

**NCMEA Board Meeting**  
**April 25, 2009**  
**Country Inn and Suites, Burlington, NC**

President Jerry Cribbs called the meeting to order at 9:45am. A motion to accept the agenda with minor changes (McKoy/Mills) was approved by a voice vote. Following the welcome and introductions, a motion to accept the minutes as printed (McKoy/Fulk) was approved by a voice vote.

**COALITION (Amy Daw)**

Amy Daw encouraged music educators to be proactive concerning budget cuts instead of reactive. She shared an advocacy article from supportmusic.com.

**DISTRICT REPORTS**

**DISTRICT 1 (Jenny Davis)**

No report

**DISTRICT 2 (Anne Goss-absent)**

**DISTRICT 3 (Wendy Cooper)**

- Several students from St. Stephens High School and Arndt Middle School performed with the ACDA National Honors Choir.
- Despite the support of school employees, the superintendent of Burke County Schools has been removed by the school board.

**DISTRICT 4 (Adam Joiner)**

Yadkin County held its 7th Annual All County Middle School Chorus and Band Concert on April 24. Over 150 students were involved in this event. Mr. Jason Thompson from Appalachian State University conducted the chorus and Brad Oliver of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools conducted the band.

Parkland Magnet High School Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Jonathan Sidden, performed at a festival in conjunction with the Presidential Inauguration. They performed at the National City Christian Church in Washington, DC. The group received 3 Superiors and placed second out of 58 Chamber Choirs in attendance. They attended the Presidential Inauguration, witnessing President Barack Obama take the Oath of Office.

**DISTRICT 5 (James Daugherty-absent)**

### **DISTRICT 6 (Jane Orrell)**

On March 22 two hundred voices from 35 schools participated in the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Elementary Honors Chorus with Sandy Holland as the clinician. On the same date students from 11 middle schools in the system performed in the All-County Middle School Chorus conducted by Sally Albrecht. The concert included a world premiere of a piece by the conductor.

### **DISTRICT 7 (Jody Henley)**

News from Guilford County Schools:

- The District Jazz Band's performance has been broadcast on GCSTV.
- Two Middle School All-County Choruses (Mixed Chorus and Girls Choir) have been featured on GCSTV. Dr. Connie McKoy directed the Mixed Chorus.
- Elementary All-County Chorus, under Sandy Holland's direction, presented an outstanding concert.
- The High School All-County Bands presented their annual concert.
- Guilford County Schools is proud of their successful Band, Choral and Orchestral programs at both the middle and high school levels.
- On-Stage, a joint endeavor that features all types of performing groups in grades K through 12, is scheduled for late April in Greensboro. This special performance benefits both the school system and the participating school groups.
- The City of High Point, acknowledging the importance of the arts in the schools, has invited area choirs and instrumental ensembles to perform at their anniversary celebration.
- Congratulations to Eleanor Nesbitt and the Alamance Elementary Chorus for being part of this year's World's Largest Concert DVD.
- 6 students from Sternberger and Lindley Elementary Schools (Jody Henley, teacher) were recognized for their entries in the 2009 Music K-8 Cover Contest.

Other district news:

- Jason Thompson directed the Rockingham All-County Chorus.
- Bev Vaughn was recognized by MENC for her work on the impact of singing styles.

### **DISTRICT 8 (Marie Riedesel)**

- Pinecrest High School Chamber Ensemble (James Brown, director) won first place for the second time at Heritage's Festival of Gold.
- Asheboro High School Chorus and South Asheboro Middle School Chorus received superior ratings at their District Choral Festivals.
- New Century Middle School (Greg Pilson, director) presented Beauty and the Beast Jr., their second Broadway musical.
- Weddington Middle School (Dy-Ann Sturgis, director) will also present Beauty and the Beast Jr.

