

NCMEA Conference Board Meeting Minutes
Embassy Suites Winston-Salem
November 14, 2006

President McKoy called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. Attention was called to the agenda. The minutes of the August 19, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Connie McKoy)

President Connie McKoy thanked Reta Phifer and Barbara Geer for their work in overseeing another productive in-service conference and presented each of them with a dozen roses. She reported receiving numerous compliments specifically regarding the welcoming atmosphere and improved logistical setup of the registration area. President McKoy also expressed appreciation to Immediate Past-President Maribeth Yoder-White, President-Elect Jerry Cribbs, and all outgoing and incoming NCMEA officers.

Regarding proposed changes to the Constitution voted on by the membership during the Conference, President McKoy reported that 67% of the voting membership approved the proposal to increase the state dues by no more than \$5.00 beginning in the 2007-2008 fiscal year. The count was 226 "for" the proposal and 111 "against" the proposal. Although 337 votes represent a very small percentage of the attendee vote, all members had the opportunity to voice their choice through the ballot process.

In the registration area of the Conference, a table was setup for the purpose of collecting tax-deductible contributions to the Eastern Guilford High School Music Program in the aftermath of a fire earlier in November. Three hundred and twelve dollars (\$312.00) were collected and President McKoy will deliver the money to the Guilford County Schools District Relations Department, where the money will be earmarked specifically for the benefit of the music program. President McKoy asked Board members to see her if they would like to contribute before leaving the Board meeting.

President McKoy also reported that riser rails were provided for all Honors Chorus performances at the Conference this year. This had been a specific request of the Elementary Section of the Board following the 2005 Conference, and McKoy was pleased that the Board, through the work of Conference Chair Barbara Geer, was able to respond to this request for the benefit and safety of all of the students participating in these ensembles. She anticipated continuing to provide this safety measure for future Conference performances.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Maribeth Yoder-White)

Our membership numbers are higher but we are still 4th in the Southern Division. Board members were asked to continue recruiting.

EDITOR'S REPORT (Bob Gaskins)

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Reta Phifer)

Pre-registration for conference totaled 1,120. A detailed report will be made in January. Susan Trivette and her son Daniel Trivette oversaw the Exhibit Hall this year in the absence of Steve and Maryann Van Pelt. Tom Jones was recognized for his work at registration. Debbie Jones and Sonja Williams also worked many hours on Saturday and Sunday.

The April Board meeting will include an open house at the new NCMEA office in Charlotte.

2006 IN-SERVICE CONFERENCE REPORT (Barbara Geer)

Conference Chair Barbara Geer expressed enthusiasm at the success of this conference. A personal thank you was given to everyone from the Section Chairs to the hotel staff. Barbara advised Incoming Section Chairs to work carefully with outgoing Chairs in requesting conference items, and asked that they be thorough in completing conference session forms so that she can provide a rough draft for the Fall meeting in August of 2007. She reminded Board members that DVD and LCD projectors requested from the hotel must be paid for if not provided by the Sections and they are expensive. She concluded by thanking everyone for making the conference a success.

ARTS NC ADVOCACY INFORMATION

Karen Wells, Executive Director of Arts North Carolina gave a presentation and information regarding the North Carolina PTA Arts Education Resolution. An Arts Education Task Force was formed to promote the Arts. Ms. Wells stated that it was time for arts education organizations to increase their communication so it is directed and efficient. Ms. Wells added that if all of the arts forces joined together in North Carolina, they could make a big difference.

The Arts Education Task Force would like to come to a future Board meeting to present a tool kit on the value of arts education, and summer institutes are being planned, as well as meetings.

SECTION REPORTS

In lieu of reports, each outgoing Section Chair introduced his or her respective incoming Chair. The names of the incoming Chairs are listed in the attendance record at the conclusion of these minutes.

DISTRICT REPORTS

The following were introduced by President McKoy as new District Presidents:*

District 4	Adam Joiner
District 5	James Daugherty
District 6	Lorna Graves
District 8	Marie Riedesel
District 9	Arris Golden
District 13	Geoffrey Tart

*The names listed for the even-numbered districts are new presidents for those districts, as opposed to members re-elected to those positions. The names listed for odd-numbered districts are persons elected by their district to complete unexpired terms. Odd-numbered districts will elect new Presidents at the November 2007 conference.

