

**NCMEA Board Meeting  
Country Inn and Suites, Burlington, NC  
January 17, 2009**

President Jerry Cribbs called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. After introductions he reminded the board of the ground rules for the meeting. A motion to accept the agenda with minor changes (McKoy/Orrell) was approved by a voice vote. A motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting (McKoy/Orrell) was approved by a voice vote.

**COALITION (Amy Daw – absent)**

**DISTRICT REPORTS**

**DISTRICT 1 (Jenny Davis – absent)**

**DISTRICT 2 (Anne Goss – absent)**

**DISTRICT 3 (Wendy Cooper – absent)**

**DISTRICT 4 (Adam Joiner)**

A record number of students auditioned and participated in Middle School Honors Chorus. There were 7 schools represented (the most ever in the county) and 18 students. This is one of the greatest percentages of students to participate ever.

This is the first year that students from Yadkin County Schools have participated in the Elementary Honors Chorus.

Yadkin County music and art teachers, Tonya Allison (Jonesville Elementary), Anna Chapman (Yadkinville Elementary) and Penelope Freeland (Yadkinville Elementary) presented a session called "Making the Most of Your Music and Art Specialists" at the 2008 NCAEE Conference. They focused on intentional connections between classroom teachers and arts specialists and how working together is beneficial to all students' learning. Lessons and activities were in math, social studies, science, and language arts.

R.J. Reynolds High School will be celebrating the opening of their Arts for Academics on Thursday evening, November 20, in the NEW Judy Voss Jones Arts Center on their campus. This is a new Arts Magnet Program. Barbara Geer, the current National MENC President, will be in attendance representing Forsyth County and MENC.

Our District would like to congratulate Leigh Walters, Thomas Jefferson Middle School's chorus teacher, for being elected Chair-Elect for the NC Middle School Chorus Teachers.

Susan Gentry from Gentry Middle School in Surry County was selected as a teacher of the year.

Meadowlark Middle School Arts Teachers collaborated to present "Autumn Artists" which included an art show by students and community artists, instrumental and choral music, and displays by art vendors.

**DISTRICT 5 (James Daugherty)**

Wes Richardson from Ledford High School (Margie Harrison and Mike Howell, directors) and Josh Jeter from West Rowan High School (Daniel Trivette, director) were selected for the US Army All-American Marching Band in January.

In Cabarrus County teachers on all levels (elementary, band, middle, choral) are working with one another on a “grassroots level” and promoting online discussion, “Wiki” information and hoping to gain a fine arts coordinator position.

Davie County will hold their very first All-County Middle School Clinic April 3-4, 2009.

Livingstone College will host an Intercollegiate Music Association conference featuring band, orchestra, choir and jazz groups February 12-15, 2009.

**DISTRICT 6 (Jane Orrell)**

No report

**DISTRICT 7 (Jody Henley)**

- Beverly Burke, Choral Director at Rockingham County High School is now serving as their Cultural Arts Coordinator while teaching full-time! She has created several new cultural arts county level events.
- In Guilford County the Cultural Arts Supervisor position has been restored. Nathan Street, a former Guilford County Schools band teacher, is busy advocating for musical programs and funding.
- Guilford County School Board also voted to restore cut teaching positions so that elementary music is once again a weekly class for the entire school year!
- Guilford County Schools Superintendent, Maurice “Mo” Green, has consistently shown his support of the arts.
- Dudley High School's Marching Band is performing in the Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C.

**DISTRICT 8 (Marie Riedesel)**

The webpage for District 8 is still under construction.

**DISTRICT 9 (Danny Yancey for Arris Golden)**

No report

**DISTRICT 10 (Eugene Cotton – absent)****DISTRICT 11 (Lynda Boltz)**

- Hunter Elementary (GT Magnet) Orchestra and Advanced Band were chosen to perform at the North Carolina Association of Elementary Educators’ Conference.
- Millbrook High School Madrigal Singers has been accepted into this year's Pieces of Gold performance, and has been invited to sing at the Inauguration of the NC Governor on January 10.