**DISTRICT 9 (Arris Golden), DISTRICT 10 (Eugene Cotton) - absent**

**DISTRICT 11 (Linda Boltz)**

- The Green Hope High School Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will present their Spring Concert at Meymandi Concert Hall in Raleigh. Guest composer and conductor Philip Sparke will be conducting a World Premiere performance, commissioned by the Green Hope High School Bands.
- Wake County – Middle School Choral directors are writing “Common Formative Assessments for Middle School Choral Music at the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Level” to be used for formal and informal assessments.
- Wake County notified teachers on one-year contracts that they would not be rehired. This affected 1500 teachers.
- Hunter Elementary Advanced Orchestra (4th/5th graders) earned a Superior at Festival.
- The Garner Area Schools (elementary, middle, and high) performed their annual Garner STARS on STAGE concert, celebrating the performing and visual arts. The event is a non-competitive, community performance in which teachers and students share work from general music, instrumental, choral, dance and drama classrooms. The concert is hosted and supported by the Garner Education Foundation.
- Three teachers from Durant Road Middle School had the opportunity to attend the NC State of the Arts Conference in March.

**DISTRICT 12 (Chris Serina)**

- All middle and high schools in Nash County participated in the All-County Honor Bands. Guest clinicians were David Stroud - Middle School Band, and Jorge Benitez - High School Band.
- Wilson County - Over 400 students from the Beddingfield, Fike and Hunt High School choruses came together for "In Harmony 20", presented by the Wilson Education Partnership. They were joined by the "In Harmony" Alumni Choir composed of former chorus members.
- Wilson County Middle School Honors Chorus performed with the In Harmony Chorus at Fike High School.
- The Artie Shaw Orchestra performed in Wilson on March 27 at Fike High School.
- Elementary students in Johnston County will travel to Raleigh to see the North Carolina Symphony.

**DISTRICT 13 (Debbie Jones)**

No report

**DISTRICT 14 (Skip Morris), DISTRICT 15 (Blair Crocker) - absent**

**MEMBERSHIP (Dave Albert)**

Dave Albert emphasized the need to encourage teachers to become members of MENC.

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

Libby Brown reported on the new NCMEA website for Carla Copeland-Burns:

- The website will be “live” in July or August.
- No webmaster is required.
- The May 15 deadline must be honored.
- The website should be informative for non-members as well as members.
- Section chairs should send information to Carla Copeland-Burns at [NCMEAweb@gmail.com](mailto:NCMEAweb@gmail.com) Include:
  - Introductory paragraph and other pertinent information
  - Files as txt files.
  - Large files as a pdf file
- Commission and Committee Chairs should send information describing their function to [Libbster@triad.rr.com](mailto:Libbster@triad.rr.com).
- Information will be sent to District Presidents at a later date.
- Information will be sent later for sending photos as a jpg.

### **IN-SERVICE CONFERENCE (Libby Brown)**

Libby Brown presented the following items in preparation for the conference in November:

- A cover letter and spreadsheet will be sent for meeting room requests and requirements. No hard copy is necessary.
- Information is needed by June 22.
- Section chairs are responsible for podiums, music stands and CD players.
- We do not provide LCD projectors.
- Section chair-elects are responsible for checking the meeting rooms prior to sessions.
- Each section is responsible for striking the concert set-up and collecting music stands at the end of the conference.

### **MUSIC INDUSTRY (Jim White-absent)**

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

Dr. McKoy presented the following recommendations/motions from the Finance Committee:

1. To accept the proposed budget for 2009-2010
  - Projected deficits equal \$49,000.00
  - Board meeting expenses
    - Until further notice, NCMEA will cover one half of lodging expense instead of full lodging expense.
    - Until further notice, mileage will be reduced to \$.40/mile for all NCMEA travel.
  - Reductions were made in almost all areas.
  - The remaining balance after reductions will be covered by monies from the Super Fund, which will bring the deficit to 0.

The motion to accept the proposed budget with calculation amendments and revisions to side notes was approved by a voice vote.

2. Mini-grants

- 10 applications received, 7 were eligible
- Only 2 mini-grants were funded because of the decrease in the 2009-2010 budget.
- Recommended recipients
  - Jody Henley - \$997.28 for materials and instruments for curriculum integration
  - Linda Boltz - \$1000.00 for an iMac computer to be used in composition projects

The motion to accept the recommended mini-grant recipients was approved by a voice vote.

3. Summer Professional Development Grant

- Committee chaired by Christie Ebert
- 2 applications
- \$3000.00 award to Thomas Moncrief, Union County, to provide in-service opportunities in music education and music therapy for exceptional children. Dr. Michelle Hairston will be the clinician.

