

South Dakota Music Education Association  
Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2023  
10:00 am Mitchell, SD

**Board Members Present:**

Colby Shuck, Julie Berger, Holly Gage, Erin McFarland, Dave Sanderson, Brooks Bowman, Joe Van Peurse, Molly Manchester, Kim Bruguier, Danny Eye, Mike Bossman, Laura Schenk, Julie Fastnatch, Rebecca Rasmussen, Cheryl Tatrot, Tarah Hahn, Tabitha Unruh, Miranda Mack, Laura Wilsey, Kim Bogart

**Board Members Absent**

Bethany Amundson, Ellie Kenkel, Mackenzie McKeithan-Jensen, Char Cade, David Berberick

President Mike Bossman called the meeting to order at 10:03am

**Motion to approve agenda David Sanderson, second by Kim Bruguier. Motion carries**

**Secretary's Report – Heather Nelson**

**Motion by David Sanderson , second by Tara Hahn, to approve the June 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carries.**

**President Report- Mike Bossman**

Old Business - Keep the shared drive updated to ease transitions to new chairs. Create a welcome letter for new chair.

Update events calendar on website for each event. Event dates will be submitted to the NAFME calendar.

Update benefits of SDMEA document - create a more professional document to give to potential members. The goal is to combine the NAFME information with our local information. Discussion of how to better articulate the benefits of being involved with SDMEA / NAFME. Kim and Laura will work on document.

If this is your last year on the board in your elected position, start thinking of recommendations for replacement.

Check out the new NAFME website! Read through the blueprint for strengthening the Music Teacher Profession.

Discussion of National Assembly in D.C.

**Webmaster Report - Mike Bossman**

Updates will happen soon - the fee went up from \$500 to \$750. Mackenzie will be taking over for the new website - the transition will happen over the summer. Still email webmaster for website changes. Check out your event and ensure it is correct.

**President Elect Report - Danny Eye**

If you are attending a mandated region meeting - please talk about the benefits of SDMEA. Let Danny know if you want to help update the SDMEA strategic plan.

**Past President Report - Bethany Amundson (absent)**

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

Discussion of National Assembly - title funding is being cut which will impact our schools. Look into where your school's / program's funding is coming from. Check out the advocacy page on the NAFME website! Discussion of the executive meetings with other executive directors.

Discussion of the corporate sponsorship program - how do we become more sellable to corporate sponsors. Make more package deals to simplify. Promote the corporate sponsors more on t-shirts, banners, etc. Offer passes to events for sustaining memberships for individuals.

Streamlining the magazine - 3 magazines to 2 and start doing e-issues.

History article - collect the year that the event started as well as commissions that were written for the event. Get that information to Laura ASAP.

Advocacy - Mike and Laura are a part of the arts SD advocacy group. Parent advocacy: utilize the parents already invested. Put a QR code from voter voice and the parents can send a thank you letter to politicians. Give the parents tools to advocate for arts.

Looking into using corporate insurance through NAFME and using authorize.net for payments for events.

Treasurer's Report: Discussion of 2022 Fiscal year report and income statement through June 1 2023 and of the tax-exempt, voucher, and deposit form. Reviewed the SDMEA Financial Guidelines.

**SDHSAA Report: Brooks Bowman**

All-State Band committee formed to review all of the all-state band requirements. Discussion of changes in all-state orchestra and band judges. Keep encouraging all-state show choir. Calendar committee formed - potential date changes to some events. Brooks has the means to convert records to digital. Thank you Brooks for your support!

Break for Lunch

**Conference Manager Report/Summer Session:** Kim Bruguier

Recap of Summer Sessions 2023. The 2023 conference schedule is almost set. Discussion of options for the headliner.

**Awards:** Erin McFarland, Chair

Awards Banquet October 27 @7:30. Please attend! Post awards info on social media. Fill out the nominations - we still need more nominations! How can we better recognize the high school music accomplishments vs the participation award. How do we recognize our active teachers instead of just distinguished service. Erin will research other options for awards.

