



District 4 - North Central Meeting

May 13, 2023, 9am

Los Alamos High School & Google Meet

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District 4 Mission Statement

Adopted August 2020

Mission: We serve students by providing high quality music learning & performing experiences.

Vision: To encourage higher levels of musical achievement through participation & collaboration in a quality professional setting.

Agenda

1. Call to Order - 9:07 am

2. Introductions and welcome new teachers to the district!

3. 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".

4. Approval of [Aug 2022 Minutes](#)

- a. Vote Zane Meek moves to approve, seconded and approved, no objections

5. Officer Reports

- a. President - *Ryan Finn*
 - i. State Level Updates
 1. Attend the [Summer Workshop](#) - July 15, RRHS - info online
 2. All-State Audition Info posted Apr 1
 3. All-State Deadlines
 - a. Registration
 - i. Choir/Gtr/Orch - 10/2 (late 10/9)
 - ii. Band/Jazz - 10/9 (late 10/16)
 - b. Auditions
 - i. Choir/Gtr/Orch - 10/16-10/29
 - ii. Band/Jazz - 10/23-11/5
 - c. Review the [NMMEA Handbook](#)
 4. Vocal Jazz Auditions now accepted - see website
 - ii. Exec Committee Updates
 1. Order of Succession
 2. Handbook Committee - updates needed
- b. Treasurer - *Kat Keener*

- c. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dlwsINOMcgZ5yYXecrVxl-LkJC7qIjYYxKu4f-XFK6I/edit?usp=sharing>
 - i. Kat went over details, we are doing well, fee increases helped balance the budget, along with not giving awards
 - 1. Overall account \$10,568 in bank
 - 2. Treasurer's report vote to approve, motioned, seconded and passed
- d. VP General Music - *Valerie Collins*
 - i. Elementary Festival was successful, will consider moving the date in GM meeting
- e. VP Band - *Ricardo Hernandez*
 - i. Had a good year, check dates for MPA so we can choose the best time in meeting.
- f. VP Choir - *Caleb Heaton*
 - i. Had a good year, will talk about changing location for Honor Choir, will discuss MPA sight reading
- g. VP Orchestra - *Gabe Tafoya, presented by Michelle Rosette*
Honor Orchestra went well, clinicians for next year are chosen, MPA was in Santa Fe, went well, Solo & Ensemble - 2 rooms, kids were excited, considering hiring a mentor, looking for more participation, consider splitting from band because of size
- h. NMAA Band Advisory Council - *Laura Eberhardt*
 - i. Had state contest for band - congrats Los Alamos middle school, congrats Cimmaron for small school
 - ii. review rules, send Laura an email with questions/comments
- i. NMAA Choral Advisory Council - *Carmen Florez-Mansi*
N/A

6. Officer Elections

- a. President - Ryan Finn leaving the position
Vote - Zane Meek volunteers, is seconded.
Clarissa Riggins is nominated - declines at this time.
Zane Meek is elected for 1 year term as President
- b. Treasurer - Kat Keener is leaving the position
Vote - DeDe Mendez is nominated - declines at this time.
Valerie Collins nominated, seconded
Valerie Collins is elected to Treasurer position
Kat Keener encourages everyone to be timely and responsible about getting finances handled
- c. Co-Sec 1 - staying in position, DeDe Mendez

- d. Co-Sec 2 - staying in position, Alicia Dickinson
- e. VP Choir - opened the position, Caleb Heaton reelected
- f. VP Band - opened the position, Rick Hernandez reelected
- g. VP Orch - Gabe Tafoya nominated and reelected
- h. VP General - opened the position
 - Jacob Lucero nominated, Zane Meek seconded
 - Jacob Lucero elected
- i. VP Guitar - do we need to keep this position? Combine with strings?
Santa Fe does their own events, not pushing for MPA for guitar,
Avoid guitar and orchestra combined MPA, different skill sets for judging
Vote - to suspend the Guitar VP position, motioned by Steve I.,
seconded by Suzanne, motion carried
- j. NMAA Band Advisory Council - Zane Meek moves that Laura Eberhart
Remains in positioned, Laura Eberhart reelected to position
- k. NMAA Choral Advisory Council - Carmen Mansi-Flores staying in position