The motion to accept the recommended Summer Professional Development Grant recipient was approved by a voice vote.

A motion from the Finance Committee (Committee/Albert) recommends Reta Phifer's salary for the fiscal year be increased by 2% (\$900.00) bringing the salary to \$45,900.00 plus a 4% commission from exhibitor's fees. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Points of information:

- Investigation of the failure of NCMEA to pay social security and retirement to the former Executive Director found a 1099 form that would indicate that these were paid.
- Substitute pay for NCMEA event chairs - Student Activities Chairs will come to the August board meeting to discuss this issue.
- Office staff – The name of a prospective office assistant will be presented by Reta Phifer to the board no later than January 2010.
- Mini-grants – Members of the Mini-grant Committee feel it would be advantageous to do blind reviews of the applications. All applications will still be sent to the Executive Director. The Chair of the Mini-grant Committee will receive the applications and remove all identifying information before sending the applications to the committee for review.

The motion (Mini-grant Committee/Henley) was approved by a voice vote.

## **AWARDS**

### **MUSIC EDUCATION ADVOCATE (Fran Page)**

#### **NCMEA HALL OF FAME**

No nominations

### **HONOR ADMINISTRATOR (Fran Page)**

The Honor Administrator Committee nominated Mr. Jim Davis for the NCMEA Honor Administrator Award. Mr. Davis is principal of Wells Elementary School in Wilson. His nomination package outlines the many ways in which he provides the leadership, the resources, and the support that demonstrate his commitment and his understanding that music is an indispensable part of every child's education.

The nomination was approved by a voice vote.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Sonja Williams, Scholarship Chair, reported that application packets were mailed to each committee member. A scoring sheet was used to assist in the selection process.

### **BILL MCCLOUD SCHOLARSHIP**

Two applications were received for the Bill McCloud Scholarship. The committee felt that Jason Morton, a student at East Carolina University was deserving of the scholarship. Committee members are Susan Mills, William Smiley, and Jane McKinney.

The motion from the committee was approved by a voice vote.

### **RUTH JEWELL SCHOLARSHIP**

Four applications were received for the Ruth Jewell Scholarship. The competition was tough, however, the committee recommends Jason Morton. He is a Music Education major at East Carolina University. Committee members are Jane Orrell, Jody Henley, and Jason Thompson.

The motion from the committee was approved by a voice vote.

### **BARBARA BAIR SCHOLARSHIP**

Seven applications were received for the Barbara Bair Scholarship. The committee wishes to recommend Victoria Ladd for the scholarship. Ms. Ladd is a percussionist at Sun Valley High School in Monroe. Committee members are Anne Goss, Blair Crocker, and Debbie Jones.

The motion from the committee was approved by a voice vote.

A motion from the Scholarship Committee (Committee/McKoy) states that future applicants may only apply for one scholarship. Discussion followed. The motion was amended (Henley/Fulk), with the Scholarship Chair's acceptance of the friendly amendment to the main motion, that an applicant is eligible to apply for more than one scholarship but may only be selected for one. The motion was approved by a hand vote: for – 18, against – 0.

## COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

### **NOMINATIONS (Jason Thompson)**

Emphasizing that good leadership is important, Jason Thompson reported his committee considered candidates that could work for the good of NCMEA and would sacrifice time and effort.

The 2009 NCMEA nominating committee (Jason Thompson, Lynda Boltz, Jami Bumgarner, Jane Orrell, Mark Propst) recommends the following persons be the official candidates for the ballot of elections to be held at the 2009 In-Service Conference:

PRESIDENT-ELECT (1) - Sonja Williams, Dr. Gloria Knight

MEMBER-AT-LARGE (2) – Lynda Boltz, Windy Fullagar, Ann Huff, Dr. Donna Wiggins

SECRETARY (1) – Anna Chapman, Jessica Traversino, Susan Trivette

The motion from the committee (Committee/Orrell) was approved by a voice vote.

### **CONSTITUTION (Dave Albert)**

Libby Brown reported that the revision did not include as many items as anticipated.

