

Minutes of the OCDA Summer Board Meeting

June 23, 2008

10 a.m.

Roush Hall, Room 331

Otterbein College

Note: BOLD RED print denotes action items.

I. Preliminary Reports

- Call to Order (Gayle Walker), 10:05 A.M.

Attending: Walker, Ayling, Call, Munson, Richardson, Gillis, Groom, B. Potts, S. Potts, Zurkey, Raber, Lenzmeier, Jones, Bradley, Tovey, Unger, Mathias, Sneed, Ward, Rosen, Gallagher, Wolfe, Davis, Blackley, Phillips, Borden, Gil, Lana; Guests: Grant Cook, James Vaughan

Unable to attend: Vandock, Blubaugh, White, Gabrielsen, Paulson, Borden

- Introductions (Gayle Walker)
- Minutes (Andy Call)

Motion: To approve minutes
Made by: Richardson
Seconded by: Ward
Action taken: Passed unanimously

- Treasurers Report (Gayle Walker for Kent Vandock)
 - see attachments

Motion: To approve treasurer's report
Made by: Mathias
Seconded by: Ward
Action taken: Passed unanimously

- Newsletter Report (Ron Blackley)
 - Ron distributed new deadlines for the next two years for newsletter submissions
 - Some concern was voiced about timing of issue arrival. Ron explained that he is in the queue for about 30 days with Ashland's printing service. Suggested that perhaps deadlines be moved up to account for this delay. Ron will advertise anticipated publication date, not arrival date.
- Webmaster Report (Luke Rosen)
 - Luke is stepping down as webmaster; introduced James Vaughn as new webmaster

- James anticipates that it will take to the end of the summer to get up to speed to bring the site current
- Unger noted that it would be helpful to have the schedule in a more easily identified section of the website, separate from the registration form
- R&S Chairs
 - Jones – collegiate choral festival was March 1; tentatively planned for February 21, 2009 at Worthington UMC. Many thanks to OSU for hosting well in 2008. Bob reported the need for additional advertising to make the event even more successful in the future – perhaps in the *Triad*.
 - Ward – extended “Men” to include all males. Held an event in May with an 8th grade choir called “Boys Night Out.”
 - Mathias – Children's choir area doing well with the Children's Honor Choir at summer conference. No anticipated need for additional events.
 - Ruff – MS trying to improve participation in solo & ensemble by hosting a similar event at Olentangy Schools to include neighboring school districts, using an improved rubric for feedback
 - Sneed – Women's chorus festival was very successful and challenged Ward to do a similar festival for men's choruses. Nearly all schools that participated were small local schools. Advance preparation was poor, but the event was successful nonetheless.
 - Phillips – two performances in 2008 were very successful. Community performance of Faure *Requiem* was successful and well attended, raising \$800 for *Neighborhood Services*. Choral Festival included five area choirs culminating in *Missa Luba*. Excellent attendance, outstanding performance, and raised over \$1000 for *Doctors without Borders*.
 - Raber – similar solo & ensemble event to MS hosted at Oak Harbor. Planning to extend to additional schools in 2009.
 - Bradley – Music in Worship organized a youth choir event for United Methodist Churches from West Ohio Conference, culminating in a performance in New York City.
 - Davis – September 19-21, 2008 will host and participate in the Northern Ohio Hymn Festival. Clinicians are David Orr, Anton Armstrong, and John Ferguson. Masterclasses will be held in organ and choral techniques on Saturday. Festival choir is Sunday (performance at 4 p.m., rehearsal at 2 p.m.). Registration is still open.
 - Wolfe (Ward reporting) – All-Ohio Boychoir event was held at Van Wert on May 3. Bob noted that he is the longest tenured boychoir director in Ohio at four years.

II. Old Business

- 2008 Summer Conference Update (Brian Potts)
 - 127 pre-registrations
 - expected 20-25 walk-ups
 - 39 box lunches for roundtables ordered

- 22 on campus housing
- 23 registered for graduate credit
- drivers are needed for transporting clinicians
- Gallagher noted that some performance venues are a considerable distance from Otterbein. Requested that we consider the driving distance when scheduling performance sites.
- Introductions needed during conference. Richardson will introduce Joe Miller, Walker will introduce evening concert, Lana will introduce Sharon Smith, Ruff will introduce Randy Pagel, Munson will introduce Russ Raver and Oak Harbor HS Choir, Ayling will introduce Bonnie Sneed on Tuesday, Tovey will introduce Judith Nicosia at both sessions, Unger will introduce Brett Scott, Phillips will introduce Bonnie Sneed on Wednesday, Gillis will introduce Raymond Wise
- Discussion was held regarding the paying of honorariums to presenters during summer conference. We have not historically paid presenters other than headliners.