- Wake County band, orchestra, vocal music, dance, theatre, and visual arts PLCs are working to formulate common formative assessments for their content areas.
- Wake County Middle Schools are preparing for April's "Achieving Choral Excellence" (ACE) festival.

#### **DISTRICT 12 (Chris Serina)**

- Two elementary schools in Nash County started strings programs in Grades 3-5 this year using grants for funding. The instruments and stands came from Music and Arts.
- Eastern all-district middle school band auditions showed a decrease in student participation correlated to the decrease in MENC membership since participation requires MENC membership. It is difficult to convince non-members of the need for membership if they don't take students to events that require MENC membership.
- High Schools are incorporating elementary choruses in their performances.

#### **DISTRICT 13 (Debbie Jones)**

- When district meetings are held in a large venue that may contain more than one district meeting, it is hard to hear. Debbie Jones requested having smaller venues and also pointed out that if district members have to wait for a prior session to end in the meeting location, members often won't stay for meeting.
- A new web page has been created for the district and is in process of updates.
- New Hanover County elementary music specialist Jill Robertson received her National Board Certification.
- Schools in New Hanover County taped their Holiday Concerts. Selections were compiled and aired on TLN, the television station for New Hanover County.

#### **DISTRICT 14 (Skip Morris)**

District 14 has a website which will be used to disseminate information to music educators within District 14. The address is [www.freewebs.com/ncmeadistrict14](http://www.freewebs.com/ncmeadistrict14).

Wayne County Public Schools hosted their Choral Showcase in November. The Showcase featured groups from 24 elementary, middle, & high schools from within Wayne County. The Showcase serves as fundraiser for the choral/music programs at these schools. Over \$5,000 was raised at this two day event. The money was divided equally among the participating schools.

#### **DISTRICT 15 (Blair Crocker)**

- An email message has been sent to all District 15 teachers and personnel directors.
- Blair Crocker was selected to present at the Best Practices Conference.
- Martin County held its first All-County Band.

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

Of the eleven states in the Southern Division, North Carolina currently ranks third behind Georgia and Florida. Our total membership is 4,857 including Tri-M and 2,798 excluding Tri-M. Excluding Tri-M, this represents a loss of approximately 40 members since 2007.

Membership was discussed in the District Presidents' meeting as a grassroots area in which to seek out those who are not members including those who have dropped membership. Personal contact is important and might include the information on the website about the benefits of being a member of MENC.

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

A constitution is vital to an organization. NCMEA needs to be careful of conflicts between the sections' constitutions and NCMEA's constitution. Our constitution was last updated in 2001 and plans are to have updates ready by August 2009 so that changes can be placed on the ballot in November 2009. Dave Albert, Libby Brown and Jerry Cribbs will prepare the update.

### **EDITOR (Carla Copeland-Burns)**

- NCMEA Journal
  - The journal submission guidelines are on the website.
  - Persons submitting material for the journal no longer need to send a hard copy.
  - All requests are answered by email.
  - District presidents are encouraged to send reports but need to submit large events rather than small items, being aware that the publication deadline is about two months later than the journal deadline.
  - The next journal deadline is February 15
- New website
  - The Publications Committee will meet following the board meeting to discuss the new website.
  - The new website should be ready by early summer.
  - Section chairs and district presidents may use the template on the website or use a link to your website.
  - NCMEA will use Ohio Music Educators website as a model.

### **IN-SERVICE CONFERENCE (Libby Brown for Barbara Geer)**

To eliminate paperwork, session information for the 2009 conference can hopefully be submitted by email. With the recent addition of new areas such as jazz and technology, the overall organization of the conference will be updated to ensure that our conference remains a superlative one.

