

**NCMEA Board Meeting  
Country Inn and Suites, Burlington, NC  
January 19, 2008**

President Cribbs called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. After the introductions of Board members, President Cribbs thanked the Board for their service to North Carolina music education.

Voting procedures for elected officers were reviewed. The Parking Lot was displayed to give Board members an opportunity to provide input for issues not currently being discussed and to provide a means of making suggestions anonymously. The motion to accept the August minutes with corrections (Laird, Riggs) was approved by a favorable voice vote. The motion to accept the November minutes with corrections (Daugherty, McKelvey) was approved by a favorable voice vote.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Cribbs described his first few months as NCMEA President as very busy. He asked Board members to help update the webpage by giving input on maneuvering through the webpage and alerting Carla Copeland-Burns to items that need revising. In the discussion that followed, it was suggested that District Presidents go to the website, solicit input from their districts regarding the website and report back at the next Board meeting.

President Cribbs shared a correspondence from Lynn Brinckmeyer, President of MENC, congratulating NCMEA on a successful conference. She was especially impressed with the Honors groups and with the effort put forth by the Board. President Cribbs added his thanks to Board members for their assistance.

In the absence of Christie Lynch, President Cribbs reported that the AP/IB Forum scheduled for February 13 will not include music education. He requested Board members to be aware of information coming from Christie Lynch or others asking for input on issues.

The Publications, Finance and Executive Committees met January 18, 2008. President Cribbs shared highlights of the Executive Committee meeting. In the meeting the importance of communication was emphasized. Board members need to have a knowledge base of what is happening in the organization. An email database is of great importance in contacting the membership immediately.

The Executive Committee also discussed the audio/video recording of NCMEA events by White Sound. Reta Phifer, Executive Director will confirm with White Sound that all necessary documentation is filed. Also discussed were the differences and similarities in each section's policy concerning home-schooled students. Section members need to be aware that there are differences unique to the section in order to effectively answer questions when asked by parents, etc.

NCMEA is developing a task force to investigate Raleigh as a possible conference site although the organization is committed to Winston-Salem through 2011. This task force will assess the best location for NCMEA conferences. NCMEA members were urged to send suggestions of other possible sites to the Executive Board.

President Cribbs is also interested in comments about the Conference Reception and the Awards Banquet. NCMEA is contracted for these two functions or something similar until 2011. Since the current attendance at the Conference Reception is lower than desired, Board members are asked to send suggestions about the Conference Reception and the Awards Banquet to President Cribbs.

The Executive Committee is the Evaluation Committee for Executive Director Reta Phifer. The Executive Committee will meet at the NCMEA office in Charlotte on April 5, 2008 to discuss the evaluation and compensation. A report will be presented at the Spring Board meeting.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE (Connie McKoy)**

Dr. McKoy began her report by reviewing the rates for reimbursement to Board members for meeting attendance. The reimbursement for mileage is the state mileage rate as of Jan. 1 prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. NCMEA board members will be reimbursed at .485 per mile until July 1 when the rate will change to the current state rate of .505.

Dr. McKoy discussed the membership campaign, "Each One Reach One." Each NCMEA member was to recruit a new member by December 31, 2007 and turn in a form to verify the recruitment. Winners of the incentives were to be selected at the Winter Board meeting. Six names were submitted but only three of these were confirmed as new members. Joli Brooks won the First Prize of a one year free membership in MENC/NCMEA. Second prize, a free NCMEA conference registration, was won by Lisa Packer. Charles Spicer won third prize: a gift from Visit Winston-Salem. NCMEA is considering continuing this campaign because of the short time frame for the original recruitment drive. Members should visit the website to see the Benefits of Membership listed there.

The following Finance Committee recommendations were approved by the voting members of the Board of Directors:

1. Acceptance of the financial report as presented by the Executive Director
2. An NCMEA Cash Management Policy which states:  
"Operating balances shall be maintained at a minimum of one (1) month and a maximum of three (3) months average expenditures (excluding those related to the annual conference). During the period of receipts and disbursements for the annual conference, exceptions to this policy will be necessary. Checking account balances shall be at the lowest level that facilitates easy day to day transaction handling and minimizes bank charges. Any excess funds shall be maintained in an interest bearing money market account.  
  
