



Minutes for NWNMMEA Fall General Meeting

August 31st, 2022 2:30pm

NWNMMEA Fall 2022 General Meeting

Hybrid Via Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 210 473 4172

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- **Welcome & Call to Order**

- Time: **2:34 PM, Kirtland HS**
- For those on Zoom - if you have something to add to discussion please unmute and begin talking.
- NMMEA 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”.

- **Roll**

- **Present Members: - sign in on the Google Sheet**
 - [Link to sheet is in Zoom comments](#)
 - Please make sure that your VP is up-to-date with the members in our district.
 - Please make sure your NAfME membership is updated
 - As a member of NAfME you will automatically be a member of NMMEA.

- If members have issues logging in, please have them email membersupport@nafme.org and copy Neil on the email.
 - o Familiarize yourself with the NMMEA website. It has a lot of useful information

- **Welcome video from NMMEA President - Amy Williams**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iMbNNT1_kzU

- Video includes lots of fun pictures from conferences, performances, etc which peppy jazz music - (it's pretty cute, check it out!)
 - Amy Williams, President of NMMEA, then welcomes everyone back to this school year. “Community is the answer.”
 - Some essential questions Amy asks: How do we reach *all* kids? And how do we reach and support *all* music educators? What barriers to entry exist for our students which might be keeping them out of music classes?
 - Amy got to sit in with a zoom call with Miguel Cardona, the US Secretary for Education. Mr. Cardona is an advocate for arts education. He wants to use this post-pandemic time to *re-engage* with our educational community.
 - **Advocacy is marketing.**
- **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting (found on nmmea.com > district 3 or [here](#))**
 - o **Motion: James Golden**
 - o **Second: Laura Argotsinger**
- **President’s Report**

Meeting minutes are available to NMMEA/NAfME members on the NMMEA website - www.nmmea.com > about > NMMEA Minutes & History

 - o Congratulations to the 2023 NMMEA Awards Recipients-check website for details.

Music Educator of the Year: Laura Eberhardt

John Batcheller Award: Jamie Atkinson

Hall of Fame: Deanna Amend, Bill Austell and Neil Swapp

Rollie Heltman Service Award: Keith Jordan

Administrator of the Year: Kurt Schmidt

New & Emerging Teacher of the Year: Rebecca Kendall

Emeritus Teacher of the Year: Cathy Estrada

Award of Distinction: Rio Rancho Public Schools

Certificate of Recognition: Farmington Municipal Schools

- o State Contest Dates
 - o State Band-April 20th-22nd, 2023

- o State Choir-April 13th-15th, 2023
 - All-State will be held January 4-7, 2023 at UNM
 - Jazz All State will be held January 27-29, 2023 at ENMU
 - 2022-2023 Audition Dates
 - o Band, Jazz, Choir, Guitar and Orchestra
 - o Audition window on Opus October 24-November 6, 2022
 - o Registration close date – October 10, 2022
 - o Late registration close date – October 17, 2022
 - **These dates are for ALL groups - band, guitar, choir, orchestra, etc.**
- Students will audition via OpusEvent from their school site. Auditions will be proctored by directors and monitored by an additional NMMEA member. More details will be covered in Town Hall meetings as well as communicated via email.
- **Vice President's Report & Treasurer's Report**
 - o **Treasurers and VPs thank you for all you do in keeping our district running!**
 - Band:
 - o VP: Dave Bridgewater - nw-vpband@nmmea.com
 - Honor Band festival has moved to a 2 Day Festival & mid-January
 - Day 1 - Thursday evening rehearsal, each director will work with sectionals
 - Day 2 - Guest clinician comes in, concert in the evening
 - o Treasurer: Alex Olivas - nw-bandtreasurer@nmmea.com **\$2,905.22**
 - Choir:
 - o VP: Laura Argotsinger - nw-vpchoir@nmmea.com
 - Eastern NM came for an all state prep day
 - Choir is heading to ENMU for Men's Choir Festival - let us know if you have any MEN who are interested
 - ~\$5,000 in the bank, all dates are scheduled
 - o Treasurer: Siromani Leath - nw-choralsecretarytreasurer@nmmea.com
 - Orchestra:
 - o VP: Monica Leaming - nw-vporchestra@nmmea.com
 - New teacher: Allison Carson! (formers PV director)
 - San Juan Symphony Junior Orchestra, Monday's 5:30 - 7:30 PM, FHS Orchestra Room (AJ will email out a brochure for this)
 - Beginning String Clinic - 10/10 - Farmington HS, Spotlight Theater
 - Orchestra Clinic - 9/12 at Farmington HS
 - o Not sure if there is a new Treasurer? the positions are being somewhat combined nw-orchestratreasurer@nmmea.com
 - Guitar: \$0 **No representatives present**
 - o VP: Phil Meda - nw-vpguitar@nmmea.com

- General: \$0
 - VP: Virginia Weaver - nw-vpgeneralmusic@nmmea.com
 - Met in August
 - Sept 10 Event: Sharing Session 9 AM - 12 PM, Make and Take 1 PM - 3 PM at Ladera
 - New name! GEMS - General & Elementary Music (there was confusion between the general music section and the general music *meeting (this one)*).
 - Music in the schools months

- **Unfinished Business**
 - Treasurers - the tax document that we are to have filled was due on the 15th. Neil sent an email to the treasurers. He will be sending out a reminder email this week. If this has not been sent yet, it needs to be done ASAP.
 - Please double check these dates as they are listed - I'll be re-sending to Neil ASAP to get up on our website. I have been in contact with Neil, about the situation. No further changes expected
 - [NWNMMEA Dates 2022-2023](#)

- **New Business**
 - Spring Business Meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2023 at KCHS - 2:30pm
 - [This should remain stable, no foreseen issues](#)
 - Special thank you to our NMAA Advisory Council representatives:
 - Choir: Laura Argotsinger
 - Band: Jennifer Lasley

- **Announcements**
 - SJC Concert Choir meets Tuesdays/Thursdays, encourage your students to join in!
 - **Band meeting will start at 3:20 PM**
 - **NMACDA Youth AllState - hosting youth all state choir in Farmington Civic Center (Not Las Cruces this year)**
 - Could Elementary Teachers (since we will have elementary students participating) help host? Please reach out to Amy & see if board needs help. That could be a great opportunity for elementary teachers to get involved/build community.
 - Participants include 4 - 9 grades. All information is on NMACDA website: <https://www.nmacda.com/>
 - James Golden asks why we have 3 different treasurers - we are the *only* district that has this.
 - **Monica** responds: we used to have only 1 but choir kept getting blamed for going in the red, so they split off. Then the finances split between choral & instrumental groups...but then the orchestra kept getting blamed for going in the red and they split up too.
 - **AJ** says that he understands why we are split up & everyone is staying in the black, but it might be easier for taxes & to be more similar with other

areas of NM. Today is a new day - we have a lot of new educators and we are different than what we were. These are his thoughts. Something to think about for the future.

- o **Laura** - it's just more discussion. Being on the state side of things it's very interesting to learn how things are run. We should know that we are also the only district that doesn't PAY anyone's position. The other districts PAY someone to be the treasurer for the entire district. The other districts also pay the District President (AJ's) position.
- o **Jennifer** - if we have 1 treasurer, they would have to go to ALL events or give checks to whoever is hosting the event. There's a lot more to think about that just the financial end.
- o **Dan** - this is an announcement, let's have a discussion in the Spring.
- **Adjournment of General Meeting –**
 - o **Motion to adjourn: Dave Bridgewater**
 - o **Seconded by: Laura Argostinger**
 - o **Adjournment: 3:25 PM**