#### **NCMEA Constitution Revisions/Amendments Recommendations 2009**

##### ARTICLE IV – DUES

**Section 3. Retired membership dues shall be nine dollars (\$9.00) annually, or \$50.00 for life.**

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**Section 6. Commercial membership dues shall be forty-five dollars (\$45.00).**

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##### ARTICLE VIII – PUBLICATIONS

**Section 3. The North Carolina Music Educators Handbook is published by the Association and is provided for all members.**

*Section 3. NCMEA shall provide a website, which shall be maintained by a Webmaster who may or may not be an employee of the organization. Members are encouraged to read the website often and Board Members should make every effort to provide the Webmaster with up-to-date information that keeps the website current.*

**By Laws of the NCMEA**  
**ARTICLE I - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 7. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the business management and control of the funds thereof, *provide an NCMEA office*, fix the time and place of annual meetings and cooperate with the President in planning the details of such meetings, represent and act for the Board of Directors in the intervals between meetings of that body, provide for an annual audit of the accounts of the Association, conduct an annual review of the Executive Director, supervise all elections such that only active and retired members shall cast secret ballots, and be responsible to the Board of Directors for implementing the established policies of the Association.

**ARTICLE IV - SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

*Rationale: Combines three award and three scholarship chair positions into two.*

*Section 1. Awards Chair oversees nominations and recommendations to the Board of Directors of the recipients for the Honor Administrator Award, Music Education Advocate Award, and the NCMEA Hall of Fame Award.*

*Section 2. The Scholarships Chair oversees nominations and recommendations to the Board of Directors of the recipients for the NCMEA Barbara Bair Scholarship, the Ruth Jewell Scholarship, and the Bill McCloud Scholarship.*

**Officers Duties**

**THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Executive Director must have *an adequate home office or have* (delete) an office space provided by the Association.

A motion (Committee/McKoy) to present the proposed amendments to the constitution to the membership in November was approved by a voice vote. Without objections all housekeeping items will be accepted as previously voted on.

Related items:

- Section chairs are encouraged to review their section's constitution before submitting it to the website.
- The next document to be updated is the handbook which will be on the website in the future.
- The Declaration of Intent is not part of the body of the constitution. A history is included.

**HISTORIAN (Maribeth Yoder-White – absent)**

### **INFORMATION SERVICES (Libby Brown)**

Libby Brown reported she has merged the membership database and the directory. This information is usually given out after the November conference. A consensus of the group indicated it would be helpful to have this in October to help contact music educators about conference.

### **RETIRED MEMBERSHIP (Richard Keasler – absent)**

### **EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (Michelle Hairston)**

The Exceptional Children area is willing to provide any assistance to any other area that might like a special workshop or session at the 2009 conference. Please Michelle Hairston at [hairstonm@ecu.edu](mailto:hairstonm@ecu.edu)

### **MULTICULTURAL AWARENESS (Jason Thompson)**

No report

### **ARTS COORDINATORS (Mark Propst)**

No report

### **MIOSM (Lisa Qualls)**

The following teachers and their students were featured in the 2009 “World’s Largest Concert”:  
Eleanor Nesbitt, Alamance Elementary School, Greensboro  
Jeremy Tucker, Wells Elementary School, Wilson  
Jane Waddell, St. Thomas More School, Chapel Hill

During the 2008 NCMEA Conference, teachers attending Elementary Section Clinics were asked to complete a written survey related to “Music In Our Schools Month” (MIOSM) and the “World’s Largest Concert” (WLC). As a result of one of the survey questions, the Elementary Section is planning a session on the World’s Largest Concert.

### **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (Lisa Qualls)**

Conference activities for Young Professionals have been planned.

### **GENERAL MUSIC (Rue Lee-Holmes)**

Representatives from Glencoe and Pearson textbook publishers were contacted about the possibility of presenting a General Music session at this year’s conference. Grace Ratliff from Glencoe indicated that Glencoe will not attend this year’s conference due to “economic constraints”. Gary Arnold from Pearson will present a session at conference.

### **RESEARCH (Jennifer Bugos)**

A call for abstracts for both the research poster session and the research symposium was included in the most recent NCMEA journal. We will be sending an e-mail to the membership and to the music education research group (list-serve). If anyone has any other suggestions as to how to spread the word regarding these exciting opportunities to share research at our conference, please contact Jennifer Bugos.

