



## South Dakota Music Education Association

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2022

DWU

Mitchell, SD

10:00 AM

**Board Members Present in person:** Mike Bossman, Daniel Eye, Laura Schenk, Kim Bruguier, Sheri Holt, Colby Shuck, Molly Manchester, Dave Sanderson, David Berberick, Julie Fastnach, Mackenzie McKeithan-Jensen, Kari Wilmes, Heather Nelson, Kimberly Bogart, Laura Wilsey, Ryan Stahle, Julie Berger, Brooks Bowman, Bethany Amundson, Tabitha Schmidt, Ellie Kenkel, and Tara Hahn

**Board Members Absent:** Erin McFarland, Char Cade, Tanya Davis

President Mike Bossman brought the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**Motion by Dave Sanderson second by Kim Bruguier, to accept the agenda.**

**Motion carries.**

**Secretary's Report – Sheri Holt**

Please review minutes at [www.sdmea.net](http://www.sdmea.net).

**Motion by Tara Hahn, second by Dave Sanderson, to approve the June 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carries.**

**Executive Director/Treasurer's Report—Laura Schenk**

We run on a fiscal year from June to July so we often have a crossover during the school year of our fiscal year. Our financial situation has improved immensely over the past year. We are recovering from our COVID year. Waiting on the IRS to get back to us our permanent reinstatement.

Schenk reminds board members of the forms available to them to assist them in their events. These forms can be found in the shared drive. She clarified the use of the forms to event chairs regarding procedures for vouchers and deposits. Venmo is now an option in paying for registration fees.

**Motion by Ryan Stahle, second by Dave Sanderson to approve the executive director and the treasurer's report. Motion carries.**

### **President Report- Mike Bossman**

We have shifted to a shared drive so that we can alleviate any issues when board members are transitioning on and off the board. Bossman requests that we shift all of our important documents from our old drive to the new shared drive.

Daniel Eye, president elect, will be taking over the newsletter. Looking to put out the next one in the first part of October. He requests chair event news to him as soon as possible.

We have a new magazine editor, Molly Manchester.

Please email the full executive board when you have a major question or issue.

### **Webmaster Report—Mike Bossman**

Webpage News: It is time to do another update. It has become outdated. Bossman has reached out to a consultant to move to Squarespace. We have a few options to decide upon regarding fees, transfer, and hosting options. We would be able to add a payment option on our site.

Bossman reminds board members to send event news, updates, to his webmaster [webmaster@sdmea.net](mailto:webmaster@sdmea.net).

### **President-Elect—Daniel Eye**

He recommends that we use our region meeting to promote SDMEA and get the news out about our calendar of events.

### **Past-President—Bethany Amundson**

Kim would like to formally thank Bethany for her years of service as President these past years!!! (applause!!!) Bethany expressed her thanks especially to the executive board for the joy of working with them.

NAfME national leadership seminar this past summer—kim and bethany  
Kim is now on the National Leadership board. At the national seem open to recognize that in our smaller states

We are looking at more opportunities to support our high school band directors. She has reached out to SDBA and SDHSAA to create a professional development event in conjunction with High School All-State Band.

Looking for ways to partner with the SD mentor program in reaching more young educators.

### **SDHSAA—Brooks Bowman**

We have added two additional baritone saxophones to the all-state band. Piccolo will be auditioned separately. After much discussion, we will not be moving to recorded auditions.

All-State shirts—Laura Schenk has agreed to take charge of communication with the t-shirt vendor. When this t-shirt contract is done, SDMEA will take over the t-shirts once again.

Discussion was made on conference continued education credit. DWU often adds credit and Bethany shared that this is at cost—no profit is made to her to avoid conflict of interest.

Brooks shared some copies of the All-States Chorus/All-State Orchestra schedule. Brooks expressed his appreciation of our program and will continue to support us. Schenk expressed thanks to Brooks for being here and supporting us.