"All funds shall be maintained in accounts and certificates of deposit at FDIC / FSLIC / NCUA insured institutions. Any funds on deposit at one institution shall not exceed the maximum allowed to be fully insured (\$100,000.00).  
  
"The Executive Director shall be responsible for managing the operating balances in compliance with the policy. "  
  
3. Select a person to conduct a monthly review the NCMEA office books.
4. Present a plaque to Jim Wolfe at the Spring 2008 Board Meeting in appreciation for his serving as an unpaid consultant regarding NCMEA finances from the summer of 2006 to the present.
5. Provide lodging for the President-Elect at the NCMEA conference.
6. Designate an account for the Jazz Section for money that has been donated to that section by the International Association of Jazz Educators to assist with the 2008 All-State Jazz Band festival.
7. One-year membership for NCMEA in Arts North Carolina, an arts advocacy and lobbying group (cost: \$300.00)
8. Budget \$12,500.000 in 2008 and \$12,500.00 in 2009 to bring the King's Singers to the 2009 Conference as General Session performers with the understanding that efforts would be made to recoup a large portion of the total amount (\$25,000.00) from other sources.

### **EDITOR'S REPORT (Carla Copeland-Burns)**

The Publications Committee is working to meet the needs of the membership. Forthcoming magazines will include more articles and research. Guidelines for journal submissions are on the website.

There is a great need to provide the organization with a fully functional website that would increase our efficiency. Board members were encouraged to look at other state music associations' websites especially those of Indiana, Ohio and Georgia. The Publications Committee has scheduled a day to work on navigation of the website. Following the workday, the committee will present a draft to companies for quotes which are estimated to be \$5,000-\$10,000 for fully developing a very functional and user-friendly website.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Reta Phifer)**

Dr. Phifer distributed a Board calendar and added these dates:

June 2, 2008	Summer/Fall Journal deadline
August 15, 2008	Conference Journal deadline
December 8, 2008	Winter Journal deadline
March 2, 2009	Spring Journal deadline

Dr. Phifer presented the Financial Report which was accepted by the Finance Committee.

Dr. Phifer gave highlights from the 2007 NCMEA Conference which included a report on registration (1777 registered reflecting a decrease in overall registration but an increase in Young Professional), concerns regarding the exhibit hall, housing reservations, communication, and NCMEA merchandise.

Also included in Dr. Phifer's report was the need to apply for a refund of North Carolina sales tax. NCMEA is eligible for a refund as a non-profit organization but a request for this refund has not been made since 1997.

In reference to the upcoming audit report, Dr. Phifer noted that it will now include all income, expenses, and balances for student events.

Dr. Phifer led a discussion regarding photography and recording vendors for student events. Information presented by vendors as shared with Section Chairs will be kept on file at the NCMEA office. Any vendor being used (currently Larry White) will be contacted by the Executive Director to assure copyright permission is acquired on behalf of NCMEA. Appropriate forms for photography and recording vendors will be developed and processes put into place.

There is a possibility of offering additional continuing education units at Fall Conference. Dr. Phifer is asking Appalachian State University to have an option of 10 or 20 hours renewal credit. This could possibly include using Honors Chorus and All-State rehearsals for credit. There is already additional credit available through the Technology Section. Offering 20 hours credit should impact attendance figure since this would require being in attendance at Saturday events. Each section chair will get a form from Dr. Phifer to document the sessions and events they are offering.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Dave Albert)**

There are currently 4564 NCMEA members which is an increase from last year. Of the eleven states in the Southern Division, North Carolina is ranked third behind Florida and Georgia.

