

ArkMEA Board Meeting  
April 26, 2008  
Searcy, AR

I. Call to order by Judy Hopper

Members present: Patricia Cox, Jaree Hall, Mike White, Katy White, Mary Zies, Delynne West, Rachel Stegall, Peggy McDaniel and I.J. Routen.

Board changes announced: Retirement of Donna Williams, Tammie Burger's move to TX. Vacancies in positions for Corporate Liaison, Orchestra, Interdisciplinary, Research and the SE Region chair. Welcome Patricia Cox back as new ASTA president in place of Steven Bird.

Questions rose over the necessity of some of the board positions or combinations thereof.

Minutes from the last meeting (summer 2007) were emailed to the board and approved by email.

Sympathy expressed to Mike on the loss of his father.

II. News from national by Judy Hopper

AR was well represented in Milwaukee by Judy Hopper, Jaree Hall, and 5 others  
National Assembly: discussion groups on strategic plans, divided by membership size  
Harris Poll results on the national website: very positive; good for Mary to use  
with her state meeting for principals.

National MENC website is new but address is the same.

All American Band: doesn't cost students at all; AR should be represented.

Format change of national conventions: effective summer of 2009; summers instead  
of during the school year in hope of increasing attendance; seeking input from  
the membership on the changes; now it will be annual.

Our consensus: there should be more "how to," and "hands on" workshops and less  
of the intellectual-symposium type of sessions.

III. Capitol Concerts report by Judy Hopper (for Judy Rogers)

Numbers this year were down, possibly because of Benchmark dates  
Maybe we should change the dates of our Capitol Concerts (IJ favors anarchy  
in regard to Benchmarks)

This year's concerts went well; the barbershop groups were good.  
Capitol's limit capacity is 200 students at once.

#### IV. First contact survey report by Judy Hopper (for Tammie Burger)

Problem: lack of good email list of music teachers

Survey was created in summer 2007; Kathy Robinson and Paige Rose are working on the database and offered to help with survey.

Patricia Cox said that a list of contacts could be bought (Shelton CT) for \$500

We need this information to help us provide professional development for our teachers, and to increase our membership

Our survey is ready to go. Mike asked what happened about the NJ survey? Delynne said that they looked at it when developing ours. It was noted that if the state department would mandate the survey, we would get higher returns.

#### V. Fall Conference

Many suggestions on sessions, etc:

Need lots of help from CMENC members

Need a session on interdisciplinary "how to's," and terminology: Mike

How music teachers integrate the curriculum and how to articulate that- Mary and I.J.

Workshop by a man and woman team from MO- Judy and Jaree

Jane Paulson (?) from FL- Peggy

General Music Today- online articles that can be distributed to NLR principals

Rollo Dilworth, McGraw- I.J.

Big-name group to come in for the second day- Robert

How about a steel or mariachi band? Strings? Electronic? Patricia will check

More focus on college students is needed to increase membership

Schedule-wise, the focus areas seemed to work well.

Location:

ATU has a new dept chair

Paige sees a way to centralize things at UCA

Harding might be a back up location

Dates:

AEA days are Nov. 13-14. This is what we settled on for our conference.

AOSA is Nov. 12-15 which may cause a problem for attendance - Peggy will be gone to AOSA, affecting the exhibitors

1 day or 2 days? 2, because it was financially good for us, even with the fee increase

#### VI. Do we need a separate elementary division?

History is that elementary needed and wanted more representation at the state

level - Mary. This is also why our financials were set up in this way. Since 80's.

Has the face of ArkMEA changed enough to discontinue this?

If we merge, AEMEA would have to vote to merge money, too; This is especially true when it comes to the February All State conferences.

February conferences need to have their own fee of \$20 like everything else - Delynne  
The way it is, is confusing...AEMEA could be absorbed into ArkMEA, and should  
no longer be a separate entity- Delynne et al.

Motion by Mary: Ask AEMEA to vote to consider unifying AEMEA and ArkMEA.

Second by I.J.

Delynne will present this option to AEMEA folks at their August meeting.

Katy will get a list of ArkCDA officers and All State dates to Delynne before then.

## VII. Retreat dates

Not during frameworks revision dates or AACDA (July 29-31)

We can afford an overnight stay - Mike

Motion by Delynne for June 29 and 30 (Sunday night and Monday)

Second by Mary

Possibility of meeting in Conway, beginning at 3 pm on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Find out if UCA can handle our fall conference dates first.

## VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. by Peggy.

Second by Mary.