



## District 4 - North Central Meeting Minutes

**May 11, 2019 - 10:00 AM**

**Los Alamos Middle School**  
1201 Hawk Drive, Los Alamos, NM 87544

### Agenda

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Minutes taken by Deb Minyard for Leah Frisby

**I. Call to Order and Introductions**

- A. Introductions and welcome new people to the district!
- B. District Vacancies

**II. Ethics Statement**

*"All NMMEA meetings, as well as reports and recommendations, are open to review by all members of NMMEA. We trust the judgment and the conduct of our members and anyone else in attendance to be ethically discreet at all times when discussing personalities and issues. NMMEA strongly encourages members to be positive and discreet when discussing our organization, its events and festivals, as well as fellow teachers. The very nature of music education embodies a broad spectrum of expressions exploring different paths to arrive at artistic and educational goals. Members are encouraged to recognize and remain open to varied approaches and to celebrate both our differences and our similarities. **While guests are welcome only members of NMMEA/NAfME are eligible to vote and take part in discussions.**"*

**III. Approval of Minutes from August Meeting** motion by Leah Frisby second by Pablo Champion. Approved

**IV. Officer and Committee Reports**

- A. President's Report
  - 1. Thank you to all site hosts and festival chairs

2. Read Spring Updates and Reminders (**attached**)
  3. All-State Audition Info is all posted on nmmea.com. Be sure to update membership before festival or you can't register your kids.
- B. Treasurer's Report - *Sharla Stearn*. **see attached**. All judges need W9s. VPs make sure you collect those from clinicians and judges. Hand it to them with their contracts. PO numbers need to be put on registration forms to help in getting invoices/payments made on time, if possible. Moved by Pam Towry second by Don Higgins Motion passes.
- C. Orch VP Report - *Gabe Tafoya* Nothing to report.
- D. Band VP Report - *Rick Hernandez* People upset that honor band was cancelled. Coming up with an alternate location as a backup. Sight reading folders at MPA need to be more organized. Maurice Howell Norman and Rick Hernandez will take care of it at the next meeting.
- E. Choir VP Report - *Jason Rutledge*
- F. GPM - *Pablo Champion* Nothing to report.
- G. General - *Valerie Collins* absent
- H. VP of Membership Report - *Deb Minyard* Resigning.

#### **V. Officer Elections**

- A. President Steve Iliff, nominated by Pam. Approved.
- B. VP Orch Gabe Tafoya remains.
- C. VP Band Rick Hernandez remains.
- D. VP Choir Marilyn Barnes, nominated. Approved.
- E. VP Membership Don Higgins nominated. Approved.
- F. VP Guitar Piano Mariachi - nominating and voting was tabled to August
- G. VP General- nominating and voting was tabled to August

#### **VI. NMMEA Awards**

- A. Procedure
  1. Paperwork: Resume, picture, 3 letters of recommendation, application (see [nmmea.com](http://nmmea.com) for info)
  2. Send paperwork (complete) to president (president-nc@nmmea.com)
  3. Final submissions are due on July 1st (please submit to NC President by June 15th for review)
- B. NC Nominations
  1. Music Educator of the Year - Ryan Finn nominated by Kim Letellier
  2. Hall of Fame - Dorothy Kincaid nominated by Laura Eberhardt
  3. New and Emerging Teacher - Gabe Tafoya nominated by Carla Kountoupes

4. Emeritus Teacher - none
5. Administrator of the Year - Adan Estrada (Superintendent of Cimarron) - nominated by Laura Eberhardt
6. Dr. John Batcheller Elementary Award - Janine Sammeth, nominated by Marilyn Barnes
7. Award of Distinction - Cimarron, nominated by Laura Eberhardt

**VII. Honor Clinic**

- A. Band cancellation and no-makeup. Apologies for the situation but it was uncontrollable due to the sewer main break at the host site. Rescheduling is almost impossible due to our schedule being set almost a year ahead of time.
- B. Any other issues? Please come and help judge. It's too hard without enough people to listen.

**VIII. MPA**

- A. Any issues? Make sure sight reading folders are set out well in advance. Thank you to Los Alamos for hosting every year. It's wonderful to have an auditorium to perform in.
- B. Send in seating charts in advance to the sight reading rooms can be set up and the shell can be placed correctly.

**IX. S&E**

- A. Any issues?