### **Conference Manager/Past President Report: Kim Bruguier**

Kim Bruieger is now on the National Leadership Board. Congratulations Kim! She attended the National Assembly this past summer. The National Assembly opened with a focus on recognizing NASPAAM. NASPAAM is an organization to promote African American musicians and performers and equity across the music field. The assembly has discussed musician equity and the voice of small states being heard!

David Row was the clinician for the summer session 2022. Forty-seven were in attendance, forty were on site and seven on zoom. The cost for this event was higher of course, with inflation/gas. In the future there is a potential for collaboration with other state groups. More discussion to come regarding summer session 2023 and this potential.

### **Music Educator Conference Report: Kim Bruguier**

The conference schedule is almost complete. This will go out with the magazine and newsletter. There are five rooms, all with a different track focus. USD Faculty Chamber Winds and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chamber Singers will be performing in the hallway as a non formal performance for the teachers and students. (They will also perform during a formal session). Kim is looking for a new atmosphere with the music making in the hallway. There will be a session offered to all on the new music standards. The US Army Band SGT. Rock and Mission Essential Brass will be the headliner. Friday morning will start with coffee/collaboration time.

Sophia Papoulis (Jim Papoulis' wife) will be a clinician as well as the elementary director. Box lunches will be provided for clinicians and presenters.

Dr. Tim has been contracted for 2023. Discussion was made about the possibility of adding sessions to Saturday afternoon. Kim will send out a survey to see if this is an interest.

### **South Dakota Musician Report: Molly Manchester (editor)**

Molly requested to get your reports/newsletter/pictures to Molly by the 15th. She reported that our advertising has not changed since 2019. On average we have made \$2700 to \$3200. Molly has expressed the need to raise the cost for these advertisements in the future due to inflation and printing costs. We have one corporate sponsor and would like to solicit more at this level. Attention was brought to the shared form regarding corporate level sponsorship. Clarification was made regarding the levels and how we should advertise/solicit those to corporate sponsor opportunities.

### ***Chair Reports:***

#### **Middle School Band-- (Danny Eye, chair/Julie Berger co-chair)**

The 24th Annual Middle School All-State Band will be held in Huron on March 3rd and 4th, 2023. Guest Directors are Dr. Alan LaFave (Valley City State University President) and Mr. Jeff Patzlaff (retired). The program will include six songs versus seven songs.

#### **Elementary Report—Tanya Davis, chair/Tabitha Schmidt & Tara Hahn, co-chairs Elementary Honors Choir—Tabitha Schmidt**

Tabitha reported that there was a director change due to Chris Manu's wife being due that week. Chris agreed to be our 2023 director. Sara Papoulis is the guest director (Associate Conductor of Young People's Chorus of New York City). There is a commissioned piece by Chris Manu. \$50 per person. 170 student choir

#### **Festival Choir (4-6<sup>th</sup>)--Tara Hahn**

Tara reported that last year there were seven sites and she is still working to confirm these. She is still seeking directors. December 16th is the registration deadline with the festival being March 6th. This is not an auditioned choir. Price is now up to \$40.

#### **Higher Education Report— Dave Sanderson**

SDMEA Collegiate Day at the conference will include a Collegiate Student Recital, and clinicians by Chris Harper, Del Hubers, and Sophia Papoulis. SD Bandmasters is offering free collegiate memberships.

NAfME National Conference with SMTE & SRME Research Conference in National Harbor, MD on November 3-5. This will address collegiate levels issues primarily. Dave is working on a K-12 music program survey regarding scheduling, teacher turn-over, financing, etc.

#### **Middle School Festival Report—Julie Fastnacht**

Welcome to Julie!! She is still getting her feet wet.

Middle School Festival: Looking for two or three sites to hold this school year's festival. No official date set yet for this. Discussion was made out clarifying the host duties versus the chair.

