. Do we want to keep doing this? .

Amanda Slay thinks that we should try again, at least once.

Zach Banks made the point that focusing on an individual style will help include others that normally would not participate in AVA events.

The decision was made by Hilen Wilson that we should go ahead and try it once more. She asked Amanda to go ahead and get a clinician and get music titles.

## All State Show Choir:

Cameroon is working on a survey for the ASSC students to fill out while at ASSC.

## Clarification:

- Making sure that honor choir gospel music selections
- Hilen asked should we hold All State as a normal audition and year after start sight reading in audition.
- Amanda and Zach talked to Sight Reading Factory about what we could do and they told us they would do it for free.
- Amanda also suggested having a few pilot schools try this sight reading out and reporting experience back to board.
  - We would set standards and guidelines at Summer Boards.
- Amanda and others agree

Zach Banks made a motion to form a teacher panel for the audition process of All State. Matthew Gardner seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Hilen brought back up All State, and wanted to make the point that we need to remind the membership about concert etiquette about food and where it can go and where it cannot go, not in the concert hall for the convocation on Friday.

Will send in an email. (dates)

June 25-28- Summer Boards, Hoover High School

Friday Sept 8- Fall Workshop, Matthew Gawronski- Montevallo

Jan 18-20-AMEA

All State 2024: Feb 29-March 2, 2024

Middle School Treble: D'Walla Simmons-Burke from Winston-Salem State University

Middle School Mixed: Alex Gartner from Pensacola Children's Choir

High School TTBB: Jeffrey Benson from San Jose State University

High School SSA: Julie Yu Oppenheim from Oklahoma State University

High School SATB- Eric Barnum from Drake University

Hilen stated that is all she has for the Board meeting.

Motion was made to end the meeting by Zach Banks at 4:38

Seconded by Matthew Green