



June 4, 2022  
DWU Sherman Center  
SDMEA Timed Agenda

**Board Members Present in person:** Bethany Amundson, Kim Bruguier, Mike Bossman, Dave Sanderson, Colby Shuck, Julie Berger, Erin McFarland, Iwona Lewter, Tanya Davis, Kim Bogart, Julie Fastnact, Laura Wilsey, and Kari Wilmes.

**Board Members Present via zoom:** Laura Schenk, Tara Hahn

**Board Members Absent:** Sheri Holt, Danny Eye, Molly Charlson, Ryan Stale, Ellie Kenkel, David Berberick, Tabitha Schmidt, Jody Tennyson, Char Cade

Bethany Amundson called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and passed. Due to Sheri Holt being absent Dave Sanderson pinch-hit to keep minutes for the meeting and dropped the ball on that first motion..

**Secretary's Report – Sheri Holt**

Please review [January Minutes](#)

Kim Bruguier motioned to approve the minutes January 2022 minutes, Kari Wilmes seconded. Motion carried.

**Executive Director/Treasurer's Report-Laura Schenk (Zoom)**

Income Statement - June 2022 INCOMPLETE

Some of the paid positions on the SDMEA Board forgoed payment stipends this year to help the financial outlook of the organization. Future retroactive reimbursement would be something to look at in the future.

The name change from “South Dakota Music Educators Association” to the “South Dakota Music Education Association” in 2014 resulted in the revocation of SDMEA’s non-profit status, our detailed financial records helped make the case we’ve been compliant the entire time, appropriate paperwork has been filed waiting to hear back from the IRS for official tax-exempt reinstatement though we have functional tax-exempt status.

Noted that SDMEA is a 501(c)(6) organization due to the way bylaws were structured, not a 501(c)(3).

Met with event chairs to discuss growing pains as events expand, such as the splitting of the elementary positions. Laura expressed a need for us as an organization to continue to be consistent

Motion to approve treasurer's report by Colby Shuck, seconded by Dave Sanderson. Motion carried.

## **President Report-Bethany Amundson**

### **☰ President Report**

We had approved revised Bylaws at January meeting. Bethany will be stepping into the SD Musician magazine editor vacancy.

Bethany & Kim Bruguier are going to the NAFME National Leadership Assembly. NAFME Capitol Hill Day this year still impacted by Covid, meetings with our congressional delegation not on for this summer.

Reminders:

- Laura Shenk and Colby Shuck are the only two individuals who can send emails via the SDMEA membership list.
- Proper representation of SDMEA in communications and what we stand for (not personal beliefs or opinions).
- Maintaining professionalism when discussing SDMEA in one's roll as a Board member.
- SDMEA/NAfME membership requirements for judges and clinicians.
- Event & ticket policy reminder - it was noted that RCAS & SFSD may charge SDMEA if events hosted at their school charge an entry fee to events.

Bethany asked Board Members to complete the Board Position Reviews (online survey) for our four paid positions:

Webmaster - Mike B.

ED - Laura S.

Conference Manager - Kim B.

Magazine Editor - Deb R.

Noted that Danny Eye had dug into MSASB fee structure which has caused some confusion amongst directors and business offices, particularly with parallel events (MSASB, MSASJB, MSASO) Bethany presented some suggestions: [☰ MSASB Fees](#)

From MSASB - Opening events to all students in SD, regardless of membership status of directors. Event fees are set as a Board to keep things consistent across all analogous events. This discussion was tabled to gather more information for the August meeting to have possible proposals to take to directors at the 2022-23 MSASB/MSASO/MSASJB events and survey general membership.

Bethany thanked the board for the opportunity to lead SDMEA through the pandemic and for all board members for their efforts the past two years.

## **President Elect/Webmaster Report--Mike Bossman**

Looking forward to stepping in as President.

The company currently hosting our webpage (Sandhills) is no longer hosting our type of website, so we are moving to a company in Sioux Falls. The only change is our billing structure moves to an annual bill rather than monthly.

## **SDHSAA Report--Brooks Bowman (absent); Bethany Amundson relayed**

Brooks Bowman unable to attend. Bethany relayed that someone delivered vinyl albums from SD All-State events from the 1960s through 1980s he is converted so we can include them in our archives.

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

Summer Session - David Row set for Aug 2nd 2022, offering continuing ed credit. Registration opens July 1st. Possibly combining with the SDBA summer session for multiday event for both, Kim will look into that for 2023.

SDMEA Conference - need 2 orchestra sessions. 1 general music (Quaver), 2 collegiate sessions (may look through other options), looking for a small ensemble to play for awards. Would like to offer food on site. Talked to Terry Beckler putting an Army Band group for the headliner. 2023 back in Rapid City with Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser as keynote.

Kim thanked all for her past 6-years as a board member.

## **Chair Reports**

### **SD Musician Magazine - Bethany Amundsen**

Submission deadline for the fall issue of the SD Musician is September 15

All new board members need to submit a high-resolution photo for the SD Musician

### **Middle School Band - Julie Berger; Danny Eye (absent-provided report)**

[📄 June MSASB Board Report](#)

2022 MSASB event went well. We had 202 students from 62 schools represented this year. Rehearsals, concert, clinics. Changes to group/individual photos and t-shirt vendors went off without a hitch. Sold 600 tickets, netted about \$4k.