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

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

- Board members were encouraged to help write thank you notes to conference exhibitors.
- Conflict of Interest agreement forms were distributed to and collected from Board members.
- New materials were distributed
  - Student-Sponsored Event Financial Forms (also provided at [www.ncmea.net/student-event-chairs.htm](http://www.ncmea.net/student-event-chairs.htm))
  - Board Handbook (first draft) (also provided at [www.ncmea.net/board-page.htm](http://www.ncmea.net/board-page.htm))
- Calendar
  - February 15 – deadline for spring journal
  - March 5-6 NC State of the Arts in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
  - April 15 – approximate mail date of spring journal
  - May 5-6, 2009 – NC Arts Day
  - August 15 – deadline for conference journal
  - July 15 – Conference clinician lodging requests due to Reta
  - October 15 – projected mail date of conference journal
  - December 1 – deadline for winter journal
  - February 1, 2010 – approximate mail date of winter journal
- No office assistant has been hired. Plans are to fill by June 1.
- Have not met with student activities chairs.

### **AWARDS**

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

#### **HONOR ADMINISTRATOR**

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

Last year there was a nominee for Music Advocate but no nominees for Honor Superintendent or NCMEA Hall of Fame. The Honor Superintendent Award has been changed to Honor Administrator. Deadline for nominations is March 15.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **BILL MCCLOUD SCHOLARSHIP (Sonja Williams)**

#### **RUTH JEWELL SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **BARBARA BAIR SCHOLARSHIP**

Scholarship chair Sonja Williams asked board members to encourage collegiate members and other eligible students to apply for NCMEA sponsored scholarships. The deadline is March 15.

### **GRANTS**

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

Dr. McKoy encouraged board members to let members know about the mini-grants. Information can be found online. Mini-grant applications are due March 15.

## **NCMEA SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT (Connie McKoy)**

A Summer Professional Development Grant is available for NCMEA members to apply for in conjunction with teachers in another district or LEA. This professional development grant of \$4,000.00 is included in the budget for this fiscal year. Information for the grant for this summer is on the website. Funding must be distributed by June 30 but the professional development may occur after that.

## **COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

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

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

The new directory will be emailed to Reta Phifer next week. It will include membership status. Email addresses will be in a form that can be imported.

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

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

A session designed to help elementary music educators better serve special needs children in their classrooms was held at the 2008 NCMEA conference. Inquiries will be made to see what other needs the classroom music educators might have in order to plan future sessions at the conference. Dr. Hairston also requested board members to email any requests or needs they may have.

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

No report

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

The next meeting of the Arts Coordinators will coincide with the [NC: The State of the Arts Conference](#), being held on the Meredith College campus, Raleigh, NC. The meeting is scheduled for 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm, Friday, March 6, 2009. If you register for the conference, lunch and registration at the NC Arts Coordinator's meeting will be included at no additional charge. If you wish to attend the NC Arts Coordinators luncheon meeting only, you may do so by contacting [baileyr@meredith.edu](mailto:baileyr@meredith.edu), and including a \$25 registration fee. Registration for the NC Arts Coordinators meeting only does not allow you to attend any other sessions at the conference.

The NC Arts Coordinators meeting is open to district coordinators of the arts, superintendents, lead teachers, members of higher education, teacher education, and interested parties. For additional information, please contact Mark Propst at 980-343-2697 or [m.propst@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:m.propst@cms.k12.nc.us).

## **MIOSM (Lisa Qualls)**

Over 150 MIOSM surveys were completed at Conference by Elementary School Teachers. The survey results will be shared with the Elementary Section Chair and presented at the April Board Meeting.

The World's Largest Concert<sup>®</sup> (WLC<sup>®</sup>) celebration is March 12, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Order your 2009 WLC DVD [online](#). Member price: \$8.00 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling. DVDs will be shipped mid-February.

The WLC will not be aired on PBS this year, but you can help get it shown on your local cable TV station. Visit the [WLC Web site](#) to find out how. MENC notified approximately 500 stations nationwide that they will receive a WLC DVD in the mail, but NCMEA members can contact them and encourage them to air the show on March 12.