**Collegiate:** David Sanderson, Chair

New policy for BOR - all non-students (exemption for athletic events) on campus Recruiting events, campus visits/clinics, and auditions/lessons on campus may be impacted by this policy. Fewer teachers graduating in the last couple years (numbers are higher in the more recent classes). Advocate for paid student teaching. Collegiate membership restarts every year - discussion of collegiate participation. SRME will research anything SDMEA would like to see happen in the state - instruction time and financing: give feedback on a pilot survey for this. Check out the MTPI report. National music museum is finally reopening!! How can we utilize them?

**Choral:** Rebecca Rasmussen, Chair

Freshman festival is scheduled for Mitchell on Monday November 6.

**Band:** Ellie Kenkel, Chair, (*Absent from this meeting*) Joel Van Peurse, Chair-Elect  
Middle School All-State Jazz Band February 2-3 in Mitchell. Directors hired and audition materials are selected. Possibly putting together a director's big band. Discussion of sessions for director clinic for all-state band.

**Orchestra:** Kim Bogart, Chair, Laura Wilsey, Chair-Elect

Middle School All-State orchestra February 23rd and 24th central high school. Contract has been sent and working on a rep list. Goals to increase audition numbers and build mentorship between middle school and high school all-state students. Discussion of sessions for string symposium.

**SD Musician Magazine:** Molly Manchester, Editor

Revamping the SD Musician. We are moving from 3 printed magazines to 2 magazines (beginning of October and January). There will be 2 e-magazines that are shorter with calendar of events, a short article, benefits of SDMEA and options for advertisers. Magazine is for articles and the e-print will be a short blast of info (no articles).  
Deadline Dates for e-issue: Aug 28th / March 28th  
Deadline Dates for printed magazine: Sept 15th (headshots and articles) / Dec. 1

**Tri-M:** Mackenzie McKeithan-Jensen, Chair (*absent from this meeting*)

There are grants available for starting a Tri-M chapter. Pierre SD just received Tri-M chapter of the year - congratulations Mackenzie!!!

**Retired:** Char Cade, Chair (*absent from this meeting*)

If you run an event - get Laura your start date and commissioned works!

**DEIA:** David Berberick, Chair (*absent from this meeting*)

Discussion of Indigenous Land Acknowledgement to ensure that we are being respectful of their heritage. SD received highest ratings for elementary age students having access to services. Follow up on the whistleblower hotline.

**Membership:** Colby Shuck, Chair

Membership numbers are similar to last year at this time. When you do renew please make sure you update your information. Pull a report to see if we are missing a portion of the state for membership. Colby can give generalized information but cannot give out specific information.

**Middle School All-State Band:** Julie Berger, Chair, Holly Gage, Chair-Elect

Welcome Holly! Middle School All-State Band March 1-2 in Mitchell SD. Directors have been hired and audition etudes distributed. Waiting on literature selections. Working on verifying and solidifying judges and still solidifying a new trumpet judge.

**Elementary Honor Choir:** Tabitha Unruh, Chair, Miranda Mack, Chair-Elect

Welcome Miranda! Elementary Honor Choir October 28 Rapid City SD. Working on booking flights or director and music was distributed (early!). Have an accompanists. Went through schedule for the day.

**Elementary Festival Choir:** Tara Hahn, Chair, Cheryl Tatro, Chair-Elect

Welcome Cheryl! Have confirmed site and site-chairs. \$500 refundable deposit for Mobridge location. Working on directors and rep. Dec. 15 registration deadline with payment due January 8. Discussion of age range / wording for event - do not change wording or name of event - leave it up to discretion of teacher.

**Middle School:** Julie Fastnacht, Chair

Have the 2 host sites chosen and site chairs. The date has also been chosen. Looking for directors for the choirs. Looking to add a third state in Yankton.

**Hotels for the conference:** Discussion of comping rooms for board members attending conference. To be discussed as an executive board.

## **2023-2024 Meeting Dates**

October 28 (conference in Rapid)

January 6 Brandon

June 1 Huron

**Motion by Colby Shuck, second by Dave Sanderson, to adjourn. Motion carries.**  
**2:59**