### **COALITION (Amy Daw-absent)**

No report

## **IN-SERVICE CONFERENCE (Connie McKoy, Barbara Geer)**

Dr. Connie McKoy presented the NCMEA 2007 Conference Evaluation. As a preface to the report, she noted that the 169 conference attendees who responded only represented 18% of those registered for the conference. The largest and most positive change was indicated by the number of respondents who indicated “Not Applicable” for responses related to on-site registration, and this was estimated to be due to increased pre-registration. A high percentage (57%-64%) of respondents indicated they did not attend General Sessions and the All Conference Reception. The exceptions were the Monday morning and evening General Sessions which had higher attendance due to the video presentation by Karen Wells, Executive Director of Arts NC and the performance of the Imani Winds. For the overall conference, the largest percentage of the ratings fell within the “excellent” (59%) or “superior” (22%) range. Dr. McKoy reminded the board that with only 18% responding to the survey, these findings might not be representative of all those attending the conference.

Due to continued issues with housing, the Housing Bureau will take the initial lodging reservations for next year but confirmations will be sent by the hotel. NCMEA is contracted through 2011 to communicate through the Housing Bureau.

President Cribbs expressed his concerns about attendance at the All Conference Reception which must remain a part of the conference through 2011. A contract binds NCMEA to spend this amount of money for this function or a similar function. NCMEA is also committed to the Awards Banquet contract. President Cribbs asked Board members to email ideas to him on how to spend that money similarly with Twin City Quarters or how can we make these functions more inviting.

Dr. McKoy would like to redesign the survey with the possibility of an online survey, although she attributed the number of responses received this year to be a result of the evaluation being included in the conference program. While we are not likely to move completely away from a hard-copy survey, it would be beneficial to add the option of an online survey. Barbara Geer thanked all those who helped make the conference successful. There were many positive changes. She encouraged Section Chairs to be mentors to their Chairs-elect to ensure a smooth transition.

## **SECTION REPORTS**

### **Elementary (Hazel Chapman)**

The Elementary Section presented two scholarships to the North Carolina Summer Institute of Choral Arts. The 2007 Honors Chorus students chosen for these scholarships are Jordan Massenburg and Dahlia Wilson. Every Honors Chorus participant received a \$25.00 certificate toward the summer camp.

Mr. Russell Robinson will be the 2008 Honors Chorus clinician and conductor. He will write a piece for this year's concert.

### **Band (Phillip Riggs)**

The Band Section Districts are currently holding auditions in preparation for their All-District Band Clinics across the state. Dates for auditions and clinics can be found at [www.ncbandmasters.org](http://www.ncbandmasters.org).

The Band Section has nominated Ed Rooker for the MENC Lowell Mason Award. The winners will be announced in February.

The State Marching System continues to grow and become a better educational tool for band programs in North Carolina. Many contests throughout the state are using the system and marching bands are getting better as a result. Thanks to Tim Wise, Marching Committee Chair and the members of the committee for their continued efforts.

The State Concert Festival Committee is looking at ways to standardize our Festival list and considering possible changes to our judging form.

The New Director Committee chaired by Bob Buckner will meet throughout the 2007-2008 school year to identify new directors in the state, determine their needs and how we, as an association, can address them.

The Band Section Board continues to study the possibility of hosting a state concert festival again. This festival will be held in the Spring of 2008.

### **High School Choral (Ann Huff)**

The 2007 North Carolina High School Honors Chorus, chaired by Carol Riggs and directed by Dr. Axel Theimer, was very successful. New procedures and policies included on line registration, a new dress code and cell phone policies. Dr. Jerry Blackstone will be the 2008 North Carolina High School Honors Chorus conductor.

A highlight at the state conference this year was performances by Alexander Central High School Choir (Ron Vannoy and Bernadette Watts, directors) and the James B. Hunt High School Choir (Susan Powers, director). Choral Clinics at the 2007 conference were well attended by teachers.

Laura Sam from Walter Williams High School in Burlington was named 2007 Teacher of the Year by the High School Choral Section board. Sandy Beam was awarded with Honorary Life Membership. The following people have been voted on as new Members-at-Large: Laura Sam, David Brooks, Carol Earnhart, Ann Pratt and Bernadette Watts. Libby Brown was recognition for her years of service as NCMEA High School Choral Section Student Activities Chair.