## **YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

The Young Professionals' Symposium is a program designed for high school juniors and seniors interested in becoming music educators. The symposium provides the opportunity for students to attend the NCMEA Conference. Fifteen high school students participated in this year's symposium during the November Conference. While at the conference, students attended various sessions and clinics designed especially for them:

- Dr. Robert Holquist - "Conducting 101." During the session, students had the opportunity to conduct the Greensboro College Chamber Choir, directed by Jon Brotherton or the Forbush High School Instrumental Ensemble, directed by Rebecca Hill.
- Dr. Maribeth Yoder-White -Elementary Music
- Preparing for college auditions and interviews- Dr. Kenney Potter, Dr. Susan Mills, Dr. Jay Juchniewicz, Dr. Jane McKinney, Dr. Robert Holquist, and Dr. Neill Clegg, clinicians
- Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser

I would like to thank our clinicians, Libby Brown and Dr. Jane McKinney.

Applications for the 2009 Symposium will be accepted through June 15, 2009.

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

A roundtable discussion for middle school and secondary general music teachers was facilitated by Rue Lee-Holmes during the November 2008 NCMEA Conference. Participants offered best teaching practices as the practices related to teaching the North Carolina Music Standards in middle school and secondary general music and music appreciation classes. Participants indicated verbally and on evaluation forms that the discussion was helpful. A suggestion to increase participation included offering more than one session.

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

Dr. Richard Colwell presented a wonderful research clinic at the 2008 NCMEA conference that was well attended. The NCMEA Poster Session was also well attended. We received eight submissions this year representing different types of research including historical, descriptive, and experimental. We hope to increase the number of submissions in the upcoming year.

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

Teacher education programs are being heavily pressured by new standards for teachers. They are being given unrealistic deadlines. A statement is being sent to NCDPI for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teachers. Additions are being made to the music education curriculum when there is no place to add courses. The new teacher evaluation document, piloted in thirteen counties and replacing the TPAI, incorporates new standards that do not parallel with teacher accreditation standards.

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

### **TECHNOLOGY (Victor Hebert, Phillip Riggs)**

The Technology section sponsored 19 sessions at the conference. The total attendance was 670. The sessions that were scheduled aimed to address music technology from K through University. There were four sessions especially for Elementary and Middle school audiences. There were two sessions for beginning computer users. And there were sessions for Assessment and Evaluation, Audio production, music notation, and Teaching with technology sessions. The overall focus was on the music education classroom.

### **SPDI/GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (Christie Lynch Ebert)**

ARTS EDUCATION UPDATE: Due to program error during a recent upgrade of the NCDPI arts education listserv, many members were irrevocably deleted. If you have not been receiving updates and wish to re-subscribe, send an email to [join-artsed@lists.dpi.state.nc.us](mailto:join-artsed@lists.dpi.state.nc.us) or email [clynch@dpi.state.nc.us](mailto:clynch@dpi.state.nc.us) and request membership. I hope you will take advantage of this resource which brings breaking news to you as it happens.

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

Dr. Reta Phifer reported on financial matters:

- Significant audit findings
  - Dr. Bill Crowder works in NCMEA office to provide oversight and review of financial records since NCMEA currently operates with a one-person staff.
  - A liability exists because of absent or incomplete student-sponsored event financial reports from some sections.
  - There is a liability of having no CPA on staff but our small office does not need one.
  - Funds over \$100,000 were moved to other financial institutions to assure complete FDIC coverage.
  - The former Executive Director operated as an independent contractor with NCMEA and did not have social security and Medicare deducted from her check, creating a potential liability for NCMEA. Reta will bring additional information to the Spring Finance Committee meeting regarding steps to be taken to resolve this discrepancy.

- NCMEA must report Board members who receive payment for non-board member jobs they do for the association to the IRS. (NCMEA Board members are not paid for service on the Board of Directors.)
- Financial reports
  - Balance sheet
  - Profit and Loss – July – December 2008
  - Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual – July – December 2008
  - Profit and Loss – July 1, 2008 – January 15, 2009
- Loss of \$50,000.00 in Foundations of the Carolinas account was reported. The loss was due to general downturns in the stock market over the report period.

