



**Agenda for NWNMMEA District 3
Spring General Meeting
May 15th, 2023 - 2:30pm Hybrid Meeting
NWNMMEA General Meeting
Google Meet joining info
Video call link:
<https://meet.google.com/fcf-xnuu-ctu>**

- **Call to Order**
 - Time: 2:36pm
 - Welcome-

- **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”.

- **Membership Roll**

- If you are changing position/leaving position/retiring position/or a new teacher please use the chat bar to notify us of those changes.
- Please double check contact info at [this link](#) found on our nmmea.com website under director contacts. I know there are quite a few changes . Email changes to president-nw@nmmea.com so that I may forward to Neil and get this form updated.
- AJ Carson, Laura Argotsinger, Monica Leaming, David Bridgewater , Benjamin Ludwig, Katie Patton, James Golden, Allen Green, Marletta Newman, Alex Olivas, Daniel Fear, David Collard, Amos Brown, Jennifer Lasley, Helen West , Melody Postoak, Virginia Weaver, Paul Cranfill, Bill Griner, Colton Jackson

- **Approval of Minutes of the last meeting** (found here:

<https://www.nmmea.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Minutes-General-Meeting-Fall-2022.pdf>).

- Motion: Monica Leaming
- Second: David Bridgewater
- Minutes Approved

- **President's Report**

- Keep your NAFME membership up to date. Resources are abundant on their website.
- NMMEA Official Handbook
 - Read and refresh. It is your responsibility to know our organization's policies and procedures.
- Each director must be current on their membership to register for events and auditions. Be diligent to keep this updated.
 - Renew directly through NAFME website
- Updates from NMMEA Executive Board
 - VPs/Treasurers - make sure W-9 are all in and accounted for.
 - New NMMEA award submission process
 1. Criteria and processes are posted [here](#)
 2. The nominator is no longer responsible for submitting all of the application materials.
 - [Summer Music Educators Workshop](#) - July 15, 2023 at Rio Rancho High School. \$25 fee.

- Please send nominations for adjudicators for state band and choir through the NMMEA website.
- Information for VPs and Treasurers
 - Dates for next school year need to be submitted to me via section meeting minutes by **May 19, 2023**
 - District Audit information is due **July 1, 2023** - but the sooner we get it completed, the better.
 - 2023 Tax Reporting document is due **August 15** of each year.
- **Vice President's and Treasurer's Report**
 - Band: Dave Bridgewater - Oct. Marching MPA-good, Honor Band 2 day festival = GOOD! 1 Day MPA in the North-good. Jazz MPA good. School Districts manage their own
 - Treasurer - Alex Olivas: \$477 in the bank
 - Choir - Great year
 - Treasurer - \$7,000 in the bank
 - Orchestra - Spent lots of money on events without charging for events.
 - Treasurer - \$2344.84
 - General Music -
 - Sharing session canceled due to low participation. Spring meeting had to be rescheduled because we were in the middle of the lockdown today when it was scheduled. I was not able to leave and was stuck without access to my computer. I sent a google form to reschedule this week already.
 - Guitar - zero dollars/zero events
- **New Business**
 - Current Band & Choir Advisory Council Members to NMAA
 - Choir - Laura Argotsinger
 - Band - Jennifer Lasley
 - Members are to serve two year terms,
 - Nominations
 - Motion to cancel the Guitar Section by Monica Leaming
 1. Second: Alex Olivas
 2. Motion passes to cancel the Guitar section
 - Thoughts and feedback about the 2023 NMMEA All State clinic, clinicians, educator clinics, audition process?

- District 3 thoughts/ideas
 1. Larger vendors
 2. General music need rooms where they can move. Avoid lecture halls with pull down chairs, etc. General music - West music vendor, no rooms with bolted down chairs, repeat sessions for more access to popular sessions.
 3. In person auditions for choir are superior to recorded auditions. This district supports live auditions even with a partition in the room.
 4. Opus Orchestra auditions are seamless.
 5. Amplification microphones for choir performance are unnecessary. They impede the musicality of the choirs and intrude upon their hard work.
 6. Consider giving a stipend to workshop presenters to widen the pool of workshop opportunities.
 7. Would NMMEA consider hosting a conducting clinic?
 8. What happened to the adjudicating workshop to create a pool of judges to use in the district?
 9. Could consider borrowing a clinic/conference program from other states to see what is being offered. Colorado's conference materials are easily accessed (for example).
- Band, Choir and treasurer positions to be kept separate or one treasurer for the district?
 - Discuss - Monica volunteers to compile information needed by Neil Swapp.
 - Motion to keep section treasurer positions separate in the NW District.
 1. Second: **Monica Leaming**
 - Motion passes to keep all treasurer sections separate.
- Mileage for clinicians
 - Taken care of in section meetings.
 1. Choir is \$.40/mi
- Annual Awards Nominations
 - Nominee or Nominator assumes duty to completely fulfill requirements and submit the digital document by **July 1st**.
 1. Administrator of the Year
 - Nominations

- Nikki Atencio - Kirtland Middle School (6 votes)
 - Charda Sanders - Aztec High School (9 votes)
 - District Decision - Charda Sanders, Aztec High School
- 2. Award of Distinction
 - Any district willing to submit is encouraged to do so.
- 3. Emeritus Teacher Award
 - None
- 4. Hall of Fame Award
 - Marletta Newman - Mesa View Middle School (Farmington)
- 5. John Batchellor Award
 - Nominations
 - Amy Sewell - Mesa Verde Elementary (Farmington) (2 votes)
 - Virginia Weaver - Ladera Elementary (Farmington) (14 votes)
 - District Selection - Virginia Weaver
- 6. Music Educator of the Year Award
 - Nominations
 - Laura Argotsinger - Farmington High School (9 votes)
 - Siromani Leath - Heights Middle School (Farmington) (4 votes)
 - District Selection - Laura Argotsinger
- 7. New & Emerging Music Educator
 - Nominations
 - Melody Postoak - Aztec High School Band (2 votes)
 - Benjamin Ludwig - Hermosa Middle School (Farmington) (4 votes)
 - AJ Carson - Kirtland Central High School (9 votes)
 - District Selection - AJ Carson

- Rollie V. Heltmen Exemplary Service Award

- Not an official award, but is still something that is given out each year.
 1. Dr. Mark Walters
 - Meeting Dates and Hosts for 2023-2024:
 - Proposed date for Fall Meeting:
 1. August 21, 2023, 2:30pm, at Tibbetts Middle School
 - Proposed date for Spring Meeting:
 1. May 13, 2024, 2:30pm, at Tibbetts Middle School
- **CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR DATES**
- **Announcements and Congratulations**
 - Congratulations to all of our NWNMMEA students who represented in All-State this year!
 - NMAA - State Band and Choir Festival Representatives
Congratulations to all that attended!
 - Heights Middle School - 1st Place (middle school)
 1. Siromani Leath
 - Hermosa Middle School- (middle school)
 1. Katie Patton
 - Piedra Vista High School Chamber Choir - 2nd Place (5A mixed)
 - Piedra Vista High School Treble Choir - 2nd Place (A-5A treble)
 1. James Golden
 - Farmington High School Band
 1. Alex Olivas
 - Kirtland Central High School Band - 3rd Place (4A)
 1. AJ Carson
 - Rehoboth Christian School -4th (A-3A)
 1. Kevin Zwiers
 - Finish Strong and have a restful summer
- **Adjournment of General Meeting**
 - Motion: James Golden

Second: Laura Argotsinger and Jennifer Lasley

- Adjourned: 4:30pm