

NMMEA District VII Fall Meeting - August 21, 2023

APS M Building 912 Oak Street SE ABQ 87106

Choral Section Meeting Agenda/Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS - name and school(s)

- Melinda Moore (Albuquerque High), Robyn Clarke (Roosevelt Mid), Emery Edwards (Eldorado), Cyanne Garcia (Highland), Ed Torrez (PAPA), Elena Maietta (Grant and LBJ), Garrett Keith (Cleveland), Joe Mitchell (Volcano Vista and Tony Hillerman), Alyssa Arruti (Sandia and Hoover), Evan Aguilar (Cibola), Sarah Lopez (Jackson), Camille Kelly (Del Norte), Wil Gonzales (Eisenhower), Molly Weiers (Our Lady of Assumption), Melody Gallagher (GI Sanchez and AHA), Katherine Green (La Cueva) virtual

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES (2 minutes)

Solo & Ensemble

- Should a requirement of memorization be added to the guidelines?
 - MOTION: Joe moves to add memorization to the S&E guidelines. Wil seconds.
 - VOTE: PASSES by unanimous decision.
- Should rating be lowered by one division level if they perform with sheet music? (MPAF rule)
 - MOTION: Molly moves that students performing with sheet music will only receive comments only. Seconded by Garrett.
 - VOTE: PASSES by unanimous decision.

MPAF

- MOTION: Joe moves that we add the cost of moving shells (\$300) to our budget. Camille seconds.
 - VOTE: PASSES by unanimous decision.
- MOTION: Joe motions that we switch to an hourly rate (\$25/hr) for adjudicators? Ed seconds.
 - Adjudicators were paid \$500 (\$250/day) this year.
 - \$25/hr would have also been \$500.
 - An hourly rate allows for three short days.
 - VOTE: PASSES by unanimous decision.
 - Should their hour-long lunch be paid?
- MOTION: Melinda moves to pay adjudicators for their lunch hour. Camille seconds.
 - VOTE: PASSES by unanimous decision.

NMMEA HS CHOIR VP NOMINATION

- MOTION: Sarah moves to gather nominations and vote digitally via email. Wil seconds.
 - VOTE: PASSES by unanimous decision.

Spring Minutes approved unanimously.

HS SOLO & ENSEMBLE RECAP

WE ARE ORDERING PINS FOR SUPERIOR SCORES!

Over 100 students from seven schools!

Thanks to Daniel Cummings at Manzano High School for hosting!

NMMEA VII HONOR CHOIR RECAP

WE HAVE YOUR PINS!

Middle School Choir - 67 students from fourteen schools!

High School Choir - 42 students from eight schools!

Thanks to everyone who led sectionals: Sarah, Natalie, Wil, Kathryn, Emery, Daniel, and Joe!

Thanks to everyone who volunteered on the concert day - selling tickets, passing out programs, etc.

We did not write down your names, but we do appreciate you!

MUSIC PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FESTIVAL (MPAF) RECAP

33 ensembles from twenty-five schools!

Thanks to our site host, Joe Mitchell at Volcano Vista!

MS SOLO & ENSEMBLE:

Thanks to Camille and Emery for adjudicating!

Thanks to Garrett Keith at Cleveland Middle School for hosting!

NMAA STATE CHOIR CONTEST RECAP

Congratulations to PAPA's Les Chanteuses and Ed Torrez! - 1st place A-5A Treble division

Congratulations to Eisenhower MS Choir - 3rd place Middle School division

VP REPORTS (3 minutes)

1. Welcome- thank you for being here!
2. Don't forget to renew your NA/ME membership ASAP! You cannot register for events until that is updated. You must be an NMMEA member to vote on all NMMEA related events!
3. Please be sure to regularly visit your favorite website, www.nmmea.com for important information, documents, and registration information.
4. NMMEA is looking for feedback on event participation, and this affects us. (Everyone invite a friend.)
5. Planning for next year
6. Next full Leadership meeting is Nov 8th

NEW BUSINESS (15 minutes)

1. 2023-2024 EVENTS

a. All State

- i. All-State auditions are October 16-29.
- ii. Molly will send out directions for registering for All State

b. HS Solo & Ensemble 2023 Saturday October 14th

- i. **Registration due Friday September 8th (WOULD YOU HATE ME) 15th (Alternative) by 11:59 PM**
 1. **Registration will be due Sept. 15**
- ii. Del Norte High School, Camille Kelly
- iii. Adjudicators
 1. Leon Lake
 - a. [Director of Music | First Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM \(firstpresabq.org\)](http://www.firstpresabq.org)
 2. Elena Maietta
 3. Garrett Keith
 4. Dr. Greg Gallagher
 5. Melody Gallagher
- iv. Discussion of date (5 minutes) Currently the Saturday of Fall break
 1. Keep the same
 2. October 9th (Note, All-State prep day October 7th)
 3. October 13
 4. Last weekend of September, Sept 30th
 5. Evening festival of 5th or 6th
 6. Have a judge go from school to school
 7. October 21, 2023?
- v. **MOTION: Move the event to the following week, 10/21/23 (motion from Wil Gonzales).**
 1. Joe can host at VVHS if Camille can't get DNHS for that new date.
 2. **VOTE: PASSES 7 in favor, 6 abstain, 1 against**

c. Honor Choir - 2023 November 3rd and 4th

- i. **Registration Due by September 29, 2023 by 11:59 PM**
- ii. Day 1, AYSO; Day 2, Immanuel Presbyterian, Evan (tentative)

