

Executive Board Meeting

The MTVA Executive Board met on Tuesday, September 3, 2002, in Harding Hall of the Lipscomb Campus. Those in attendance were: Robert King, Valerie Dehoff, Lia Holland, Tiffany DePriest, Jeremy Jones, Angela Tipps, Lewis Walling, Jerry Pierce, Jj Ebelhar, Katie Oldham, Bobby Jean Frost, and Tim Pate. President King called the meeting to order at 5:30.

President King passed out an agenda for the meeting. The first item was repertoire. President King requested all repertoire be sent to him in electronic mil format ASAP. Valerie Dehoff then asked for the deadline for Elementary Honors, which is a taped audition, be changed from September 21 to October 15. This change will keep the dates in line with the MTVA constitution. After a brief discussion, the proposal was passed unanimously (Tipps/Jones). President King then informed the board of a request from MTSU that the MTVA November 5 meeting be held at MTSU because that is the evening of an Honor Choir performance. After some discussion, Lewis Walling moved that the request be denied; it was seconded by Katie Oldham. It passed without dissent. President King then reviewed with Katie Oldham what motions the board was planning to put before the members at the general meeting.

Bobby Jean Frost informed the board that she is the 2003 TMEA conference manager, and she requested information about program ideas, meetings, and presenters for the conference.

Area reports were given: Tiffany Depriest reported that Jeremy Jones will be the clinician for Elementary Mass. President King reiterated that all clinicians must be approved by the President, Vice President, and President Elect. Angela Tipps reported that she is having some difficulty in finding the clinicians for the MTVA mini-clinics this year. She also asked President King about having collegiate website links from the MTVA website, which he said will be done. Tim Pate discussed the budget for Middle School Mass. He expressed a desire for help with this from the board. President King stressed the need for something in writing before it can be done. Also, President King reiterated the need for different venues, preferably at a minimum cost to MTVA. He expressed the need to appeal to the membership in this issue. Tim Pate suggested that the board needs to come up with a mission statement which might assist MTVA in securing some different venues.

President King then reviewed the agenda for the general membership meeting, at the end of which, the members will break into Elementary, Middle, and High school caucuses. After some discussion, it was decided that each chair of each caucus will stay so that those who teach multiple levels will be able to obtain the needed information. Also, membership packets will be distributed in each caucus.

President King announced that after having talked with TMEA, the number of alternate CD's needed for All-State will be 90 for all 16 sections for each of the three ensembles (5 per part).

President King reminded Tim Pate, Valerie Dehoff, and Angela Tipps that they would be expected to give a brief report on his/her event in the general meeting. After this, President King adjourned the meeting.

General Membership Meeting

The general membership of MTVA met on Tuesday, September 3, 2002, in Harding Hall of the Lipscomb Campus. President King called the meeting to order. Those who were listed on the roll are: Tim Pate, Connie Fuller, Linda Towe, Jj Ebelhar, Jeanette Crosswhite, Connie Williams, Georgette Atsedes, Lesley Hall, Becky Young, Meghan Therrell, Jill Purvis, Grace Guill, Joe Bullock, Cyndie McGuire, Sandy Elliot, Gerald Patton, Mary Jackson, Jennifer Vannatta-Hall, Maggie Mason, Rachel White, Susan Wilson, Karen Blooding, Brenda Williams, Brenda Gregory, Steve Dowell, Kelley J.K. Wiggins, Greg Herring, Susan Shirel, Cindy Fehrman, Tara Douglas, Alexis Derryberry, Wendy Lawson, Susan Ramsey, Dawn Crunk, Edward Freytag, Moose Smith, Terri Dickerson, Bill Moore, Doug Parks, Kim Wonders, Philip Griffin, Nancy Jolley, Donna Martin, John Kimbrough, Ann Baldwin, Jeremy Jones, Angela Tipps, Jessica Mitchell, Lisa Jernigan, Debbie Wilson, Danny Chartrand, Debbie Hollis, Keith Heim, Beth Kolwyck, Kim Clark, Matt Johnson, W. Wilson, Victor Davis, Missy Cook, Jeanette MacCallum, Audrey Bouie, Darrick Lashley, Sam Duggins, Lisa Adams, Alexis Page, Judy Yeaworth, Jodi Lefevre, Andy Briggs, James

Wells, Bill Moore, Joe Hovater, Sandra Whitehead, Laurie Gomer, Terri Zepp-Miller, Connie McCain, Bobby Jean Frost, Lewis Walling, Lisa Driver, Lia Holland, Valerie Dehoff, Katie Oldham, Jerry Pierce.

