



**NMMEA Board of Directors Meeting
January 6, 2016 - 1:00 PM - Santa Ana A&B
University of New Mexico - Student Union Building**

Minutes

Present: Brian Uerling, President; Neil Swapp, Past President; Bernie Chavez, Band VP; Jonathan Armerding, Orchestra VP; Deanna Amend, Choral VP; Jim Rivera, Guitar VP; Jan Delgado, General Music VP; Kayla Paulk, Collegiate VP; Keith Jordan, Editor, NM Musician; Don Gerheart, Executive Director; Shamlin Al-Mosoud, President Dist. 1; Adam Bryant, President Dist. 2, Laura Argotsinger, Dist. 3; Laura Eberhardt, President, Dist. 4; Bill Griner, President Dist. 6; and Tyler North, President Dist. 7.

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – Brian Uerling, NMMEA President, called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM.
President Uerling asked Kathy Espinoza to present her report at this time. Popejoy volunteers and two district presidents will hand out the comp tickets at the Popejoy kiosk for each of the concerts. There will be a co-chair meeting at 4:00 PM. Some room changes were changes and the rooms will be marked.
2. **Approval of Minutes - Board of Directors (7/14/15)** (Mailed to Board of Directors following Summer Meeting. Copy also attached.
It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.
3. **Executive Director's Report**
 - a. **Financial Report**
Don Gerheart presented and explained the NMMEA financial report.
Cash on Hand as of November 30, 2015 = \$123,926.13
CD's as of November 30, 2015 = \$135,392.55
Bill Smith Memorial as of November 30, 2015 = \$2,088.21
It was moved and seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Motion passed.
 - b. **2016 All-State Official Program**
A page of the program was missed when the program was printed and that missing page was inserted into the program.
 - c. **Expense Forms, Contracts, Conductor's Checks, AS Patches, Communication, Copies, etc.**
Expense sheets were handed out to the VP's and the completed expense forms are to be handed into Don Gerheart first thing Saturday morning. Co-chairs need to pick up the All-State patches prior to each ensemble's performance on Saturday. We do not make copies for clinicians. We had a nice article in the Albuquerque Journal. One student in each ensemble is to be selected to receive a \$50 check for the Bill Smith stipend.
4. **New Mexico Musician** - Keith Jordan, Editor
 - a. **Financial Report for first two issues**
Checking balance is \$1854. Outstanding revenue is \$1445. The spring issue is projected to cost \$3100.
 - b. **Update on "New Mexico Musician"**
Mr. Jordan asked the Board to think about considering an offer from an out of state printer who would do the magazine with better paper for the same cost as we are presently paying the printer in Albuquerque. It was agreed to make a final decision at our July meeting.
5. **NMMEA District President's Reports:** Laura Eberhardt (North Central), Bill Griner (Central), Laura Argotsinger (Northwest), Tyler North (Albuquerque), Shamlan Al-Masoud (Southwest) and Adam Bryant (Southeast)

Laura Eberhardt, President Dist. 4, reported increased financial stability and more money in the bank account. Extensive Handbook revisions were made. Created a Past President position to help with continuity of leadership. There is increased young leadership and a willingness to help in the district. **Shamlan Al-Masoud, President Dist 1**, reported a solid bank balance. More schools are participating in the MPA's and the ratings were very good. The NAFME Collegiate Chapter at NMSU helped out with district activities. Participation for the Solo & Ensemble is subpar.

Adam Bryant, President District 2, reported that the District 2 music educators have remained stable. Financial status is good.

Laura Argotsinger, President Dist. 3, reported a successful first semester. Thoreau has reinstated its music program. Considering adding a guitar section. Les Leach, Farmington Music Coordinator, will be retiring at the end of January.

Bill Griner, President Dist. 3, reported that the fall festivals have been successful.

Tyler North, President Dist. 7, was absent due to a car problem. His written report indicated that all sections remain financially solvent. Fall events were successful and participation for spring events is strong. We need to reevaluate the purpose and direction of the honor choir and choral show fest as both did not take place.

6. **2016 All-State Audition Report**

a. Audition Reports - Don Gerheart

Executive Director presented several reports including the number students registered to audition and the number who actually auditioned by section and site. Included was the listing of schools that participated in auditions. Another reported showed the expenses incurred by the audition teams, site expenses, etc. Audition revenue was \$34,838 with expenses estimated at just over \$13,300. The total number of students registered to auditions and those that actually auditioned was at plus 200.

b. Report on how the auditions went - Bernie Chavez, Deanna Amend, Jim Rivera, Jonathan Armerding

Bernie Chavez, Band VP, reported that he and two of his colleagues traveled to all three sites and kept on top of the recorded auditions. The recording techs are still problematic as at two sites the techs had to be trained as auditions took place. There is a need for a training video. Directors MUST register their students correctly.

Deanna Amend, Choral VP, reported that the choral section wanted to keep live auditions. The audition process went quite well.

Jim Rivera, Guitar VP, reported that the auditions at Cibola HS went very well. The audition material was very good.