7. Committees

- a. [Handbook Review Committee](#)
 - i. Ryan + 3 more
 - 1. Ric, Clarissa, Alicia, Valerie, Ryan
 - Will meet in summer - Ryan Finn Committee Chair
- b. Audit Committee
 - i. President, Treasurer + at least 1 more member
 - ii. Zane Meek, Valerie Collins, Kat Keener
 - iii. [Survey](#)
- c. S&E Scoresheet Committee
 - i. Orch, Band, and Choir represented
 - ii. Elle W., Steve, Carla K, Alicia D.
- d. Honor Band Audition Material Review Committee - **Tabled**
 - i. Snare Drum Etude Confusion (more in Band Section)
 - ii. [LINK](#) to all Honor Band Auditions
 - iii. Clarissa nominates Steve Iliff to chair committee
 - 1. Dede seconds Clarissa
 - 2. Suzanne, Dede, Rick, Steve, and Ryan

8. NMMEA Award Nominations

- a. [INFO on nmmea.com](#)
- b. Administrator of the year
 - i. Nominations for Michael Grenado -withdrawn, David Vincent -
motioned and seconded - Zeb and Caleb - submission team
- c. Award of distinction (school district)

- l. Nomination for Los Alamos - motioned and seconded - Ryan Finn - Submission lead
- d. Educator of the year
 - i. Nominations for Steve Iliff - motioned, seconded, passed, Kat Keener is submission lead
- e. Emeritus Teacher
 - i. Nomination for Isabel Becker-Hudson, motioned, seconded passed, Devin DeVargas is submission lead
- f. Hall of Fame (20 years teaching in NM)
 - i. Nomination for Marilyn Barnes, motioned, seconded, passed, Ryan Finn and Caleb Heaton - submission team
- g. John Batcheller (General Music) >4 years of experience
 - i. Nomination for Galen Prenevost, declined - doesn't teach GM. Nomination for Kachina Walker - Carlos Gilbert Elementary, Motioned, seconded, passed - Zeb Bellon and Steve Iliff- submission team
- h. New and Emerging Music Educator <5 years of experience
 - i. Nomination for Quentin Leger, WLV MS Band
Nomination for Megan Tholen, Chamisa Elementary, LAPS
Nomination for DeDe Mendez, Aspen Community School, SFPS
Vote - Quintin Leger elected, David Arellanes - submission lead
- i. [Submission Process](#), Due July 1
- j. [Honor Ensemble Application](#) - consider submitting a recording and being recognized at All-State - perform in Popejoy Hall!

9. SY 2023-2024 Scheduling

- a. [Scheduling Spreadsheet](#)
- b. Elementary Festival
 - i. Date: Feb 24, 2024 or April??? - **will be confirmed** - **will retain the February 24th date.**
 - 1. Discussion about dates - timing close to other events, big payout before money comes in, etc.
 - ii. Location: TBD - ECRA or Nina - **will be discussed in GM meeting** - **will contact El Dorado CS and decide between them and Nina in the fall.**
- c. Solofest - **double check and confirm**
 - i. Date: 10/7/23
 - ii. Location: SFHS
- d. Regional Honor Ensembles
 - i. Choir - **not discussed**

1. Date: 11/2/23
 2. Location: TBD
 - ii. Band -
 - a) Date: 11/17-11/18, 2023
 - b) Location: **SFHS, Capital, Los Alamos - TBD**
 - iii. Orchestra - **confirmed**
 - a) Date: 9/29/23 ← *new*
 - b) Location: LAHS
- e. MPA
 - i. SPRING BREAKS:
 1. Pojoaque: 3/4-3/8
 2. Española: 3/11-3/15
 3. SFPS & LAPS: 3/25-3/29
 4. West Las Vegas: 3/13-3/15 (W-F)
 - ii. Choir - **confirmed**
 1. Date(s): 3/12 & 3/13, 2024
 2. Location: LAHS
 - iii. Band - **confirmed**
 1. Dates: 4/4(HS) - 4/5(MS), 2024
 2. Location: CHS
 - iv. Orchestra - **confirmed**
 1. Dates: 3/14-3/15, 2024
 2. Location: SFHS
- f. Solo & Ensemble - **double checking dates**
 - i. Vocal S&E (check State contest dates for conflict)
 1. Date: 4/27/24
 2. Location: Nina Otero
 - ii. Instrumental S&E
 1. Date: 5/4/24
 2. Location: NMSA
 - iii. Separate Orch & Band Discussion
 1. Keep all Instrumental S&E together at this time
 - iv. Certificates for I Ratings
Medals for Best in Room - **change in handbook**
- g. NC-NMMEA Meetings
 - i. Fall 2023