### **TEACHER EDUCATION (Suzi Mills)**

No report

### **TRI-M (Greg Taylor)**

- There was a lot of interest in the Tri-M Music Honor Society display at the NCMEA booth.
- For this school year, 2008-2009 we had 80 active chapters of Tri-M Music Honor Society in our Middle and High Schools. This is an increase of 17 chapters.
- For information on Chapter registration, both renewal and starting a new chapter, Greg Taylor may be reached at West Forsyth High School; email address is [gataylor@wsfcs.k12.nc.us](mailto:gataylor@wsfcs.k12.nc.us) or 336-712-4400 at school. Teachers may also contact him at [gatvocal@aol.com](mailto:gatvocal@aol.com) or 336-813-6194 after school hours.
- Greg Taylor is looking for Middle and High School Tri-M Chapters to spotlight in the next issue of the North Carolina Music Educator. Sponsors may contact him using the above information.
- Rockingham County High School Tri-M chapter, located in Reidsville, was spotlighted in the Tri-M News in 2008 for presenting a program of holiday vocal and instrumental music at the nursing home in their community. They also adopted a student to make sure she would have a happy holiday. Beverly Burke is the advisor.
- Franklin High School Tri-M chapter in Franklin was spotlighted in the Tri-M News this year for sponsoring a school-wide Operation Christmas Child project.
- For copies of the 2009 Spring Tri-M News contact Shauna at [Shaunal@menc.org](mailto:Shaunal@menc.org) or call 800-336-3768 ext. 332 for your copies.
- Tri-M Petition and Change Drive Contest Forms – The Chapter that submits the most signatures to MENC by April 30 will receive a Tri-M Banner and Tri-M T-shirts for all members of the chapter. In addition to signing the Petition for Equal Access to Music Education, anyone willing to sign the petition to donate his or her pocket change to the cause will result in each \$1.00 collected equaling one signature toward the contest. See the MENC web page for more information.

### **TECHNOLOGY (Phillip Riggs – absent)**

## **SDPI / GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (Christie Ebert)**

- **ESSENTIAL STANDARDS FOR ARTS EDUCATION/SCS REVISION**
  - Writing process begins this year (2009-2010); survey was administered March 13 – April 3, 2009; writing committees finalized April 20, 2009. All in the field are invited to participate in the review process as standards are developed.
  - Anticipate revised standards ready for approval by the State Board of Education in June 2010.
  - Stay tuned to the Arts Ed Listserv: updates and opportunities for review/involvement in the process.
  
- **FUTURE-READY CORE** - <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/graduation/>
  - Begins with entering freshman in the 2009-2010 school year
  - Currently, all students must take 6 electives, two of which must be any combination of foreign language, career technical education or arts education. Students are encouraged to use 4 electives toward a concentration in career technical education, ROTC, arts education, or any other program of study.
  - Students must also meet local requirements.
  - Eight school systems currently report an arts education requirement for ALL students to graduate from high school: *Asheville City, Burke County, Columbus County, Cumberland County, Davie County, Newton-Conover, Pitt County, Rowan-Salisbury Schools.*

## **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS REPORT**

*This information is provided to inform NCMEA of legislative action which may impact music and arts education programs in NC Public Schools. Two companion bills regarding arts education have been filed in the House and Senate. Both bills would direct the State Board of Education to Require One Arts Education Credit for Graduation from High School as recommended by the Joint Select Committee on Arts Education.*

**HOUSE BILL 149:** On February 11, 2009, House Bill 149 was filed. It was referred to the Committee on Education on February 12, 2009. It may be accessed at:  
<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascripts/BillLookUp/BillLookUp.pl?Session=2009&BillID=H149>

## **SENATE BILL 66: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: SENATE BILL 66**

Senate Bill 66: An act requiring one credit in arts education for high school graduation. On February 4, 2009, Senate Bill 66 was filed. It was referred to the Committee on Education/Higher Education on February 5, 2009. On March 25, 2009, the bill was heard and on April 8, 2009, the Senate Committee on Education/Higher Education approved the bill with the following revisions: 1) a work group on arts education including representatives from the Department of Public Instruction and the Department of Cultural Resources will be formed to study, plan, and recommend implementation models for the requirement; 2) the bill would be

required for graduation for students entering the ninth grade in 2011. The April 8, 2009 meeting also included a legislative fiscal note which may be accessed at:

