

AVA All State General Membership Meeting
Friday, March 13, 2026
Brooks Hall Auditorium, Samford University
In attendance: AVA Board, General Membership

Zachary Banks called the meeting to order at 8:51am.

Zachary Banks motioned to read the minutes. Seconded by Cara Thomas.

Harrison Hornsby motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Seconded by Cara Thomas.

John presented the financial report.

-Expenses still to come:

- SCPA judges/expenses
- SCPA recordings
- Solo and Ensemble expenses
- All State expenses (except for facilities)
- All State Show Choir expenses

-We will be doing a deep dive into the overall cost of having the All State Festival at Samford University vs. at the BJCC

- Catering cost is a HUGE savings at Samford vs. at the BJCC
- Technical fees and facility fees are also a lot less at Samford

-Meal tickets at Samford: \$11.25

- This process should be a lot simpler and more streamlined for next year, now that we've worked out the details with Samford

-Are SCPA recordings worth the cost?

-John talked about stream lining the registration process- if there is a need to register twice, or add a student after registration, an email to John would be so helpful

-Certificates and Medals

- Please double check your certificates and make sure you have the correct number of medals
- We have all medals here at all state (even for other events)

All State

Amanda reminded the membership about rehearsal attendance and concert etiquette

All State 2027 will be March 11-13, 2027 here at Samford University

All State Show Choir

-March 26-28, 2026 at Spain Park

AMEA Conference

-AMEA is hiring a new secretary. Applications close March 30

-Applications to present or perform at AMEA are currently open. They close on June 1, 2026.

-Jan 21-23, 2027 at the BJCC. Please send ideas for clinicians to Zach.

Fall Workshop

Friday, Sept 4, 2026 in Huntsville (exact location TBA)

All State Auditions

-59 votes were cast (43 in favor) to complete a trial year with the addition of sight reading to the All State Audition process.

-Amanda shared a video of one of her students completing the process

-10-11 and 2-3pm in Buchannon 301 there will be opportunity for teachers to go through the process on their own. There will be another space for teachers to talk about the process.

-We will be using sightreading factory.

-Amanda explained the different levels, and discussed how we could align these examples with our existing SCPA Sightreading rubric.

-The general membership completed an exercise together to see how the process works.

-Amanda addressed the scheduling issues and considerations.

-We are looking at scheduling the day around the SCPA cycle

-Warmup

-Audition/Performance

-Sightreading

-Amanda emphasized that we want your feedback

Miscellaneous

Amanda presented the slate of officers for 2026-2028

Ginny Coleman motioned to accept the slate of officers. Nichole Hill seconded.

Zach thanked Amanda for her service to the AVA board, and presented her with a small token of our appreciation from

Brent Coleman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:40am. Ben Cook seconded.