- 1. Date: 8/19/23
 - 2. Location: LAHS
 - ii. Spring 2024
 - 1. Date: 5/18/24
 - 2. Location: LAHS
- h. NMAA
 - i. Choir: 4/12/23 - 4/13/23
 - ii. Band: 4/18/23 - 4/20/23

10. SY 2024-2025 Scheduling

- a. Takes place in Aug 2023
- b. Hosts Needed! Join the fun today!

11. Old Business

- a. Financials
 - i. Honor Pins - drop
 - ii. S&E Medals - certificates for I Superior Rating
 - iii. "Best in Room" - medals
 - iv. Fees
 - a. Motion to make S&E flat fee of \$7 for each participant
 - b. Motion seconded and approved

12. New Business

- a. Online programs for Honor Ensembles
 - i. Decided - **update in handbook**

13. Reminders

- a. Registration Reminders/checklist
 - i. Need current NAFME and NMMEA membership- check this by logging in at nafme.org.
 - ii. <https://www.nmmea.com/news-updates/po-steps-to-avoid-issues/>
 - iii. Make sure NCNMMEA is in your district's system as a vendor. (If not ask the Treasurer for an updated W-9 form)
 - iv. You must have a PO or check AT TIME of Registration -plan enough time for your business office to generate one!
 - v. Don't wait until right before the deadline to register!
 - vi. All PO's must go to:
 - NC-NMMEA
 - c/o _____
 - PO Box 31565

Santa Fe, NM 87594

- vii. If you need a QUOTE (to get a PO) use this [document from the handbook](#), if that doesn't work, ask Kat for an official quote.
- viii. If you need an INVOICE (to pay your PO) contact the Treasurer
- ix. Remember All-state registration and fees go to NMMEA not NC-NMMEA and vice versa.

14. Break into section meetings (20 Minutes)

- a. *Report Back Minutes Please!*
- b. General - [Meeting Minutes](#) Highlights:
 - i. Kat Keener will be our Elementary Festival Choir Clinician!
 - ii. Discussion about soliciting more sponsorships, fees (keep the same), site (Nina Otero or El Dorado Community School TBD)
- c. Band
 - i. Honor Band
 - 1. Listening?
 - a. 11/17-18
 - b. Upload 10/20
 - c. 10/21-22 VP organizes and renames files
 - d. 10/23-28 Listening and adjudicating
 - e. 10/29 VP makes bands
 - f. Need to revisit in August
 - ii. Percussion music revision
 - 1. Snare etude is in palace of chromatic scales
 - 2. Revise wording on audition material
 - 3. Percussion audition material was too easy
 - a. Notate rolls in audition material
 - b. Should whole notes be rolled?
 - 4. Committee formed
 - iii. Clinicians for Honor- unconfirmed
 - 1. Chandra Blackston MS Honor
 - 2. Michael Mapp HS Honor
 - 3. Emily Moss potential backup
- d. Choir - [Choir Meeting Minutes 5/13/23](#)
- e. Orch

15. Vacancies

- a. Espanola Valley Band
- b. Choir, Band, Orchestra, Guitar, Music Coordinator in SFPS
- c.

16. Announcements

- a. Concordia Concert - 5/28 John Lynch?
- b. High Desert Winds Concert -
- c. SFYSA Orchestra, Jazz, Mariachi - auditions in SF, contact Ryan Finn

17. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. August 19, 2023, 9am, TBD