- iii. Clinicians (both are in process of choosing rep)
 - 1. HS- Mrs. Beth Borchert-Thomas, Las Cruces
 - 2. MS- Mrs. Sharee Gariety, UNM Albuquerque
- ~~iv. Proposal to have an SSATB HS Choir to include more students and increase numbers~~
- v. Repertoire
 - 1. High School
 - a. Lacrimosa (foreign language, All-State audition piece)
 - b. Snow on Snow, Andy Beck (3 Part Mixed or SATB)
<https://www.jwpepper.com/Snow-on-Snow/11393363.item>
 - c. Festival Sanctus, John Leavitt
<https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/search.jsp?setStickyDepartment=true&suggested=&keywords=festival+sanctus+levitt>
 - d. Bring Him Home, Arr. Mark Brymer (SAB or SATB)
<https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/search.jsp?setStickyDepartment=true&suggested=&keywords=bring+him+home+mark+brymer>
 - e. Old Joe Clark, TB, Roger Emerson
<https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/search.jsp?setStickyDepartment=true&suggested=&keywords=old+Joe+clark+TB>
 - f. Nigra Sum, SSA, Pablo Casals
<https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/search.jsp?setStickyDepartment=true&suggested=&keywords=nigra+sum+pablo+>
 - 2. Middle School
 - a. Snow On Snow (Combined piece? Beth to conduct? Andy Beck, 3 part Mixed or SATB)
 - b. Jam! By Tracy Wong (Only SAB piece on rep list)
<https://tracywongmusic.com/compositions-all/jam>
 - c. Oye, Jim Papoulis (SATB or Unison)
<https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/search.jsp?setStickyDepartment=true&suggested=&keywords=oye+jim+>
 Another Papoulis
 Same vibe, different song
 Another piece in Spanish by a Spanish composer?
 Lift Every Voice
 - d. Keep Your Lamps, Victor Johnson (Three Part Mixed)
<https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/search.jsp?setStickyDepartment=true&suggested=&keywords=keep+your+lamp+victor+johnson>
 - e. Sing to Me, Andrea Ramsey (2 Part)
 - f. DISCUSSION: SATB seems too challenging for middle school right now; Elena can reach out to Andrea Ramsey about getting the SAB version
- vi. Practice days
 - 1. Clarissa Clark to host at Pius on West Side
 - 2. East side hosts
 - 3. Garrett and Elena site hosts for mid school practice days
 - 4. Same time/same place - please share availability with VPs
- vii. Section leader volunteers

d. MPAF 2024

- i. **Registration Due by December 1, 2023 at 11:59 PM**
- ii. Del Norte High School, Camille Kelly
- iii. Adjudicators
 - David Arenellas 6

- Virginia Nickels, Farmington 3
- Jason Paulk, ENMU 5
- Susie Parker, (Artesia HS 0
- Carmen Florez Mansi, Santa Fe 3
- Marilyn Barnes, Santa Fe 2
- Kayla Leichty, ENMU 2
- Diane Schutz, Las Cruces 5
- Beth Borchert-Thomas, Las Cruces
- Sharee Gariety (MM Choral Conducting @ UNM, directed Dolce Suono)
- Farris Collins, ABQ - 6
- **Deanna Amend, ABQ - 15**
- **Paula Corbin-Swalin, UNM - 12**
- Jaime Flora, UNM - 3
- Olga Flora, UNM - 6
- Michael Hix, UNM - 6
- **Matt Greer, ABQ - 10**
- **Kathlene Ritch - 10**
- David Edmonds, UNM - 4
- Deanna Amend has offered to adjudicate MPA Sight Reading this year
- Fine Arts - we need to find out if they will pay to move the shell

e. MS Solo & Ensemble May 11, 2023

- i. **Registration due by February 2nd by 11:59 PM**
- ii. Cleveland Middle School, Garrett Keith (Wil backup host)
- iii. Adjudicators
 - 1. Camille Kelly
 - 2. Evan Aguilar
 - 3. Cyanne Garcia

2. 2024-2025 Events (10 minutes)

a. HS Solo & Ensemble 2024

- i. Entertain motion to have S/E on similar weekend when new calendar comes out, Sept 28, 2024
- ii. Location
- iii. MOTION: table discussion until May meeting
 - 1. Discussion - is having it near All State absolutely necessary? Many districts have it in the spring.

