



# Missouri Music Educators Association

*A Federated association of the Music Educators National Conference*

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS / ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, MAY 9, 2015

9:00 A.M.

Continental breakfast available: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

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**MMEA Mission:** Clearly focuses on effectively serving the membership in their goals of teaching and learning, by promoting a comprehensive music education program that furthers music making by all and supports the advancement of music education as a profession.

### AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Call to Order President Gary Brandes started the meeting at 9:03 am and welcomed the board. Brief announcements included an invitation to the DESE fine arts chairman Tom Tobias.
  - i. Roll Call Elaine Swofford called roll, attendance report is at the concluding of the minutes.
- II. Approval of Minutes (August 2014) **ACTION:** Motion to approve the minutes as written. Rob Nichols (Heil) **CARRIED**
- III. Executive Director's Report – Paul Swofford-Report stands as written. A brief detailed report concerning the presented financial charts was given.
  - i. Secretary/Treasurer – Elaine Swofford-Report stands as written.
- IV. President's Report-Gary Brandes - Report stands as written. President Brandes briefly discussed the radio interview that he and Sandy Collins took part in concerning Music in Our Schools Month, as well as the Strategic Plan.
- V. President-Elect's Report-Jeff Melsha - Report stands as written. Jeff Melsha further discussed his involvement in the advocacy campaign and encouraged the Vice-Presidents to submit their performance applications in as soon as possible.
- VI. Past President/Web Director Report-Rob Nichols No Report.
- VII. Vice-President Reports
  - a. Band – Scott Kuhlman - Report stands as written. Scott encouraged everyone that has band related information to please let him know.
  - b. Choral – Christy Shinn Absent. No submitted report.
  - c. Orchestra – Joseph Keeney - Report stands as written
  - d. Jazz – Danny Watring - Report stands as written
  - e. College/University – Skip Vandelicht Absent, Report submitted, stands as written.
  - f. Early Childhood/Elementary – Amy Gregory Early Childhood and General Music report was combined. Report stands as written.
  - g. General Music – Carl McDowell - Report stands as written.
- VIII. District President Reports *All Reports Stands as written and are on file on the mmea.net website*
  - a. Northwest District #1 – Chris Heil
  - b. Northeast District #2 – Tom Sweeney
  - c. Kansas City Metro District #3 – Tim Allshouse Absent, Scott Kuhlman represented Dist #3
  - d. West Central District #4 – Karen Dollins

- e. St. Louis Suburban District #5 – Jason Harris Absent,
- f. Central District #6 – Jim Stockmann
- g. East Central District #7 – Steve Harm Chuck Moore represented Dist #7
- h. St. Louis Metro District #8 – Shannon Crepps
- i. South Central District #9 – Raphael Thompson Absent
- j. Southeast District #10 – Tom Broussard Report s
- k. Southwest District #11 – Wes Morton No Written Report Submitted.

IX. Affiliate/All-State Reports

- a. MBA/Band – Denis Swope -Report stands as written
- b. MCDA/Choir – Jonathan Owen -Report stands as written
- c. MOAJE/Jazz Band – Dave Dickey- Absent, No Report
- d. MOASTA/Orchestra - Ann Geiler-Report stands as written

X. Advisory Council Reports

- a. NAFME -C – Andrew Homburg, Collegiate Advisor &, Collegiate Representative, Andrew Tiefenbrun Report Stands as Written. Andrew Homberg provided information concerning the Thomas Trimborn scholarship.
- b. Government Relations – Paul Copenhaver -Absent, Report submitted, stands as written.
- c. Mentoring Chair - Steve Litwiller -Report stands as written.
- d. MSM Editors – Marty and Sally Hook -Report stands as written. President Brandes complimented the CO-Editors for a great job with the state magazine.
- e. Exhibitors Chair - John Patterson No Written Mr. Patterson informed the board that he has a very extensive database but is always willing to take suggestions from the board for new vendors.
- f. Historian - Marvin Manring – Report stands as written.
- g. Technology Chair – Michael Sekelsky Report Stands as Written.
- h. Research Chair - Wendy Sims - Report stands as written
- i. SMTE Chair – Daniel Hellman -Report stands as written. Mr. Hellman gave details regarding the new certification procedures.
- j. Tri-M Chair - Cathy Coonis Report stands as written.
- k. MIOSM – Sandy Collins Report stands as written
- l. MSHSAA - Davine Davis –Absent, report submitted, stands As written
- m. Retired Members Chair - Buddy Hannaford – Report stands as written.
- n. *Advancing Music Education Chair-(Currently Vacant)*
- o. *DESE Fine Arts Consultant*

XI. Old Business

- a. Dues Increase, March 2015 – Paul Swofford presented the MMEA dues structure and the MMEA Conference room rates.
- b. 2015 Performance Timing penalty appeals. President Brandes went over each Timing appeal.  
Appeal #1 **ACTION**, Motion to Accept the Appeal, Joe Keeney (Gregory) **DENIED**  
Appeal #2 **ACTION**, Motion to Deny the Appeal, Jeff Melsha, (McDowell) **CARRIED**  
Appeal #3 **ACTION**, Motion to Deny the Appeal, Tom Sweeny (Heil) **CARRIED**
- c. Student Teaching-DESE- Daniel Hellman presented an overview of the meeting with the Dept. of Education concerning the new student teacher requirements as it relates to music education
- d. District Boundaries Review – Jeff Melsha discussed the status of a District Boundaries review. The Primary concern is in the KC metro and NW district. The timeline is between May 2015 and January 2016. Recommendation would come in 2016. Jeff Melsha stressed that this is still in the exploratory stage. Anyone that wants to share opinions concerning the district boundaries to please contact Jeff Melsha.

XII. New Business

- a. Proposal: **ACTION**, Performance Timing review, Joe Keeney motioned (Kuhlman) that there be a review of the timing ruling. **CARRIED**

XIII. Good of the Order/Announcements – President Brandes asked for any announcements pertaining to the good of the organization. With no other announcements Chris Heil (Waring) motioned to Adjourn, **CARRIED**

XIV. Adjourn Next Meeting Saturday, August 15, 2015

XV. Lunch, Vice Presidents Conference Planning.

78th Annual In-Service Workshop/Conference---January 27-30, 2016  
Theme: ***Creativity and Innovation***

Written reports can be found on the MMEA website under the “MMEA Administration” tab. For further information, please contact the Executive Director at [execsec@mmea.net](mailto:execsec@mmea.net)

Respectfully submitted,  
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