All-State conductors for 2008 are Dr. Rollo Dilworth - ACDA Women's Chorus, Dr. Stephen Hopkins - 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade SATB chorus and Dr. David Rayl - 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade SATB chorus. State Solo/Ensemble Festivals, Large Ensemble Festivals and Workshops are set for the upcoming spring. Thanks to the host teachers who act as site coordinators for this yearly event.

Formatting all music at student events to Braille is an ongoing process. Marshall Butler, Sight-Reading Chair is conducting more research on the topic.

Changes were made to the bylaws concerning fees. Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, the fee schedule will be as follows: adjudicator's stipends will be \$275.00 per ensemble per day, Solo/Small Ensemble District fee will be \$50.00 for ensembles of 5-24 and Regional Choral Festival fee will be \$125.00 per ensemble.

Plans are under way for a summer music camp fair to be held at conference for the Honors Chorus students. This fair, chaired by Marta Force, will allow organizations, colleges and universities who host summer music enrichment/camps/workshops to offer their literature, brochures and scholarship information to choral music students throughout our state.

### **Middle School Choral (David Dobbins)**

Conference was extremely successful with only a few logistical and timing issues. Honors Chorus with Vijah Singh was outstanding. The new audition form ensures accuracy and consistency. A sign-in/sign-out procedure provided more on-site security. The commissioned piece will be published with the North Carolina premier information. Planning has already begun for next fall's sessions. The clinician for Honors Chorus 2008 is Dr. Judith Bowers.

The sites and dates for District Festivals and All-State are set. All-State will be held May 16-17 at the Greensboro Coliseum.

The Middle School Section is investigating the possibility of a memorial grant to fund choral music purchases at needy middle schools. This grant would be in memory of Brian Bush, founder of BriLee Music Company.

### **Orchestra (Scott Laird)**

The Orchestra Section had a successful fall conference. All sessions were well attended and the 2007 Honors Orchestra was a success. Jane Tierney (East) and Sabrina Howard (West) were named Orchestra Section Teachers of the Year for 2007. Several changes have been made in the Orchestra Section Constitution:

- Honorarium amounts
- W-9 forms for all events
- Distribution of evacuation procedures
- Process and forms to apply to perform at conference
- Terminology clarification of clinician, adjudicator, conductor
- Letters to students who audition and do not participate in regional orchestra events

Regional Orchestra auditions were held January 12. Results will be posted on the Orchestra Section website.

### **Collegiate (Jane McKinney)**

Collegiate activities at conference included sessions on opera, music of South Africa, acapella groups, chamber ensembles, job interviews and the senior portfolio. Elections were held with the following CMENC members being elected: President – Josh McKelvey (Greensboro College), President-Elect – Jason Morton (East Carolina University), and Secretary- Julius Perkins (Elizabeth City State).

Mark Dowell (North Carolina School of the Arts) and David Weischedel (UNC Pembroke) was state finalists in the BMI/ John Lennon Scholarship competition.

### **Higher Education (Bill Myers)**

#### **Jazz (Andy Carter-absent)**

No reports

## **COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

### **Constitution (Dave Albert)**

The purpose of a constitution is to help facilitate so a group can accomplish their business in a timely and fair manner. The constitutions of the NCMEA Sections show differences that reflect the uniqueness of each section. Each section needs to make sure its policies concerning homeschooling is in compliance with the MENC position. Sections that have approved changes to their constitutions need to forward that information so that the constitution on the website is current.

### **Historian (Maribeth Yoder-White-absent)**

No report

**Information Services (Libby Brown)**

Directories are available for those who did not get them in November.

**Retired Membership (Richard Keasler)****Exceptional Children (Michelle Hairston)**

No reports

**Multicultural Awareness (Jason Thompson)**

Multicultural Awareness Chair Jason Thompson reported that he will be serving on a diversity task force for MENC.

