

AVA Board Pre AMEA Conference Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Forum Building, Forum F

In Attendance: Debbie Flynn, Drew Mills, Frank Andrews, Zachary Banks, John Kincaid, Amanda Slay, Hilan Wilson, Sarah Timothy, Holly Luke, Kate Dupuis. Caylen Stewart and Traci Fuller via Zoom

Amanda Slay called the meeting to order at 7:26pm

AMEA Conference:

- responsibilities for session and concert presiders for the conference.
- riser, shell, and equipment logistics for the conference.
- board responsibilities during the conference
- Details about adjudicator training that is happening on Saturday afternoon. This will be recorded.
- Please make sure to thank the exhibitors for being here.
- Asked board members to take pictures around the conference to ensure that AVA is well represented. Send these photos to Matthew Gardner.

State OCS Interviews will be held after school on Thursday Feb 20, 2025. District Chairs will be the adjudicators.

State ME Interviews will be held on Tuesday March 4 beginning at 3:30. Zach and Amanda will be the adjudicators.

Amanda would like to feature the District OCS and ME winners on the AVA Website before state winners are announced.

- We need to check with their teachers about photo releases.

All State

- Auditions were so smooth!
- The new shortened process seems to be working really well!
- Pre All State Board Meeting is Tuesday, April 1, 2025 via zoom
- District chairs need to be present and ready to conduct registration at 12:15pm on Thursday.
- Zach will send out schedule/all state correspondence during the first week of March.

SCPA/Solo and Ensemble

- Discussion about logistics, space requirements, and materials.
- Be sure to check the numbers of singers in choirs to ensure that you have enough space/materials.
- District Chairs need to remain at the registration table for the entire day- make sure you have runners to have the process run smoothly. Please try to ensure that you have another adult at the registration table as well.

- Auxiliary form needs to be streamlined. It is too time consuming for adjudicators to have to read multiple paragraphs written out by directors. Amanda brought a possible example of a form with check boxes and more information provided to judges- the board discussed.
- DCs need to communicate facility info, parking info, arrival times, etc. with their District.
- Repertoire list to send out to district members?
- Amanda would like to start recognizing schools that receive all 1s on the AVA website and AVA social media
- Discussion about SCPA vs. individual performance assessments

Frances P. Moss Award

- Zachary made a motion to suspend the AVA Rules and nominate a candidate for the Frances P. Moss Award. Sarah seconded. The motion passed.*
- The board voted on the candidate. The candidate was selected.

Discussion about All State Show Choir auditions and the festival.

- Cameron will bring her Collegiate show choir to perform at this years' festival.
- Accepted students will be invited to audition for a spot for a solo at the concert. This will help add to the length of the program.
- Festival is April 10-12. Same time as All State Band Festival.

2026 Honor Choir and Elementary All State

- Not really profitable, but well received.
- Do we want to continue with the immersion choir theme, or go back to a traditional choir format?
- Suggestion to include 6th graders in this festival since they currently do not have a way to participate in any all state festival.

Discussion about adding a sight reading component to the all-state audition process

- At the general membership meeting on Friday, Amanda plans to present the findings from the survey that went out to the general membership last year.
- We need more feedback on the survey. Only 11 people responded- though, the respondents were from all corners of the state.
- The board will come up with a sight reading process at summer board with the intention of presenting the process to the general membership to discuss.
- The vote on the process will occur at the 2026 AMEA general membership meeting
- Kate suggested that we pilot this process with the SATB choir since freshmen cannot audition for that choir.

Summer Board Meeting

June 1st-4th

John motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:51pm. Zach seconded.