Jonathan Armerding, Orchestra VP, reported that the orchestra site chairs did a great job. There are still issues with the solo part of the audition.

c. Proposed 2016 Audition Dates and Sites: Information Only

(To be approved by Executive Committee in February)

Choral -	Oct. 17, 2016 - Portales, ENMU
	Oct. 18, 2016 - Albuquerque, UNM
	Oct. 19, 2016 - Albuquerque, UNM
	Oct. 20, 2016 - Albuquerque, UNM
	Oct. 21, 2016 - Las Cruces, NMSU
Strings	Oct. 19 2016 - Las Cruces, NMSU
	Oct. 20, 2016 - Albuquerque
	Oct. 21, 2016- Albuquerque
Guitar	October 20, 2016 - Cibola
	October 21, 2016 - Cibola
Winds and Percussion -	Nov. 1, 2016 - Las Cruces, NMSU
	Nov. 2, 2016 - Albuquerque,
	Nov. 3, 2016 - Albuquerque,
	Nov. 4, 2016 - Portales, ENMU

8. **NMMEA President's Report** - President Brian Uerling

President Uerling thanked everyone for their hard work and all the time they devoted to the preparations for All-State. He encouraged everyone to attend Dr. Cangro's keynote address and clinic.

- a. Business Awards Luncheon - Neil Swapp
UNM Brass Quintet will be providing the music at the beginning of the luncheon.
 - b. Quick Review of the Awards Presentation Program: Rollie Heltman Exemplary Service Award, Music Educator of the Year, John Batcheller Award, Hall of Fame, Administrator of the Year, Emeritus Distinguished Educator, NMMEA Scholarship, Award of Distinction
 - c. MPA and EoC Update - There really will be no changes to the MPA's. When registering for MPA's the Star Code must be entered correctly.
 - d. Music In Our Schools Month - Jan Delgado - No update presented
 - e. Advocacy Update - We will not be doing a Capital Day. We must continue to inform and activate the public, policy makers, and educational leaders in support of music as a core in a complete education. Engage music educators in association programs, projects, events, and professional development that serve the needs of music educators and their students.
 - f. Website - Neil has done a great job with our website.
 - g. Regarding ESSA music is now considered as a core subject. It will take several years to sort out this act and get implementation started.
 - h. Report of the SW Division Presidents Meeting - We do need to increase membership. New Mexico has the highest per capita percentage of members in the Southwest Division but we still have around 40% of our teachers are members of NAFME/NMMEA.
9. **NMAA Report/Update** - NMAA Staff Member
- a. Orchestra Contest - April 8 & 9, 2016 Volcano Vista
 - b. Choral Contest Update - April 15 & 16, 2016 at Cleveland HS.
 - c. Concert Band Contest Update - April 22 & 23, 2016 at Cleveland HS.
10. **Final Review of the 2016 All-State Music Festival and In-Service Conference**
- a. NMMEA Vice-President's Reports - Jan Delgado, Deanna Amend, Jim Rivera, Bernie Chavez, Jonathan Armerding, and Kayla Paulk.
Each Vice President reported and for the most part everything is ready to go. Bernie Chavez reported that there were several key students that cannot attend due to illness. He is working on getting all parts covered in the orchestras.
 - b. General Arrangements: Facilities, Parking, Concert Tickets, Comp Ticket Procedure, etc., Kathy Espinoza, All-State Site Chair and Don Gerheart.
VP's are to present parking receipts for reimbursement. Handing out comp tickets for Saturday's concerts will remain the same as last year.
 - c. Concert Recordings, Registration - Don Gerheart
Shhh Productions is here and set to go. Computer registration should go well. It is set up and ready to register participants.
 - d. District President's Responsibilities, Concerts, etc., - Brian Uerling
All ensembles are to meet at 8:00 AM on Saturday. District Presidents are to help with the handing out of the comp tickets on Saturday.
 - e. Bill Smith Stipends – Select one student from each ensemble to receive \$50 spending money.
11. **Unfinished Business**
- a. **Dates for the 2017 All-State Music Festival and In-Service Conference are January 4-7, 2017**
Site: UNM - Need Motion to Approve 2017 All-State Dates
It was moved and seconded to approve the dates for the 2017 All-State, Motion passed.
 - b. For February's meeting be prepared for an entire review of the audition procedures for all sections.
Be prepared to present documentation of all processes and instructions for your section. Get feedback from your membership at your section meetings.
12. **New Business**
- a. Financial Responsibilities for Districts. **Must file District Financials with IRS including for the past three years.**
 - b. Appointment of Editor of the "New Mexico Musician" for 2016-2017
It was moved and seconded to retain Keith Jordan as editor of the "New Mexico Musician".
Motion passé.
 - c. Executive Committee Conference Closing Meeting
Saturday, 1/9/16, 8:00 AM Keller Green Room - President Uerling Presiding
 - d. Executive Committee Meeting
February 19 & 20, 2016 - NMAA Headquarters, Albuquerque – 1:00 PM

It was moved and seconded to hold the Executive Committee meeting on February 19 & 20, 2016. Motion passed.

Board of Directors Summer Meeting - July 11 & 12, 2016 - NMAA Headquarters.

It was moved and seconded to hold the NMMEA Board Meeting on July 11 & 12, 2016. Motion passed.

- e. National Leadership Conference in Tysons Corner, VA June 22, 2016 thru June 25, 2016.

It was moved and seconded to approve the funding of the three attendees (Don Gerheart, Brian Uerling, and the President-Elect) to attend the National Leadership Conference in Tysons Corner, VA June 22-25, 2016. Motion passed.

- f. NMMEA Scholarship

It was moved and seconded to award the NMMEA Scholarship to Brittany Whetten from Rio Rancho High School. Motion passed.

13. **Adjournment**

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Don Gerheart, Executive Director