**Arts Coordinators (Mark Propst-absent)**

No report

**MIOSM (Lisa Qualls)**

“Music Touches Lives” is the slogan for Music in Our Schools Month 2008. The World’s Largest Concert is back and is available on DVD at [www.menc.org/guides/wlc/08w.c/2008dvd.html](http://www.menc.org/guides/wlc/08w.c/2008dvd.html) This DVD can be used at the school level or given to a local cable television station for airing on March 13, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

**Young Professionals (Lisa Qualls)**

The 2007 Young Professionals’ Symposium was a tremendous success but evaluation after the 2007 conference indicated some changes were needed. There were 34 students but only 21 mentors which prevented individual attention and effective group discussion. The changes for 2008 are:

- Participants will be limited to 26 or less.
- No more than 3 students will be selected from the same high school.
- Students may only participate in the program one time.
- Applicants must be rising juniors or rising seniors in high school.
- Requirements in addition to the application will be a musical resume, required essay, and a letter of recommendation from the student’s high school director.
- Applications must be postmarked by June 15. All requirements must be received in one mailing.

This information will be forwarded to the High School Choral, Band and Orchestra Chairs. Lisa Qualls thanked Jane McKinney, Collegiate Chair, for her help in finding mentors. Scott Laird, Orchestra Chair, will assist in locating string mentors in 2008. The 2008 Symposium will include more focus on General Music. There will be a mentor training session on Saturday prior to the conference.

**General Music (Rue Lee-Holmes-absent)**

A survey is being designed to gather information concerning the needs of General Music teachers with special focus on middle school and secondary General Music teachers. An email with a link to the survey will be sent to District Presidents who will be asked to forward the email to the appropriate individuals. Information gathered from the survey will be used to plan conference sessions and activities for General Music teachers.

**Research (Jennifer Bugos)**

The Research Section discussed ideas for including more researchers in NCMEA poster sessions. Since the poster session was moved to the Main Hall for the 2007 conference, more individuals participated in discussing research with the six presenters. Additional presenters are needed to submit abstracts and share research findings. Emphasis will be placed on the conference call for research abstracts so that both graduate students and faculty have an opportunity to present the latest music education research.

**Teacher Education (Susan Mills)**  
**Tri-M (Jennifer Sugarik-absent)**  
**Technology (Victor Hebert-absent)**  
No reports

**SDPI/Government Relations (Christie Lynch-absent)**

The Future-Ready High School Core Curriculum Framework (GCS 1) states two electives must be any combination of Career Technical Education, Arts Education or Second Language. The Board's Globally Competitive Students committee charged the Department of Public Instruction with collecting information about arts education in the schools to ensure that arts education continues to be widely available to all students.

The Partnership for 21st Century Skills has developed a unified, collective vision for 21st century learning that can be used to strengthen American education. <http://www.21stcenturyskills.org/>

A team of education and arts leaders from North Carolina has been selected by the National Endowment for the Arts for an arts education institute that could lead to statewide reform on how arts education is provided to students in K-12 public schools. North Carolina was selected from a field of applicants from across the country to participate in the first Arts Education Leaders Institute, scheduled March 2008 in Chicago. Other selected states are Alaska, Kentucky, Nebraska and Wisconsin. The full NC release may be found at [http://www.ncarts.org/press\\_release.cfm?ID=373](http://www.ncarts.org/press_release.cfm?ID=373)

Mark your calendars now for the next Conference for NC the State of the Arts in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education. It is tentatively scheduled to take place in Raleigh, NC, March 26- 28, 2009. More information may be found at [http://www.ncarts.org/freeform\\_scrn\\_template.cfm?ffscrn\\_id=306&menu\\_sel=3&sub\\_sel=88](http://www.ncarts.org/freeform_scrn_template.cfm?ffscrn_id=306&menu_sel=3&sub_sel=88)

The Arts Education Coordinators are scheduled to meet April 18 or 25, 2008; co-hosted by Craven and Pamlico counties. Check the NCDPI listserv update for details.

Other information regarding website resources and arts education policy and law was shared.

