

AMEA Pre Conference Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
BJCC Forum Building- Conference Room F
In attendance: AVA Board

Amanda called the meeting to order at 7:23pm

AMEA CONFERENCE

- Amanda went over conference presiding duties and expectations with the board.
- The choral shell needs to be set up at 7:30am on Thursday morning.

OCS/ME

- State OCS Interviews will be via zoom on Tuesday, February 10th. The district chairs will conduct the interviews beginning at 3:30pm that day.
- State ME Interviews will be conducted via zoom on Thursday, February 5th. The district chairs will conduct the interviews beginning at 3:30pm that day.

ALL STATE

- Pre All State meeting on Tuesday, March 10 via zoom 3:45pm
- The board reviewed the All State Schedule. There was discussion regarding the scheduling of meal breaks. The All State schedule was adjusted to stagger MS/HS lunch breaks, but keep all HS choirs on the same schedule and all MS choirs on the same schedule.
- Samford was unclear about the contracting of specific spaces and has let us know that though we are contracted for the Wright Center, this did not include Brock Recital Hall and Reid Chapel. We are working through the process of re-contracting with them. John and Amanda are working on the issue with the events person at Samford.
- We do not have Reid Chapel after 2pm on Friday afternoon, because there is a wedding that is being held in the space. We have had to find another rehearsal space on campus. MS Treble will now be using Brooks Hall as a rehearsal space.
- Zach will send out the general membership correspondence during the 1st week of February, which will include duty assignments.
- Samford's spring break next year coincides with the ACDA National Convention. However, ACDA is Saturday-Wednesday, and All State will be Thursday through Saturday.

SCPA

- Adjudicator training is not being offered at AMEA this year. If you have a judge that still needs to complete the training, please share our training video with them. DCs need to check in with their judges to make sure that they understand what AVA expects from them.

FRANCES P. MOSS AWARD

- Nominations for the Frances. P. Moss award were supposed to be submitted by January 1st.
- No nominations were submitted.
- The board discussed possible nominees, but decided to extend the deadline for submissions in the hopes that the general membership would submit nominees for the award.

Amanda motioned that we should extend the deadline to accept nominations for the Frances P. Moss award to January 30, 2026. Zach seconded. The motion passed.

ALL STATE SHOW CHOIR

- Auditions have been completed.
- The list will be released by February 1st.
- The All State Show Choir Festival is the weekend after the All State festival and will be held at Spain Park High School.

AMEA HONOR CHOIR

- 76 students are registered from 11 different schools. Only 5 of the 7 districts are represented
- We want to continue offering this choir, but would like to see greater involvement.
- Amanda proposed a Latin immersion choir for the 2028 AMEA honor choir.

AVA GENERAL MEETING

- Amanda will present the proposal for the trial year for the addition of the sight reading process to All State auditions. The membership will be sent a google form to cast their votes. Voting will remain open until the end of the conference on Saturday. Results will be released on Friday, January 30, 2026.
- The board discussed means of keeping votes secret, but also allow us to verify the validity of NAFME membership. John Kincaid will be verifying membership numbers.
- Amanda has confirmed that we will be able to use Sight Reading Factory for this process, should the vote be approved.

The AVA summer board meetings will be June 14-17, 2026 at Hartselle High School.

Ken Berg is still working on sight reading examples for SCPA for the 2026-2027 year.

Cara Thomas motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:49pm. Zachary Banks seconded. The motion passed.