Motion: To grant Executive Board the discretion to decide on compensation to presenters for 2008

Made by: Munson

Seconded by: Mathias

Action taken: Passed unanimously

Motion: To have President Walker appoint a subcommittee to review the topic of compensation for presenters in the future

Made by: Ward

Seconded by: Richardson

Action taken: Passed unanimously

- Nominations of clinicians for OMEA conference (Eric Richardson)
 - statement by Roger Hall last fall that choral events represent one-third of all conference events
 - Several people were suggested and contacted regarding their interest and requirements as presenters – no return contact yet from any. The list includes:
 - Paul Oakley
 - Ann Howard Jones
 - Henry Leck
 - Craig Jessop
 - Francisco Nunez
 - Rene Clausen
 - Eric Whitacre
 - Morten Lauridsen
- Repertoire Notebooks (Ben Ayling)
 - hopefully all notebooks are in process and are present at the conference

- notebooks are on display in the lobby of Battelle Fine Arts Center
- reminder that R&S chairs have up to \$50 to fill their notebooks; please have them ready by the summer conference
- notebooks will be stored at Otterbein after the conference
- OCDA Reading Sessions at OMEA (Ben Ayling)
 - reminder to start working to find new titles; deadline same as last year (November 15?)
- OCDA collaboration with OMEA Conferences (Gayle Walker)
 - Walker seated on OMEA board currently as representative of OCDA
 - we are continuing our relationship with OMEA in suggesting clinicians and providing up to total \$2500 for clinicians
 - We need to remind OMEA conference planners that we are to receive recognition of our financial participation in providing choral sessions by way of inclusion of OCDA name/logo in advertising and in individual sessions.
 - Vocal pledge by Roger Hall for OCDA members to be able to attend OMEA conferences at member rate regardless of their member status in OMEA – **Walker will watchdog this issue**
 - **We need to discuss the breakdown of choral categories for planning as instrumental instructors break down their categories for the sake of planning at our Fall meeting**
- Children's Honor Choir (report attached); highlights:
 - significant increase in registration this year over the past few weeks
 - all five satellite areas have been successful
 - 155 singers are registered – this is the maximum we can accommodate
 - five of the participating teachers are new members of OCDA/ACDA because of the honor choir
 - seven full scholarships awarded, four partial scholarships awarded (no cost to OCDA for partials)
 - substantial income and expenses, but net profit to OCDA is anticipated to be just over \$4,500
 - our budget is higher than most states, but the on-campus housing option is an equalizing factor in terms of cost to families
 - still need to focus recruitment in southeast and northwest Ohio
 - hope to continue scholarships in 2009

Motion: To continue to offer scholarships for Children's Honor Choir for 2009 up to a total of \$3000

Made by: Richardson

Seconded by: Blackley

Action taken: Passed unanimously

- A complete proposal will come from Lana to fall board meeting for future years for the board's approval.
- Plans are well underway for 2009.
- OCDA mission statement (Gayle Walker)
 - is there a national statement, or just points of support?

III. New Business

- 2009 Summer Conference (Gayle Walker)
 - we don't have the clinicians set yet for 2009
 - OMEA deadline is upon us for fall issue of *Triad*, so we need to decide now if we have something to advertise in the fall, though the winter issue deadline is in August
 - Consensus was to wait until the conference issue of *Triad* – deadline is October; **Ayling will ask his son to design, Gil willing to assist as needed in design of ad and logo**
 - Who we are
 - What we do
 - Info about OCDA conference
 - Website address
 - clinicians and past clinicians
 - reciprocity of member status for registration cost
 - Children's Honor Choir at summer conference
- Sponsorship (Gayle Walker/Kent Vandock)
 - Kent suggested establishing a cap on annual sponsorship totals not to exceed \$2500

Motion: To add a line to the budget of \$2500 total for sponsorships annually

Made by: Munson

Seconded by: Ward

Action taken: Passed unanimously

- Ayling recommended that President Walker appoint persons to be in charge of receiving and reviewing applications for sponsorship
- Membership Concerns (Ben Ayling)
 - ACDA Leadership Conference is taking place again, and Ben will attend this summer. He plans to involve the region chairs in some changes to promote membership.
 - Next year's conference registration will include a place for registrants to include county and R & S areas of interest
- Sponsorship of Collegiate Choral Festival (Bob Jones)
 - Advertising budget provided for 2009 festival

- Discussion around whether the inclusion of television spot would set a precedent for other R & S events that would become cost prohibitive

Motion: To approve funding for advertisement in two *Triad* issues (Fall, 2008; Winter, 2009) for a total of \$205

Made by: Ayling

Seconded by: Gallagher

Action taken: Passed unanimously

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Made by: Richardson

Seconded by: Tovey

Action taken: Passed unanimously @ 12:45 p.m.

FYI: Upcoming ACDA/OCDA/OMEA Dates

2008

OCDA Fall Board Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 13, 10:00 a.m.

2009

OCDA Winter Board Meeting

Saturday, January 10, 10:00 a.m.

OMEA Conference

January 15-17, 2009, Columbus

ACDA National Conference

March 4-7, 2009, Oklahoma City

OCDA Summer Conference

June 22-24, Otterbein College

2010

OCDA Summer Conference

June 21-23, Otterbein College