**Music Industry (Jim White-absent)**  
No report

**AWARDS (Fran Page-absent)**  
**Music Education Advocate**  
**Honor Superintendent**  
**NCMEA Hall of Fame**  
No reports

**SCHOLARSHIPS (Sonja Williams-absent)**  
**Bill McCloud Scholarship**  
**Ruth Jewell Scholarship**  
**Barbara Bair Scholarship**  
No reports

**NCMEA MINI-GRANT (Connie McKoy)**

Amy Dagenhart expressed her thanks for the mini-grant she received for an LCD projector. Applications for mini-grants should be sent to Reta Phifer by April 1, 2008.

Several years ago a Summer Professional Development Grant was established. The grant for \$4000.00 has had no applications. Because the Executive Board approved this grant, it cannot be eliminated but the Executive Board needs to ensure that we are financially able to fund this grant. Information will be provided to the membership so that a grant can be given for Summer 2009. This is a way for NCMEA teachers to create staff development in their LEAs.

## **DISTRICT REPORTS**

### **Districts 1 (Jenny Davis – absent), 2 (Anne Goss – absent)**

No reports

### **District 3 (Wendy Cooper-absent)**

District 3 will be compiling a bi-monthly calendar of district events. This calendar will be sent to all district members. There are also plans for the members of District 3 to meet another time this year. This meeting will begin with a general meeting and then break into section/grade level meetings.

### **District 4 (Adam Joiner)**

The North Carolina School of the Arts Jazz Ensemble will perform March 4 on the NCSA campus. Their guest artist will virtuoso trumpet soloist Jens Lindemann. Their next performance will be May 13.

The Surry County School system will sponsor a workshop for its music educators March 10-12. The clinician for the workshop will be Dr. Carol Krueger from the University of South Carolina whose presentation will focus on music literacy, a spiral curriculum. For more information contact Patti Fulk at Surry Central HS ([fulkp@surry.k12.nc.us](mailto:fulkp@surry.k12.nc.us)) as spaces are limited and a registration fee will be charged.

The *Wachovia Winds*, a youth wind ensemble for Middle and High School students, conducted by Danny Green and Phillip Riggs is starting its fourth year of performances. The ensemble has recently commissioned a new work for band based on authentic Moravian melodies derived from “Nun Danket” (Now Thank We All Our God) and the Leinbach “Hosanna”. The work is titled “With Ever Joyful Hearts” and was composed by Erik Morales. It premiered on May 27, 2007 at Wake Forest University. Students that perform with the ensemble come from Forsyth, Davidson, Davie and Stokes Counties. For their inaugural performance they shared a program with the North Carolina School of the Arts Wind Ensemble in the Stevens Center in Winston-Salem. If you have students interested in performing in the *Wachovia Winds*, contact Danny Green at [dgreen@wsfcs.k12.nc.us](mailto:dgreen@wsfcs.k12.nc.us) or Phillip Riggs at [priggs@wsfcs.k12.nc.us](mailto:priggs@wsfcs.k12.nc.us).

### **District 5 (James Daugherty)**

No report

### **District 6 (Lorna Graves)**

At the district meeting at fall conference members of District 6 were encouraged to advise the District President of events happening in the district so they may be included in future reports. Conference concerns included moving the conference to a new site since the conference has outgrown Winston-Salem. Teachers new to District 6 were introduced.

### **District 7 (Jody Henley)**

Rockingham County’s program seems to be thriving and support for the Arts is strong. The county continues to support growth and no teaching positions have been cut. Guilford County, however, has suffered significant cuts in Elementary Music, Visual Arts and Physical Education including the loss of the County Arts Supervisor. Instead of music and art each week, some students only have music for one semester or less. A community-wide initiative has been advocating for change. District 7 requests that NCMEA officers consider speaking at a school board meeting. On a positive note Andres Ballesteros, a student composer from Guilford County, will have his composition performed at the MENC conference. He is the only North Carolina representative on the program.

The Executive Board will respond to District 7’s request for action through Coalition (Amy Daw).