The audit and the financial report were approved by voice votes.

The Finance Committee presented a motion to keep Bill Crowder as internal auditor for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

## **SECTIONS**

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

- There will be a change in the adjudication process for the Elementary Honors Chorus beginning in 2009. Adjudicators will be hired to listen to recorded auditions in order for all students to be judged by the same standards. This will align us with the Middle School and High School policies and will eliminate complaints about unfair judging.
- The discrepancy between the number of Elementary Students allowed on stage in the Stevens Center (150) and the number of students in the other performing groups was discussed.
- There were many requests that the Elementary Honors Chorus rehearsal be held in The Embassy Suites Grand Pavilion Ballroom again. Several reasons were given.
  - Safety – Students do not have to leave the room at any time because there are restrooms in the ballroom. Several teachers were dealing with custody issues and their students had to be in sight at all times. Teachers only have to lead students across one major road when going to the concert hall.
  - Space – Elementary Students must be accompanied by parents which means the crowd is very large in the morning during the registration process, during the lunch break and at the end of the rehearsal.
- Cheryl Dupont will be the 2009 Elementary Honors Chorus clinician.

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

- The Band Section enjoyed a great conference organized by Phillip Riggs.
- Districts are currently completing all district clinics and preparing for concert band festival in March and April.
- All-State Band will be at UNC-G.
- Winthrop Community Band has been invited to play in China over Christmas break. More than half of the band members are members of NCMEA.
- Pfeiffer University's Ed Kiefer composed "Mountain Majesty" which is on the festival list. It was conducted by Bob Buckner at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic.

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

- 2008 Conference
  - The 2008 North Carolina High School Honors Chorus was directed by Dr. Jerry Blackstone, professor of music at the University of Michigan and coordinated by Carol Riggs.
  - For the first time a summer Camp Brochure was placed in the music folder of each singer. Thanks to Marta Force for accomplishing this task.
  - Performances by the Cary Academy men (Jacquie Holcombe, director) and the Ashley High School choir (Jennifer Sugerik, director)
- Gwen Hall from Southwest Randolph High School was named the 2008 NCMEA High School Choral Section Teacher of the Year.
- 2009 All-State
  - Conductors - Dr. Welborn Young from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Dr. Dan Bara from East Carolina University and Dr. Timothy Stalter from the University of Iowa
  - Beverly Alt is the All-state coordinator.
  - Round-table discussions during the All-state event are planned to address the need for a sight-reading rubric.
- State Solo/Small Ensemble Festivals and Large Ensemble Festivals
  - Ed Yasick, Choral Activities Chair
  - Increase in the Large ensemble registration from \$100 to \$125, Solo/Small Ensemble from \$35.00 to \$50.00.
- New NCMEA High School section board members are Ron Vannoy, Carol Earnhardt, Bernadette Watts, Laura Sam, Ann Pratt, and David Brooks.
- Ann Huff was recognized as outgoing chair.
- The 2009 High School Honors Chorus clinician will be Jefferson Johnson from the University of Kentucky.

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

- Conference was very successful. Some rooms needed to be larger for some of the events. Honors Chorus with Dr. Judy Bowers was amazing! The commission piece was written by composition student, Nate Garrison, who is a student of Andre Thomas. He was able to attend the premier of this piece at the concert. Clinician for 2009 will be Jonathan Willcocks.
- Festival sites and dates have been set and posted on the website.
- All State will be held May 15-16 at the Greensboro Coliseum. Clinicians are Ken Taylor, Connie Drosakis, and Karol Kimmell.
- Two grants were given at the conference in memory of Brian Busch, founder of BriLee Music.

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

All-State Honors Orchestra was held this past November at UNCSA with Dr. James McWhorter conducting. His travel expenses were underwritten by Southwest Strings. Amanda Turner was elected as the Chair-Elect of the Orchestra section and will be organizing the All-State Honors Orchestra Event for 2009 and 2010.

Eastern and Western Regions held auditions this past weekend in preparation for the regional honors groups in the late winter.