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/Sessions/2009/FiscalNotes/Senate/PDF/SFN0066v1.pdf> For more information regarding this bill, please visit:

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascripts/BillLookUp/BillLookUp.pl?Session=2009&BillID=S66>.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (Reta Phifer)**

### **Office Assistant**

- A permanent office assistant has not been hired. The Executive Committee has directed that the NCMEA Board be notified at the Winter 2010 Board meeting of the person recommended for hiring.
- An assessment will be made of needs for the newly designed NCMEA website prior to re-advertising the position.
- Connie Phifer Savell will be hired again as a temporary employee to assist with 2009 Conference Registration prior to and during the conference.

### **NCMEA Board Handbook – *DRAFT* (Find up-dated forms on [www.ncmea.net/board-page.htm](http://www.ncmea.net/board-page.htm))**

- Please send any recommendations for changes to Reta Phifer.
- Collect Conflict of Interest Forms from New Board Members.
  - Copies were sent to those not planning to attend this Board meeting.

### **Miscellaneous Tasks Accomplished**

- Donated outdated computers to Goodwill
- Traded some computer equipment for computer services
- Notified Steve and Mary Ann Van Pelt that their services as On-Site Exhibit Hall Managers would not be needed for the 2009 Conference
- Shredded old paid bills

### **Student Event Financial Reports**

- Reports have been received from 27 event chairs as of April 22, 2009.

### **Plaque Orders**

- As of April 22, 2009, 201 plaque orders have been received since July 1, 2008 with 176 already distributed and 25 waiting for arrival of additional plaques. The total sold last year through the NCMEA Office was 258.
- Some Band Districts make plaques available at their District Festivals.

### **2010 Music Performance Adjudication Plaque Design**

- The design for the NCMEA Music Performance Adjudication plaque has been completed and will be on display at the Board meeting.
- The design will be sent to Bale Company once this season is complete.

### **Conference Clinician Housing**

- Costs – Embassy Suites - \$125.08 per night; Embassy Suites - \$146.28 – This does not include sales tax which we recoup from the state.
- Please confirm names and the nights they will need lodging with Reta Phifer by July 15.

### **Conference Room Request Forms for Barbara Geer**

- One form is needed for each event/session.

### **Conference Exhibitor Packets**

- Conference Exhibitor information will be sent out by email the first week of May.

### **Up-coming Tasks**

- Honorary Life Member addresses
- Inventory of Office Equipment and Materials
- Meeting with Student Activities Chairs and Section Leadership

### **Other items**

- If your section is scheduling Barbara Geer for sessions, please let Reta Phifer know so she can inform MENC.
- Financial report

A motion to approve the financial report (Albert/Boltz) was approved by a voice vote.

## **SECTIONS**

### **ELEMENTARY (Jami Bumgarner)**

Proposed sessions for fall conference – John Jacobson, technology (SmartBoard, sessions in conjunction with the Technology section), special needs, reading sessions, World’s Largest Concert, This Works for Me, an elementary performing group as a kickoff to asking members to bring performing groups to conference, National Boards, Kodaly, recorder, the portable teacher, classroom management (Fred Jones), integrating music and literature.

### **BAND (Richard Holmes)**

#### **All-State Band**

- Auditions at East Davidson High School and Brown Middle School, March 7
- All-State Clinic
  - UNC-Greensboro, April 24-26
  - Clinicians
    - MS Band: Dr. Eric Harris of Tennessee Tech University
    - High School (9-10) Band: Mr. Ron Payne from Charlotte Latin
    - Senior High (11-12) Band: W. Dale Warren from the University of Arkansas

#### The State Marching Committee

- Proposal to recognize state marching festival
- If approved, Marching Band MPAs will begin Fall 2010.

#### The State Concert Festival Committee:

- “Part one” of proposal to use rubrics as a guide to place music on the approved list for Concert Band MPAs will be presented to band membership April 25.