### **Districts 8 (Marie Riedesel – absent), 9 (Arris Golden – absent), 10 (Eugene Cotton – absent)**

No reports

### **District 11 (Lynda Boltz-absent)**

Several teachers in District 11 earned National Board Certification this year. Other district news included a report from District 11 President-Elect Ted Willis of Holly Springs High School. The high school had their second annual benefit concert for Camp Great Rock, a camp in Maryland for children with epilepsy.

President-Elect Willis also gave positive support to NCMEA members who arranged conference sessions. Even though there was still some overlapping, great effort was made to minimize those conflicts. One teacher expressed disappointment in the lack of sessions at conference so District 11 will continue to share information about upcoming speakers, clinicians, performances and activities at conference.

The arts departments at schools in Wake County are participating in Professional Learning Communities. Arts educators at Durant Road Middle School of Raleigh have shared the ARTS NORTH CAROLINA film and are studying Arts with the Brain in Mind by Eric Jensen. They will make a PLC presentation to their faculty in the spring on both of these PLC activities.

### **Districts 12 (Teicher Patterson – absent), 13 (Jennifer Sugerik – absent), 14 (Brad Staley – absent), 15 (Blair Crocker – absent)**

No reports

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Southern Division Conference will be a leadership conference. It is recommended that section chairs be given \$300.00 to attend. Since current section chairs will be leaving the board in November, chair-elects might want to attend instead. There is also \$200.00 for two NCMEA members to attend as “emerging leaders”. These emerging leaders must have taught 5 years or less. The conference is September 14-15, 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

MENC President-Elect Barbara Geer reported from the national organization. There is now a new strategic plan in order. Ms. Geer encouraged NCMEA members to attend the MENC conference in Milwaukee where she will reveal the new national logo.

### **ISSUES/CONCERNS**

District Presidents with collegiate chapters would like access to collegiate names. Jane McKinney, Collegiate Chair, will ask collegiate advisors to send this information.

### **REMINDERS**

- Spring Journal deadline – February 15, 2008  
Carla Copeland-Burns ([carlacopelandburns@hotmail.com](mailto:carlacopelandburns@hotmail.com) or [cecopelan@radford.edu](mailto:cecopelan@radford.edu))
- NCMEA Scholarship and Awards deadline – April 1, 2008
- MENC National Conference – April 9-13, 2008
- Board Meetings:  
NCMEA Spring meeting – April 25-26, 2008 (Greensboro)  
NCMEA Fall meeting – August 8-9, 2008 (TBA)  
NCMEA Conference meeting – November 11, 2008 (Winston-Salem)
- Fall Conference- November 8-11, 2008 (Winston-Salem)
- SDMENC meeting (TBA)

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Door prizes were won by Dave Dobbins, Jane McKinney, Adam Joiner and Suzi Mills.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Trivette, Recording Secretary

## **BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jerry Cribbs	President
David Albert	President-Elect, Constitution, Membership
Reta Phifer	Executive Director
Susan Trivette	Recording Secretary
Connie McKoy	Immediate Past – President, Finance Chair, Mini-Grants
Barbara Geer	In-Service Conference Chair
Carla Copeland-Burns	Journal Editor
Hazel Chapman	Elementary Section Chair
Phillip Riggs	Band Section Chair
Ann Huff	High School Choral Section Chair
Dave Dobbins	Middle School Choral Section Chair
Scott Laird	Orchestra Section Chair
Jane McKinney	Collegiate Chair
Josh McKelvey	CMENC President
Bill Myers	Higher Education Chair
Libby Brown	Information Services Coordinator
Richard Keasler	Retired Membership
Michelle Hairston	Exceptional Children Chair
Jason Thompson	Multicultural Awareness Chair, Member-at-Large
Lisa Qualls	MIOSM Chair / Young Professionals Chair
Jennifer Bugos	Research Chair
Suzi Mills	Teacher Education, Member-at-Large
Adam Joiner	District 4 President
James Daugherty	District 5 President
Jody Henley	District 7 President

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