President King welcomed everyone to a new year of MTVA and explained how MTVA is an affiliate of TMEA which is an affiliate of MENC. Also, there are instrumental and elementary-only affiliates as well. He then presented Jj Ebelhar a plaque in appreciation for her work as the 2000-2002 President of MTVA. President King then listed three goals from the officers: 1. an intent to raise the level of service to the membership (balance the enforcement of the handbook with self-imposed deadlines on those in leadership), 2. improve communication (phone calls, website), 3. more useful meetings (mini-workshops, concise). President King then introduced the 2002-2004 board members: Vice President- Jj Ebelhar (Mid-State Choral Manager), President Elect- Katie Oldham (Parliamentarian/Handbook, All-State Oversight), All-State Audition Chair/Job Sharing Corresponding Secretary- Lewis Walling, Recording Secretary/Job Sharing Corresponding Secretary- Lia Holland, Freshman Auditions Chair- Jeremy Jones, Middle School Honors- Jerry Pierce, Middle School Mass Chorus Chair- Tim Pate, Elementary Honors- Valerie Dehoff, Elementary Mass Chorus Chair- Tiffany Depriest, Treasurer- David Spencer (not in attendance), Technologist- Julie Walling (not in attendance), Ex-Officio board member/New Member Liaison Post-Bobby Jean Frost (also the 2003 TMEA conference manager), College Representative- Angela Tipps.

President King requested that members look over the treasurer's report for approval later in the meeting.

Katie Oldham gave the TMEA board report. She and Lewis Walling (in President King's place) attended over the summer. The Arts Academy is back: K-6- June 8-13, 7-12- June 15-20. Also, Governor's School is back with the same procedures as before. TMEA has decided to host a 5th-6th grade Treble Honor's Choir in conjunction with the TMEA conference. More details will be given in the caucuses. President King announced that TMEA has begun commissioning a new work each year for performance by an All-State group. This year, the work is for the band; next year, it will be for the SATB choral group. He appealed to anyone who knows composers who should be considered to contact Terry Sanford or him.

President King discussed briefly the proposed handbook changes before turning the discussion over to Katie Oldham. She presented the changes first that do not affect anything other than changing wording or agreement. The first section (pp. 1-5 of the booklet which all members were given) required a 2/3 majority vote in one meeting. There were no questions on this section, which was brought to the members as a motion from the board to accept the constitutional changes and the changes to the by-laws. Therefore, Angela Tipps called for the question; It passed with 77 votes in favor and no dissention. The next proposed changes to the standing rules (pp. 5-end of the booklet) brought some discussion and concern, especially over the 2nd tier All-State auditions. After discussing these concerns, the question was called for (Fuller), to vote on the motion from the board to accept these changes. A majority vote was required this month and one again next month for these to pass. Members approved the motion with 76 in favor without dissent. Therefore, the members will vote again next month. The membership expressed appreciation to Katie Oldham for all of her hard work.

President King moved to the board's position on the audition absences rule. He stated the rule (you're there, or your students are not allowed to participate), and that the board intends to enforce that rule. The board may act at its discretion in dealing with requests for excused absences (since the April motion from the board failed). The board will only consider a request for an absence if the request is turned in with the event application by the deadline (other than illness or family crises).

President King then briefly went over the 2003-2003 calendar, which will be given in the membership packet at the caucuses. He noted that deadlines are on days other than Tuesdays, and some dates are different from when events have been in the past. Mid-State is on a Thursday, Choral Festival is earlier and on a Wednesday and Thursday (which helps with turn-around for State Festival participation), Elementary and Middle School Honors falls on March 4, so the March meeting will be on March 11, and the All-State 2nd-Tier audition is on a Monday. He then discussed the meeting time change from 6:30 to 7:00. The meetings will be concise with mini-workshops following. Anyone is free to leave after the actual meeting. This also allows for those who come from long distances to get to Nashville, and the board will have longer

to meet. President King then solicited help from the members on venues. He encouraged everyone to forward information that they may have to the board.

There were reports from three area chairs: Tim Pate- Middle School Mass- the application is due in mid-September. The event is October 28-29. He said he would go over the rest in the Middle School caucus. Elementary Honors- Valerie Dehoff- she emphasized what a good event this is for all 4th-6th graders, and the deadline date for the application has been changed from September 21 to October 15. Angela Tipps- College Report- she informed the members to look for links to various colleges' music departments' websites soon on the MTVA website (www.mtva.org). She is in need of ideas for the mini-workshops, and she reminded everyone about the All-State clinic at MTSU on Saturday, September 7.

President King called for questions about the treasurer's report. It was moved (Walling/DePriest) that it be approved. It was approved without dissent. He then reminded everyone that the membership applications are due by October 15 if it is to be included in the membership database.

President King called for new business. Suzanne Craig is researching music software and requests information from anyone who might have some ideas.

The meeting was not officially adjourned until the conclusion of the individual caucuses.