Scott Laird, former Orchestra Section Chair, has created a Yahoo user group for the orchestra section in the state. Hopefully this will facilitate communication across the state in our section.

### **COLLEGIATE (Jane McKinney)**

Collegiate conference activities:

- MENC President, Barbara Geer delivered a positive message based on her own career experiences.
- Dr. Daniel Huff-“Preparation and Planning of a High School Musical”
- President-Elect Dave Albert and Guilford County Arts Curriculum Specialist, Nathan Street - Classroom management issues and policies for discipline and safety
- Ralph Porfilio, Sensei - Situational awareness, de-escalation of conflict, and techniques on how to protect students and restrain violent students.
- Collegiate members participated in conference events on Sunday.
- Business Meeting and Continental Breakfast. The new CMENC officers are President Jason Morton from East Carolina University, Vice President Taylor Vancil from Wingate University and Secretary Seth Joyner from Wingate University.
- Peter Loel Boonshaft of Hofstra University- “If I Only Knew Then ...”
- Collegiate Executive Board meeting – Conference evaluation was positive with the suggestion that more signs would help first time collegiate attendees.

### **CMENC (Jason Morton)**

As the new President of the North Carolina CMENC chapters, Jason Morton hopes to improve these areas: membership and participation; intrastate chapter communication and involvement; and local, state, and national Arts advocacy. In order to begin making improvements in these areas, a few activities have been developed for the collegiate chapters to accomplish collaboratively.

- Statewide Arts Advocacy Initiative (Monday, March 30, 2009 – Friday, April 3, 2009)
  - Goal of the project will not only be to increase America’s awareness of the importance of the Arts in students’ lives, but also to inundate state and national legislators with phone calls and emails to persuade them to develop strong public policies and appropriate increased funding for the Arts
  - Collegiate chapters will launch and participate in some of the following activities:
    - Developing Arts Advocacy presentations to be given to either K-12 students, county or school administrators, or parents
    - Putting on concerts and performing for K-12 students
    - Putting together Petting Zoos for elementary students
    - Making phone calls and sending emails to local administrators
  - Two of the week’s major priorities will include making phone calls and sending emails to members of Congress at both the state and national levels.
  - Contact the CMENC Presidents of other states to inform them of our project, in order to get them involved and to make this a national endeavor.
- E-newsletter to be mailed to each chapter at the beginning of each month
- CMENC Performing Ensemble made up of CMENC members

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

During the fall conference the Higher Education Section of NCMEA hosted Dr. Richard Colwell. Dr. Colwell spoke on “The Uniqueness of Music Teacher Education” and offered some surprising implications for music education pedagogy.

Several members attending the session expressed concern that contact between members only occurs at the November conference. SDPI has become a major topic of concern. One suggestion was to begin an online blog or a networking site for educators to share information. The focus of the current chair will be to regain the infrastructure as outlined in the Higher Education Constitution that requires the recruitment and involvement of members other than the Executive Council. Appointing members to the Membership Committee and revising the *Directory of Music Faculty in North Carolina Institutions of Higher Education* will be a Priority.

## **JAZZ (Michael Capps-absent)**

### **BUSINESS**

#### 2009 Conference Task Force (Dave Albert)

##### Recommendations

1. The Sunday afternoon High School All State Honors Orchestra concert will no longer be a General Session, opening up Sunday afternoon times for section use.
2. The Monday morning General Session at 9:15 will be the opening session of the conference with a keynote speaker.
3. The Monday evening General Session at 8:00 will be a major conference performance.
4. Awards will be evenly distributed among these sessions and some may take place at other times.
5. Discontinue the All Conference Reception, opening up Sunday evening for section use.

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

#### Renaming Festival Task Force (Jason Thompson for James Daugherty)

The committee recommends that, beginning January 1, 2010, all sections’ festivals and contests will be called “North Carolina Music Educators Association Music Performance Adjudication”.