b. Honor Choir 2024

- i. Entertain motion to have Honor Choir on similar weekend when new calendar comes out
- ii. Entertain motion to add a treble choir
 - 1. Motion to add a treble choir to both sections of Honor Choir 2024; Ed makes motion, Melinda seconds
 - a. Discussion: will budget allow; change the repertoire to SSAATB
 - b. **VOTE: passes unanimously**
- iii. Move the 2nd day back to St. John's
 - 1. More people, great convenience
- iv. Entertain motion to reach out to clinicians now
 - 1. Jason Paulk
 - 2. Z. Randall Stroope
 - 3. Dale Duncan
 - 4. Other clinicians
 - 5. Kenna McNeill (Elena contact)

6. Andrea Ramsey
- v. Motion to table discussion

c. MPAF 2025

- i. Entertain motion to have MPAF on UNM's spring break next year March 18, 19, 20 2025
- ii. Three schools would need to commit to helping, one a day, or we could pay stipends to UNM undergrad students who could use the money
- iii. Adjudicator suggestions
- iv. Immanuel Pres is also open to hosting (Evan Aguilar)
- v. Motion: start exploring UNM as an option for MPAF - Ed Torrez moves, Katherine seconds
 1. **VOTE: PASSES** by unanimous decision.

d. Middle School Solo/Ensemble 2025

- i. Entertain motion to have MS S/E on similar weekend when new calendar comes out
- ii. Location
- iii. Adjudicators
- iv. Tabled until spring meeting

3. Any other new business?

a. Meeting Time/Place in the Spring

- i. a few days before large meeting?
- ii. Online/in person?
 1. Preferable, a central classroom
- iii. Shells and what is happening with that....

MOTION TO ADJOURN - Wil, Evan seconds - passes

ANNOUNCEMENTS (3 minutes)

● **Member Announcements?**

2023-2024 UNM EVENTS

UNM Choral Leadership Summit

- Saturday September 23rd, 9am-5pm
- This event is for students (9-12) AND directors
- Cost is \$50 which includes participation for a quartet of singers and their director.
- This full-day event focuses on choral best practices for students and directors. Past clinicians have included Dr. Z. Randall Stroope and Dr. Josh Habermann. Clinicians meet with directors in the morning, sharing strategies for building choral tone, recruiting, music literacy, musicianship, etc., while students prepare the summit repertoire (which includes this all-state audition piece). During the afternoon, the clinician rehearses with the students while teachers observe the clinicians' strategies put into practice. The day ends with an informal performance open to the public.

All-State Prep day

- Saturday October 7th, 1:00pm-5:30pm
- FREE event
- This half-day event includes solo masterclasses, sight-singing practice, and sectionals and full rehearsals on the all-state audition repertoire. To get the most out of this event, students in attendance should have at least a basic familiarity with the audition piece before arriving. The focus of the event will be reinforcing the students' highest quality singing and musicianship to give them an edge in their all-state audition submissions.

2024 NMACDA YOUTH ALL-STATE INFORMATION

2024 All State Information:

- January 25-27, 2024

- Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Audition Window: TBD
 - Audition Piece - TBD
- Ensemble Clinicians:
 - SA Elementary Choir (grades 4-6) - Michael Chandler
 - SSA Treble Choir (grades 7-9) - Paul Hallsted
 - SATB Mixed Choir (grades 7-9) - Josh Pedde

2024 NMMEA ALL-STATE INFORMATION

2024 All State Information:

- January 10-13, 2024
- University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- Audition Dates: October 16 - October 29
 - Choral Audition Piece - Lacrimosa, Mozart - Cameron F. LaBarr Arrangement (Gia Publications) Measures 1-19
- Treble Choir - Arian Khaefi
 - Jump! - Elizabeth Alexander (Seafarer Press)
 - Thulele Mama Ya - Lisa Young (lisayoungmusic.com)
 - I denna ljuva sommartid - Kim Andre Arnesen (Boosey & Hawkes)
 - Crossing the Bar - Gwyneth Walker (E.C. Schirmer Music Co.)
 - By Night - Elaine Hagenberg (Elaine Hagenberg Music)
- Mixed Choir - Amanda Quist
 - Opening Chorus, Bartered Bride - Bedrich Smetana, arr. Emily Ellsworth (Boosey & Hawkes)
 - Lacrimosa - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, arr. Cameron LaBarr (Gia Publications)
 - Wildflowers - Tom Petty and Stephen Foster, arr. Quist & Brent (Tim Brent Jazz)
 - There was a Time - Elaine Hagenberg (Elaine Hagenberg Music)
 - Tuba - Traditional Xitsonga, arr. Michael Barrett (Walton Music)
 - Total Praise - Ricard Smallwood, arr Barrett & Rao (Boosey & Hawkes)