

NCMEA Board Meeting Minutes
Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem
November 13, 2007

President Jerry Cribbs called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. The agenda was reviewed. Minutes of the August Board meeting will be presented for approval at the January Board meeting. Outgoing Board members introduced their successors.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Jerry Cribbs)

President Cribbs reported that the Fall Conference was successful thanks to the hard work of the membership and said that Board members are especially important to a successful conference. He further noted that the Imani Winds was an exceptional performing group.

The NCMEA membership participated quite well in the voting process at this conference as the members voted on members running for Board positions and changes to the Constitution. Both of the constitutional changes were approved.

The changes reflect a reversal of some of the duties of the President-Elect and the Immediate Past President. The President-Elect will now chair the Membership Committee and the Immediate Past President will chair the Finance Committee. A further change to the Constitution approved by the vote of the membership allows for the Immediate Past President to attend the Sothern Division and National conferences. This action provides opportunity for three NCMEA representatives (President, Immediate Past President, and President-Elect) to attend the above-mentioned conferences.

President Cribbs expressed appreciation to those Board members whose terms expire as of this conference. He requested that any Board member who received a completed conference evaluation from an NCMEA member forward it to Connie McKoy so the evaluations can be compiled. He expressed great gratitude to outgoing President Connie McKoy for her sacrificial leadership over the past two years.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Reta Phifer)

Dr. Phifer distributed to the Board members:

- Board member contact information
- Board calendar which included contact information for Executive officers and the webmaster

Dr. Phifer reported:

- The Financial Report was presented.
- Exhibits – There were 127 exhibitors occupying 227 booths at this conference. This is a decrease of ten exhibitors from the 2006 conference. There was an increase in exhibit booth rates for the 2007 conference. Since the income from exhibitors helps with conference expenses, NCMEA needs to ensure that needs of exhibitors are being met. The conference printed program included twenty-eight advertisements.
- Conference pre-registrations – 1230; on-site registrations – 500. These are approximate numbers totaling 1730 attendees reflecting a decrease compared to last year's attendance.

Dr. Phifer expressed gratitude to Connie McKoy, Jerry Cribbs, and Maribeth Yoder-White for assisting in editing new forms which will be used by the membership. She further expressed appreciation to Connie Savell for helping with the membership database, Bill Crowder for support in the NCMEA office, Debbie and Tom Jones for staffing the conference registration desk, Sharon Allen and Carol Earnhardt for receiving monies at the conference registration desk, Sonja Williams for supervising the voting, Lisa Qualls for managing the NCMEA booth. Dr. Phifer ended by challenging the Board members to assist with the registration responsibilities during conference registration.

IN-SERVICE CONFERENCE (Barbara Geer)

Barbara Geer reported that each year provides different challenges that require help especially from the section chairs. The Band Section had the most changes this year. At Phillip Riggs' suggestion, the Band Section room was reconfigured. Registration was moved into the lobby to make space for the Jazz Section. The Orchestra Section ran smoothly. Space issues again proved a problem for the Elementary Section. Collegiate and Young Professionals sections were successful. Ms. Geer commented that the NCMEA Conference is of exceptional quality and other MEA's of other states are modeling their conferences after North Carolina's. Lynn Brinckmeyer, MENC President, was pleased with NCMEA's conference particularly with the quality of the honors performing groups. Ms. Geer further stated that Libby Brown, Carol Riggs, and Laura Abernethy shadowed her throughout this conference since she will be assuming the MENC Presidency on July 1, 2008.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Connie McKoy)

Dr. McKoy expressed appreciation to Barbara Geer for serving as NCMEA Conference Chair and congratulated her on her impending MENC Presidency. She further conveyed her gratitude to Connie Savell for assisting the Executive Director in planning for this year's conference and other assistive activities in preparation for the conference. Dr. McKoy also thanked Reta Phifer and Jerry Cribbs for their help and moral support during her tenure as NCMEA President.

EDITOR'S REPORT (Carla Copeland-Burns)

No report. President Cribbs expressed his appreciation for Ms. Copeland-Burns efforts as the new editor of the journal.

OLD BUSINESS

Issues and Concerns

- A request for the NCMEA Board calendar so members can schedule school clinics and other activities
- Board members need to secure the NCMEA Directory and disk from Libby Brown. This may be the last year the printed Directory will be published. The disk is in Excel format and includes more email addresses than previous directories.
- Scott Laird has an outstanding invoice. Reta will handle this.
- Reta Phifer has NCMEA stationery and cards with the NCMEA logo. She also has forms for paying clinicians and for general reimbursement. She asked that these be returned in an envelope.
- Connie McKoy reminded the District Presidents to encourage all NCMEA members to participate in "Each One, Reach One" through the ending date December 31, 2007. Prizes include: 1st Place – a one-year MENC membership, 2nd Place – a 2008 NCMEA Conference registration, 3rd Place – a gift from Visit Winston-Salem.
- Add Dave Albert's information to the contact list as NCMEA President-Elect:
4149 Lake Lynn Dr. #207, Raleigh, NC 27613, 919-870-4297, dalbert@wcpss.net

NEW BUSINESS

None

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

The drawing for the door prize was conducted and the recipient of the door prize was Jennifer Sugerik.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Trivette, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jerry Cribbs	President
Dave Albert	President-Elect
Connie McKoy	Immediate Past President
Susan Trivette	Recording Secretary (incoming)
Susan Mills	Member-at-Large, Teacher Education Chair (incoming)
Jason Thompson	Member-at-Large (incoming)
Sonja Williams	Member-at-Large (outgoing), Scholarship Chair (incoming)
Phillip Riggs	Band Section Chair
Anne Huff	High School Choral Section Chair
Hazel Chapman	Elementary Section Chair
Bill Myers	Higher Education Section Chair
Andy Carter	Jazz Education Section Chair
Dave Dobbins	Middle School Choral Section Chair
Scott Laird	Orchestra Section Chair
Adam Joiner	District 4 President
James Daugherty	District 5 President
Lorna Graves	District 6 President
Jody Henley	District 7 President (incoming)
Marie Riedsel	District 8 President
Arris Golden	District 9 President (incoming)
Eugene Cotton, Jr.	District 10 President

Lyda Boltz	District 11 President
Jennifer Sugerik	District 13 President (incoming)
Jennifer Walter	Exceptional Children Chair (outgoing)
Rue Lee-Holmes	Honor Superintendent (outgoing), General Music (incoming)
Marsha Vanderwerff	General Music Chair (outgoing)
Libby Brown	Information Services (outgoing and incoming)
Barbara Geer	In-Service Conference Chair
Lisa Qualls	Music in Our Schools Month Chair, Young Professionals Coordinator
Jennifer Bugos	Research Chair (incoming)
Dan Johnson	Research Chair (outgoing)
Lue Taylor	Retired Membership (outgoing)
Victor Hebert	Technology
Brad Gulley	Tri-M Chair (outgoing)
Teresa Allred	NCMEA Barbara Bair Scholarship Chair (outgoing)
Carol Earnhardt	Ruth Jewell Scholarship Chair (outgoing)
Jane McKinney	Collegiate MENC Chair
Maribeth Yoder-White	Immediate Past President (outgoing), Historian (incoming)
Reta Phifer	Executive Director