OLD BUSINESS

The Winter meeting will include a tutorial for District Presidents regarding using the North Carolina Music Teacher Directory CD provided by Libby Brown, Information Services Coordinator. This tutorial is designed to assist District Presidents in communicating with NCMEA members in their districts, and identifying potential new members.

NEW BUSINESS

NCMEA has returned to using its original logo. Letterhead will be created by President McKoy and will be sent to all Board members.

ISSUES/CONCERNS

- Winter edition articles are due by December 8th. Hard copies should be sent directly to Bob Gaskins. Email and CDs should be sent to Earl Taylor.
- Issues with housing through the Winston-Salem Visitor's Bureau – copy via email to Connie & Reta.
- Rates at the Wingate \$8 cheaper if registered as State Employee.
- James Daugherty suggested that handouts from clinics be on the website as well as literature being performed
- Board reports are due to Debbie Jones via email by January 20th (this deadline was later changed to January 19 & 20, 2007 to reflect the change in the Board meeting date)
- President McKoy asked Board members to make every effort to attend all Board meetings.
- Southern Division MENC – Feb. 8-10
- 2007 NCMEA Conference – Nov. 10-13
- March 29 –31, 2007 – State of the Arts Conference in Charlotte

Gloria Knight won the Door Prize provided by Lue Taylor.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Jones, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Connie McKoy.....	President
Jerry Cribbs.....	President-Elect
Marybeth Yoder-White.....	Immediate Past President
Sonja Williams.....	Member-At-Large/Bill McCloud Scholarship Chair
Debbie Jones.....	Recording Secretary
Reta Phifer.....	Executive Director
Earl Taylor.....	ED Steering Committee Chair
Bob Gaskins.....	Editor
Barbara Geer.....	In-Service Conference Chair
Renee Anders.....	Outgoing Elementary Section Chair
Hazel Chapman.....	Incoming Elementary Section Chair
Dave Albert.....	Outgoing Band Section Chair
Phillip Riggs.....	Incoming Band Section Chair
Ann Huff.....	Incoming HS Choral Section Chair
Theresa Allred.....	Outgoing MS Choral Section Chair
Dave Dobbins.....	Incoming MS Choral Section Chair
Joli Brooks.....	Outgoing Orchestra Section Chair
Scott Laird.....	Incoming Orchestra Section Chair
Jane McKinney.....	Collegiate MENC Advisor
Ken Murray.....	Outgoing Higher Ed. Chair
Bill Myers.....	Incoming Higher Ed. Chair
Jerry Lowe.....	Outgoing Jazz Section Chair
Andy Carter.....	Incoming Jazz Section Chair
Carl Cruthis.....	Incoming Undergraduate Collegiate Chapters Chair
Libby Brown.....	Information Services Coordinator
Lue Taylor.....	Retired Membership Chair
Jennifer Walter.....	Exceptional Children Chair
Gloria Knight.....	Multi-Cultural Awareness Chair
Mark Propst.....	Arts Coordinators Chair
Lisa Qualls.....	MIOSM Chair/Emerging Professionals Chair
Brad Gulley.....	Tri-M Chair
Victor Hebert.....	Technology Chair
Rue Lee-Holmes.....	Honor Superintendent Chair
Fran Page.....	NCMEA Hall of Fame Chair
Amy Daw.....	Coalition Chair
Mike Russell.....	Music Industry Representative
Jenny Davis.....	District 1 President
Carol Earnhardt.....	Outgoing District 4 President/Ruth Jewell Scholarship Chair
Adam Joiner.....	Incoming District 4 President
James G. Daugherty.....	District 5 President
Amanda Turner.....	Outgoing District 6 President
Lorna Graves.....	Incoming District 6 President
Jason Thompson.....	District 7 President
Marie Riedesel.....	District 8 President

Arris Golden.....	District 9 President
Eugene Cotton, Jr.....	District 10 President
Lynda Boltz.....	District 11 President
Teicher Patterson.....	District 12 President
Geoffrey Tart.....	District 13 President
Brad Staley.....	District 14 President
Tiffany Hassell- Abel.....	District 15 President
Christie Howell.....	NCDPI Representative and Government Relations Chair