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

#### Arts Graduation Credit (Dave Albert)

Dave Albert presented the following information:

- Saturday 10 Jan 12:00 noon - Meredith College – Meeting of Arts Education Advocacy Task Force including NCMEA members Jerry Cribbs, Dave Albert, Fran Page and NCMEA Executive Director Reta Phifer and other selected members of other Arts Area Associations (Dance, Drama, Art).
- It was reported that The Joint Select Committee on Arts Education had met and voted unanimously to “recommend modifying the state high school graduation requirement to include one required credit in arts education. The credit must be earned in one of four disciplines including theatre, music, visual arts, or dance. The course must be taken at the high school level and be taught by a licensed arts educator using the standard course of study.”
- A three hour discussion was held. The other arts education leaders were very much in favor of accepting and supporting this requirement. It was the repeated concerns o

funding brought forth from NCMEA members present that caused some others to question the requirement. A charge was made for the members of the Task Force to return to their respective boards to get a feel of how the implementation of this requirement would impact Arts Education.

Discussion followed.

Concerns:

- Can we support this with the teachers, space and resources we currently have?
- In this time of economic uncertainty, can we expect this to be funded? The Graduation Project and other new programs have not been funded during a better economy than we are currently facing.
- If an increase of teachers, space and resources is not supplied, then what will become of the existing programs as present teachers, space and resources are used to fulfill this added requirement? Would we be limited to offering entry level arts classes only?
- Do we feel we should support this if not fully funded?

President Cribbs asked board members to communicate with NCMEA members in their districts and relate what they heard, reporting findings to Jerry Cribbs, David Albert or Reta Phifer by January 26.

Nominations (Jason Thompson)

The Nominating Committee needs two candidates for the offices of President, President-Elect, Recording Secretary and two Members at Large. Many of these candidates need to be a person of color as designated in the Declaration of Intent for NCMEA.

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

- Congratulations to all for the November conference.
- District Presidents are doing a great job.
- Thank you to the 2009 Conference Task Force and the Festival Renaming Task Force.
- The Executive Director's Evaluation Committee will meet at the NCMEA office in Charlotte on March 28, 10:00-2:00.
- MENC's Music Education Week in Washington, DC, June 17-23
- Dave Albert will present dates for future board meetings at the April or August meeting.
- Currently The King's Singers concert is open only to NCMEA members. Sponsorships are being sought.
- MENC President Barbara Geer will be the keynote speaker at the opening General Session on Monday morning at the November 2009 conference.

#### **REMINDERS**

Board Meetings 2009

April 24-25, Burlington

August 7-8, Burlington

November 10, Winston-Salem

## Journal Deadlines

February 15 to Carla Copeland-Burns at [carlacopelandburns@hotmail.com](mailto:carlacopelandburns@hotmail.com) and [cecopelan@radford.edu](mailto:cecopelan@radford.edu), April 1 – journal to be mailed

## Future NCMEA Conference Dates

November 7-10, 2009

November 6-9, 2010

November 12-15, 2011

November 10-13, 2012

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

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 Chair
Carla Copeland-Burns	Journal Editor
Jamie Bumgarner	Elementary Section Chair
Richard Holmes	Band Section Chair
Patti Fulk	High School Choral Section Chair
Tammy Shook	Middle School Choral Section Chair
Jane McKinney	CMENC Advisor
Jason Morton	CMENC President
William Smiley	Higher Education Chair
Libby Brown	Information Services Coordinator
Michelle Hairston	Exceptional Children Chair
Jason Thompson	Multicultural Awareness Chair, Member-at-Large
Mark Propst	Arts Coordinators Chair
Rue Lee-Holmes	General Music Chair
Suzi Mills	Teacher Education, Member-at-Large
Fran Page	Awards Chair
Sonja Williams	Scholarship Chair
Adam Joiner	District 4 President
Jane Orrell	District 6 President
Jody Henley	District 7 President
Marie Riedesel	District 8 President
Danny Yancey	District 9 President-Elect
Lynda Boltz	District 11 president
Chris Serina	District 12 President
Debbie Jones	District 13 President
Blair Crocker	District 15 president