#### The Mentor Committee (Dwayne Wilson, Campbell University, chair)

- Begins Fall 2009
- Provides assistance to first year band teachers or band teachers new to North Carolina

### **HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL (Patti Fulk)**

#### Summer meeting June 20 in Dobson

- Issues
  - Rubrics for sight-singing at adjudication
  - Updating the Choral Section Constitution and By-laws
  - All-State registration
  - Status of commissioning a song for Honors Chorus with poetry by Maya Angelou
  - Board members should poll colleagues for improvements to Solo/Small Ensemble and Large Ensemble adjudications

#### Spring Musical Performance Adjudications

- Successful learning opportunities for teachers and students
- Solo/Small Ensemble and Large Ensemble Performance adjudications went well

#### All-State 2010

- Clinicians
  - 9-10 – Dr. Carol Ott – University of North Carolina Greensboro
  - 11-12 – Dr. Lori Hetzel – University of Kentucky
  - SSA – Deanna Joseph
- Beverly Alt, All-State coordinator, and the High School Choral Section board are researching online All-State registration for 2010.

#### Conference

- Plans are moving forward with Jefferson Johnson on repertoire for the 2009 Honors Chorus.
- The King’s Singers will hold a demonstration session with Ann Huff and her choir from Enloe High School in Raleigh.

- Possible session on jazz in the choral classroom with Dr. Futrell, Elon University, as clinician.
- Multicultural session by Jason Thompson

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORAL (Tammy Shook)**

Board meeting – addressed the issues of updating website and revising the section’s constitution

#### Choral Festivals

- Held in March and April
- 7 Large Ensemble sites, 6 Sight-reading and Small Ensemble sites
- New adjudication form used with the new name change
- Adjudicators will meet at All-State to assess the new forms

#### All-State

- May 15-16, War Memorial Auditorium, Greensboro
- 94 schools participating
- Next year will be April 23-24 because school systems are not allowing trips in May

#### Conference

- Dr. Ken Seelig from Turtle Creek Chorale – How to Have the Perfect Rehearsal

A motion (Shook/Fulk) to nominate Diane Brooks, retiring Honors Chorus coordinator, for lifetime membership was approved by a voice vote.

### **ORCHESTRA (Tom LaJoie)**

This past March the Eastern and Western Regions of the Orchestra Section hosted Contest/Festival for 2009. The Eastern Section was chaired by Jody Gaedtke and Janice Swoop at Methodist University in Fayetteville. The Western Section was chaired by John Champney at UNC Charlotte. Several issues arose this year in the East regarding procedures for contest. As a result, during this year's NCMEA Conference, we will work to clarify these sections in the bylaws in order to avoid confusion and frustration in the future.

A motion (LaJoie/Orrell) to nominate Karen Huey, All-State coordinator, for lifetime membership was approved by a voice vote.

### **COLLEGIATE (Jane McKinney/Jason Morton)**

CMENC members met at Greensboro College to discuss plans for the NCMEA Conference. Schools represented were East Carolina, Wingate University, Greensboro College and UNCG. It was decided that it would be more economical this year for CMENC events to be held on two days, Sunday and Monday. Session topics include marching band, festivals, and interviews.

CMENC members participated in CMENC's first Statewide Arts Advocacy Initiative, communicating by telephone and email to elected officials in Washington, D.C. and Raleigh. Individual chapters also sponsored advocacy activities in their communities.

Fall service projects include "Extreme Makeover: Music Edition" and "1000 Paper Cranes". Information about the music room makeover project will be in the journal and on the website. Instructions for the paper crane project will also be on the website.

### **HIGHER EDUCATION (William Smiley)**

The Higher Education Section has worked with the chairs of research and music education to plan for the fall conference. Potential clinicians speaking on diverse topics have been identified but not confirmed.

Dr. Andrew Adams, professor of piano at Western Carolina University, contacted Bill Smiley in reference to a piano presence in NCMEA. Bill recommended that NCMEA consider including this area as a section or committee and provide the guidelines to begin the process.

Action: Dr. Connie McKoy will research the historical background of the piano section of NCMEA. Dave Albert, Jerry Cribbs, Connie McKoy and Reta Phifer will meet and respond to this proposal.