Surveyed directors on MSASB matters: Clear preference to keep audition scales and etudes as separate tracks. 50/50 split on fee structure and site host rotation vs single site. Mitchel & Huron keep offering, no one else has yet to step up.

For 2023 Dr. Alan LaFave will be the guest conductor of the Honor Band & Mr. Jeff Patzlaff will be the guest conductor of the Festival Band

### **BREAK/LUNCH - The sandwiches were good. 9.5/10**

**Introduced new members Julie Fastnacht - MS General/Vocal; Laura Wilsey - Orchestra Chair-Elect, David Berberick - DEI/Advocacy (absent), Tabitha Schmidt - Elem Honor Choir Chair-Elect (absent)**

### **Elementary Report: Tanya Davis, Tara Hahn (Zoom)**

[📄 SDMEA Elementary Report.docx](#)

Festival sites: 7 Sites- Mobridge, Gregory, Mitchell, Harrisburg, Beresford, Sturgis, Brandon Valley  
905 students participated

The Elementary position has been split into two positions, Elementary Chorus Chair & Elementary Festival Chair (both with a chair-elect)

Jody Tennyson will be serving 1 year as Festival Choir-Elect (to offset elementary position elections)

Elementary Chorus Chair; Tanya Davis and Elementary Festival Chair; Tara Hahn

Late registrations causing issues for host sites - how to mitigate; would late fees for schools help address (and avoid penalizing students)

A motion was made by Kim Bruguierand, seconded by Colby Shuck to create a policy that "For any SDMEA event that collects an application and/or registration fee a \$25 late fee will be assessed per school when payment is not received by two weeks from the deadline" Kim B motioned and Colby seconded. Motion carried

Discussed creating a uniform statement to be used by all event newsletters, application/audition/registration items for consistency in instituting late fee policy.

## **Collegiate: David Sanderson**

Dr. Don Crowe (SDSU) and Dr. Wendy van Gent (NSU) are retiring this spring and fall respectively. SMTE & SRME positions will need to be filled.

SDBOR incoming student numbers up, retention is low, so likely fewer music teachers matriculating the next couple of years before things pick up.

Pitched idea of doing a census of music teachers to look at instructional time, budgeting, and staffing. Music teacher turnover is higher than other disciplines and not conforming to demographic and salary trends found in other disciplines. May help better inform music teachers in advocacy. Bring to SDMEA/SDBA/SDACDA

Region music meetings would be a good way to reach everyone. August 23rd is the first region meeting to bring to

## **Middle School Report: Iwona Lewter & Julie Fastnacht**

### **2022 MS Festival Chorus report**

Our first MSFC was a success.

Sturgis & Sioux Valley hosted. 245 students from 16 schools

For future - using SAB instead of SATB (better fit and music this year too hard)

Making it clear when registration deadlines are for future years.

Sturgis set to host 2023, Mitchell contacted as an east river site.

We discussed how to balance rising costs for food, shirts, conductor/clinicians within current registration fees.

A motion was made by Kari Wilmes, seconded by Iwona "to raise the registration fee for festival events \$5 to \$40 effective 2022-2023". Motion carried.

Discussed that some schools may have already paid a spring for next year.

## **Band Report: Ryan Stahle (absent) & Ellie Kenkel (absent)**

No report.

## **Tri-M Report: Molly Charlson**

## **Retired Chair Report: Char Cade (absent)**

Not much to report other than the column in the most recent SD Musician.

## **Awards Report: Erin McFarland**

### **Awards Chair Report**

Door prizes for awards report attendance and participation.

Please nominate individuals for the Distinguished Service to Music, Distinguished Administrator, and Outstanding Young Music Educator

## **Membership Chair Report: Colby Shuck**

### **Awards Chair Report**

Make sure to give Colby enough warning if something needs to be sent out.

Membership issues? - See Colby

## **Choral Report- Kari Wilmes**

### **HS Choral Chair Report.pdf**

Freshmen festival at Mitchell slated for Nov. 10th (not yet finalized). Waiting to hear about potential conductors.

### **Orchestra Report: Kim Bogart & Laura Wilsey**

☰ Orchestra Chair Board Report June 2022

2023 MSASO will be at Jefferson HS in Sioux Falls w/ Dr. James Weaver conducting in conjunction with the High School Honors Orchestra. Audition music was sent out before schools left for summer. Music selection underway.

Approached by SDASTA about SDASTA taking the lead on the String Symposium as an SDASTA event.

### **Old Business**

We discussed food costs at events, particularly elementary festival choirs. Some festival events give each school \$5 a kid for food expenses, others \$6.50. For each event the event chair can make the determination.

E-newsletter info needed by the 15th of each month: webmaster@sdmea.net

Next deadline is July 15 – Mike Bossman will handle the July newsletter, Danny Eye will take over beginning in August.

### **New Business**

2022-2023 Meetings

August 27, 2022 - Looking at holding the meeting in Pierre

October Conference - 1:30pm on Saturday the 29th

January 7, 2023 -

June 3, 2023 - Move it back into May?

### **Adjournment**

Mike B. moved to adjourn, Colby S. and everyone else yelled to second in a mad scramble.

Motion carried.