



ALABAMA VOCAL ASSOCIATION

An Affiliate of NAfME

Minutes of the AVA Governing Board Business Meeting

March 2, 2016

Leslie Wright Center Basement
Samford University

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Davis @ 11:53 AM

Those present were Ginny Coleman, Jody Powell, Jane Powell, Rebekah Stevens, Michelle Reburn, Hilen Powell, Ginny Hughes, Cathy Spence, Meg Jones, Jerry Cunningham, Daniel Massey.

The minutes of the AMEA Board meeting were read by Jane Powell and approved as read.

Rebekah Stevens presented the financial report:

*It was noted that AMEA has not provided the \$1000 commitment they made for an AVA clinician

*The financial report reflected the following:

Checking	\$140,106.95
Savings	11,631.80
Total Assets	\$151,738.75

The financial report was filed for audit.

Miscellaneous

- Discussion continued concerning the best approach to archiving AVA materials. The membership will be given an update and given an opportunity to weigh in on possible solutions. A motion can hopefully be composed @ Summer Board and a place can be approved
Talking points are:
 - ✓ Security of the items for the future
 - ✓ Availability of the materials for use when needed
- Carl reminded the board that correspondence will be on the website 1 month prior to each event. Statewide events (ASSC & All-State) will be located in the link to those events. Other information will be on the district chairmen's pages.
- Carl encouraged review of the criteria for securing adjudicators for various events. The new board will need orientation on this process at summer board.
- He again reminded the board that fees are to be postmarked by the absolute deadline for each event.

- J. W. Pepper will provide booklets of literature @ no charge to AVA @ Fall Workshop & AMEA.
- According to statistical records the numbers for All-State auditions and students accepted into the choirs has remained fairly constant.
- Carl is hopeful that moving the AVA website to the AMEA platform will allow AVA to have online registrations.
- Continue to move to Vendor contracts. Should be on the summer Agenda.

Executive Secretary

- Applications have been received for the executive secretary position.
- Rebekah was asked to investigate options for event liability insurance, year's total coverage, etc.
- Carl addressed the problem that has surfaced with the board email (gmail) accounts. Some emails are bouncing due to the volume of emails being sent since a business account was not secured. A decision will have to be made as to how to deal with this problem.
- Should AVA continue yearly registration on the website?
- Need an instructional session on a district created template for sending emails via vertical response

All-State

2016 All-State Festival

- Ginny Coleman gave District Chairmen instructions and a time-line for setting up the rehearsal spaces
- Documentation is due to Rebekah for no shows within 10 days of All-State.
- Inform choir coordinators Samford Admissions will come to the Friday morning rehearsals for recruitment purposes.
- Pep Wear is providing plaques for the clinician's gifts.

2017 All-State

- Reminder of audition dates - November 2 – 10, 2016.
- Carl continued his proposal of posting future all-state ensemble lists on the website:
 - ✓ Eliminates printing of regrets letters & multiple page notification letters
 - ✓ Eliminates postage, lost mailings, re-sending lost lists
 - ✓ Can offer on-line editing/deadlines of name spellings
- 2017 All-State will be March 1 – 4 @ Samford University
- The rehearsal schedule needs to be formulated @ summer board and confirmed during the summer with Samford University.

SCPA

- Rebekah was asked to provide @ summer board the cost of duplicating the sight-reading this year. Carl suggested putting the sight-reading samples from this year on the website when all SCPA dates have passed.
- A list of choirs receiving all superior ratings needs to be sent to Carl as soon as each SCPA is finished. He would like names of Director, School, & Principal; School address; Ensemble Name

- District chairmen are reminded to share sight-reading copies if this can be done without mailing.
- Carl reminded District Chairmen to make a list of literature used during their festival and send it to Jerry so that he can compile a state-wide list. Jerry was asked to provide this information to Frank Buck (AMEA historian for AMEA website).

Fall Workshop

- Carl asked Rebekah to provide some statistics and recommendations concerning the effects of free registration on workshop attendance
- Online registration for Fall Workshop is planned.

All-State Show Choir

- Auditions are scheduled for September 30, October 1, 2016. Ginny Hughes offered to check on Gardendale-Mt. Vernon Methodist as an audition site.
- 2017 Choreographer is Randy Sage(Free Lance – California), Vocal Clinician is Brett Carroll(Burbank High School)

AMEA

- Ginny & Carl will discuss with Garry Taylor the pros & cons of the AVA performance venue for choirs and develop needs for next year.
- Jane asked Ginny to address with Garry the issue of not receiving the ASSC DVDs and the problems that were encountered with attempting to communicate with Box 5 concerning recording needs and shipment issues.

OCS/OA/ME

- Carl will remind the membership of the timeline that led to the Bylaws being changed @ Fall Workshop pertaining to the recognition process of the OCS students. The OCS students will not sing on the concert.
- A discussion @ summer board should involve vendor agreements that could fund the OCS/OA/ME scholarships.

New Business

Summer Board dates are June 5 – 8, 2016 in Tuscaloosa

The meeting was adjourned @ 1:25 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Jane Powell

2014-16 AVA Recording Secretary