### **JAZZ (Michael Capps)**

Middle school and high school regional and all-state jazz clinics have been completed. Middle school was a new addition this year in the West and Central regions. There was not enough participation in the East region.

Clinicians are being secured for conference sessions.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Jerry Cribbs)**

- Calendar
- Executive Director's Evaluation
  - Evaluation instrument needs revising
  - Jerry Cribbs will send the current evaluation instrument to members of the evaluation committee for input.
  - Committee members will send suggestions to Dave Albert.
- Other staff evaluations
  - There is no evaluation process for the Conference Chair and Publications/Editor.
  - We need to create an evaluation instrument.
  - Task force – Libby Brown, Michael Capps, Patti Fulk (chair), Richard Holmes, William Smiley
  - Report at August meeting
- There will be an NCMEA office assistant by January 2010.

- There will be email capability to all NCMEA members by August.
- Conference site
  - Dave Albert, Jerry Cribbs, Connie McKoy and Reta Phifer visited Raleigh to look at a possible conference site.
  - NCMEA is committed to Winston-Salem as a conference site through 2012.
- Congratulations to CMENC Chapters of Growth.
- Membership
  - Need to generate ideas on how to increase numbers
  - Task force – Libby Brown, Jason Morton, Jane Orrell
- Conference
  - How can we market it better? Task force – Lynda Boltz, Fran Page
  - Volunteers are needed to help with registration and The King’s Singers concert.
- Arts Education Survey
  - 426 of 2000 members responded
  - 91% would support bill, 9% would not support bill
  - Concerns – funding, reallocating
  - Joint Select Committee on Arts Education
    - Approved the credit recommendation
    - Called for fiscal impact study
    - Requested implementation be delayed until 2011
  - Consensus of the board - We need to send letter to NC Arts stating NCMEA is supportive of the arts requirement.

## REMINDERS

Calendar:

May 15	Summer/Fall Journal Deadline to Carla Copeland-Burns (Mail date July 15)
June 18-20	MENC National Assembly, Arlington, VA
June 22	Conference Meeting Room Requests Deadline to Barbara Geer
July 15	Conference Clinician Lodging Request Deadline to Reta Phifer
August 7-8	NCMEA Board Meetings – Burlington
August 15	Conference Journal Deadline to Carla Copeland-Burns (Mail date October 15)
	Conference Clinician Photos and Bios Deadline to Reta Phifer
August 31	NCMEA Calendar Deadline to Reta Phifer
November 7-10	NCMEA Conference, Winston-Salem
November 10	NCMEA Board Meeting
December 1	Winter Journal Deadline to Carla Copeland-Burns (Mail date February 1)
February 15	Spring Journal Deadline to Carla Copeland-Burns (Mail date April 20)

Future NCMEA Conference Dates:  
November 7-10, 2009  
November 6-9, 2010  
November 12-15, 2011  
November 10-13, 2012

2010 Board Meetings:  
January 15-16  
April 16-17  
August 6-7  
November 9

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Trivette, Recording Secretary

### **BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jerry Cribbs	President
David Albert	President-Elect, Constitution
Reta Phifer	Executive Director
Susan Trivette	Recording Secretary
Connie McKoy	Immediate Past – President, Finance Chair, Mini-Grants
Jami Bumgarner	Elementary Section Chair
Patti Fulk	High School Choral Section Chair
Tammy Shook	Middle School Choral Section Chair
Tom LaJoie	Orchestra Section Chair
Jane McKinney	CMENC Advisor
Jason Morton	CMENC President
William Smiley	Higher Education Chair
Michael Capps	Jazz Section Chair
Libby Brown	Information Services Coordinator
Michelle Hairston	Exceptional Children Chair
Jason Thompson	Multicultural Awareness Chair, Member-at-Large
Lisa Qualls	MIOSM Chair / Young Professionals Chair
Rue Lee-Holmes	General Music Chair
Suzi Mills	Teacher Education, Member-at-Large
Greg Taylor	Tri-M
Fran Page	Awards Chair
Sonja Williams	Scholarship Chair
Amy Daw	Coalition
Jenny Davis	District 1 President
Wendy Cooper	District 3 President
Jane Orrell	District 6 President
Jody Henley	District 7 President
Lynda Boltz	District 11 president