**X. Scheduling**

- A. May - Confirm 2019-2020 dates
- B. August - Set Tentative 2020-2021 dates
- C. Solofest
  1. Vocal
    - a) October 5, 2019
    - b) SFHS
- D. Solo & Ensemble. For all S & E events, limit 20 students to 1 accompanist to align with state rules. Motion by Gabe Tafoya, second by Pablo Champion. Motion passes. Reminder: if you need to switch part of a schedule with another school, you must contact the Co-Secretary for approval.
  1. Instrumental S&E

- a) May 9, 2020. William Korte opposed. Date approved. Alternate date of May 2, 2020 proposed and approved at SFHS.
    - b) SFHS
  - 2. Vocal S&E
    - a) Feb 1, 2020
    - b) Niña Otero
- E. Honor Clinics
  - 1. Choir
    - a) November 7, 2019
    - b) Cathedral
  - 2. Band
    - a) November 15-16, 2019
    - b) Tentative Espanola HS/Carlos Vigil MS. Tentative backup location Las Vegas City Schools
  - 3. Orchestra
    - a) October 18, 2019
    - b) LAHS
- F. MPA
  - 1. *State Basketball is March 6-10, 2020*
  - 2. Choir
    - a) March 4&5, 2020 MS Day 1, HS Day 2
    - b) LAHS
  - 3. Band
    - a) March 2&3, 2020 MS Day 1, HS Day 2
    - b) LAHS
  - 4. Orchestra
    - a) March 11 or 12, 2020
    - b) CHS - Zach will confirm
  - 5. Guitar
    - a) March 10, 2020
    - b) NMSA
- G. NCNMMEA Meetings
  - 1. Dates
    - a) August 17, 2019 - SFHS
    - b) May 9, 2020 SFHS 9:00am Ex. Board, 10:00am Full membership (may change based on S&E - meeting simultaneous)

c) Location

**XI. Old Business**

A.

**XII. New Business**

- A. Google Master Calendar approved. Please ask Neil to add the link on this to the NC website.
- B. Send seating chart for MPAs (band and orchestra) to site host at least a week before the event.
- C. Choir and Orchestra going to blind auditions for Honor Clinic.
- D. Audition procedures for Honor Clinics will be added to the handbook in August.

**XIII. Move into Section Meetings**

A. Band

- 1. HC Audition listening date/submission deadline
  - a) Listening Day - 10/6/19 @ PVHS
  - b) Upload Deadline - 10/4/19 at 11:59pm
- 2. HC Audition music committee
  - a) Ryan is volunteering himself for this
  - b) MS is already created
  - c) HS needs to be created
  - d) Add (\*full range stuff for all scales - MS/HS)
- 3. HC Clinicians - ***Rick will contact these individuals in order***
  - a) HS - Neil Swapp, Josephine Gonzales
  - b) MS - Sam Nesbitt, Donna Schmidt, Joseph Flores
- 4. MPA Judges - ***Rick will contact these individuals***
  - a) Donna Schmidt, Steve Snowden, Angela Macke, Josephine Gonzales, Daniel Fear, Richard Snider, Anthony Baca, Jon Robak,

B. Choir

- 1. HC audition procedures. Will draft a process and send to Don to include in handbook. Auditions will include a scale and arpeggio. Choir auditions will be totally blind auditions as well.
- 2. Upload deadline is 10/14/19.

C. Orchestra

- 1. HC audition deadline is 9/18/19 and listening session is 9/23/19 at Ortiz MS at 5:00pm.

- D. Mariachi/Guitar/Piano - *Pablo Champion* Festival to be decided in August.
- E. General - *Valerie Collins*

**XIV. Announcements**

- A. Raton is looking for band/choir person. Mora ISD is looking for band/choir etc. David Arellanes is retiring the end of next year. Elementary music is open in Los Alamos. Orchestra teacher at Gonzales, Orchestra/ general at Milagro/Aspen, choir in Santa Fe, Aspen, Milagro, Gonzales. SFYS has two positions open for string orchestras, Prelude String Orchestra Conductor and Intermezzo String Orchestra Conductor. NMSA looking for part time piano lab instructor.**
- B. Neil please post links to NMMEA from school hiring websites.**

**XV. Adjournment Pam moved. Second by William Korte. Adjourned at 12:18pm.**