**Band Report- (Ryan Stahle band chair/Elle Kenkel/Band Chair-Elect**  
*MS All-State Jazz Band*

Ryan reported that Joel Shotwell and Ron Stary are the guest directors. This event will be held at Mitchell on February 3-4, 2023. Audition etudes come from the Real Books that align with standards. Real Books can be purchased through [www.haleonard.com](http://www.haleonard.com). (Blue Monk: Bb, Eb, C and Bass Clef versions at \$40/\$50 a piece or purchase the etude as sheet music). Audition materials will be posted this week. The Real Books are already used at the high school level for auditions. Discussion was made to make the audition material available in the spring prior. Would like to see the guest director pay increased in the future so we can continue to bring in big names. This discussion/decision will be made in January so that we can adjust across the events.

**Tri-M Report – Mackenzie McKeithan-Jensen**

There are only three Tri-M honor societies across our state. Mackenzie would like to have her Tri-M group be a sponsor for any new Tri-M chapters that start. She would also like to hold a state-level Tri-M event in the future.

Mackenzie reported on what was done in her own Tri M: Performances in school/around town, talent show, trivia, music at lunch. This year she started a Junior Chapter for MS. She “grandfathers” her MS into her HS if they are retained. They held a dodgeball tournament. The Junior Chapter assists at high school concerts. They held a MS solo/ensemble contest.

National Day of Service (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)--she does a day of community service. She requires 10 service hours per semester.

You can follow Pierre's Tri-M Music Honor Society on social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/pierre.trim/posts/>

Instagram: [pierretrim6441](https://www.instagram.com/pierretrim6441)

**Retired Report- Char Cade**

Char is currently working on an article for the magazine regarding the history of All-State Chorus and Orchestra. She is putting together a full historical report to commemorate the 75th anniversary of All-State.

**Awards Report—Erin McFarland, chair**

Awards Reception is October 28th at 7:30 p.m. She needs more nominations for Outstanding Young Music Educator, Distinguished Service, and Distinguished Administrator Awards. Nominations are due November 1st.

Discussion was made regarding the HS participation award. We need to create new guidelines as SD no longer has C schools. We need to get the word out more on this. There are many schools out there that would qualify for this that are not aware of this.

**Membership Chair: Colby Shuck, chair**

We currently have 238 full time members, looking for collegiate memberships to be added this fall yet. Kim mentioned that SD is one of the top 10 states in membership growth (recognized nationally).

**Choral Report – Kari Wilmes, chair**

The freshmen festival will be November 10th. Jonathan Nero will be the guest conductor. A repertoire list is currently being made.

**Orchestra Report --(Laura Cooper, chair/Kim Bogart, chair-elect)**

**Middle School All-State Orchestra (MSASO)**

February 24-25, 2023 will be the MSASO. This will be held at Jefferson High School with Dr. James Weaver as guest conductor. Music has been selected.

Dr. David Littrel from Kansas State University will be the JLWHO conductor. Looking forward to having a combined piece. Video audition format will be used again.

Hotels have been a challenge as room prices are higher.

**String Symposium**

The 6th Annual String Symposium will be held in conjunction with the MSASO and J. aiten Weed Honors Orchestra. Hoping to have DWU offer credit. SFSD has offered to help sponsor the director's room.

**DEIA (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Advocacy) David Berberick/chair**

Would like to use his articles for the Musician Magazine to highlight best practices in DEIA across the state and region.

**Old Business**

The e-newsletter information needs to be emailed to [webmaster@sdmea.net](mailto:webmaster@sdmea.net) by the 23rd of September.

Magazine deadline is September 15.

**New Business**

Postcards inviting people to the conference.

**Motion by Sanderson \_\_\_\_\_, second by Stahle \_\_\_\_\_ to adjourn the meeting.**  
**Motion carries.**

**Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.**

Next meeting will be held on January  
Location TBD

Submitted by Sheri Holt and Bethany Amundson