

**Draft of the OCDA Summer Board Meeting  
June 22, 2009  
10 a.m.  
Roush Hall, Room 331  
Otterbein College**

**Note: BOLD RED print denotes action items.**

**I. Preliminary Reports**

- Call to Order (Gayle Walker), 10:03 a.m.

**Attending:** Walker, Ayling, Munson, A. Call, Groom, Jackson, Cook, Richardson, Zurkey, Ruff, Jones, Tovey, Unger, Glann, Phillips, Bradley, Davis, Mathias, Ward, Vaughan, Gallagher, Zurkey, and Blackley

**Unable to attend:** Vandock

**Guests:** Andrew Grega, Frank Bianchi, Linda Busarow, Peter Jarjisian, Jennifer Call, Fred Locker, Ron Jenkins

- Minutes (Andy Call)
  - Winter Board Meeting

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

- Treasurers Report (Kent Vandock/GW)
  - We have lost 24% of our membership since January
  - We may be facing some cutbacks; be prepared

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

- Honor Choir (Emily Gil)
  - 128 participants this year; very good considering economy
  - scholarships came not only from OCDA but through a Central Ohio Gifted and Talented program
  - Emily will check on the scholarship for Central Ohio students to be communicated in packets for 2010
- 2009 Summer Conference update (Brian Potts)
  - 124 pre-registered, expecting 20 or so walk-ups

- please help to get evaluation forms taken care of at end of day Tuesday
- Newsletter Report (Ron Blackley)
  - last report from Ron after six years of service
  - we have lost some advertisers, but have picked up a few; even money at this point; newsletter pays for itself with advertising
  - newsletter works in tandem with website – keep exploring a digital version of newsletter to replace print version
  - please be prompt in following deadlines for submission
- Webmaster Report (James Vaughn)
  - more traffic on web, increasing daily
  - conference information continues to be most visited content
  - question about job postings; should we do this? Members only content?
    - this would include a link to OMEA postings
    - suggested that we need to have a signature verification for postings to waive any liability for accuracy of information on our part
    - could be linked to Google documents to simplify process
    - James will post on a beta version for board review
    - are we providing so much information on the web that people are electing not to become members? There is a concern that all of the information available to members is available publicly on the website.
    - James will explore with ACDA and OMEA regarding how they handle members-only access
    - for now, holding back most recent newsletter and repertoire information to encourage people to join
    - James will present tomorrow at the business lunch about the web and the RSS feed
- R & S Reports
  - New R & S Chairs were introduced. Ben Ayling strongly suggested that every elected and appointed member of the board include in their email signature their role in OCDA and a link to the website to help promote the organization.
  - Multicultural (David Tovey): working on a choral project in connection with OMEA with African choral trends
  - Community (Sheena Phillips): has worked on a few events this past year; has been working to promote ACDA among community choir directors; considering doing a focused community choir session during an afternoon or evening for future summer conferences; community choir event for north coast choirs coming in 2009-2010; Sheena has also sent an invitation to community choir directors in her registry inviting them to the summer conference – suggested that all R & S areas could do the same next year – Sheena will provide a copy of this message to Loren Veigel, incoming

secretary, who will check on lists to provide to incoming R & S chairs to share their own information

- College/University (Robert Jones): some very interesting content at ACDA national conference; date for Collegiate Choral Festival for 2010 is March 6
- Middle School (Amy Ruff): encouraging people to take advantage of Divisional conference in Cincinnati in February
- Women's (Kerry Glann): November 20, 2009 is Women's Chorus Invitational at Kent; working to expand this in 2010, including registering more quartets and performing a major work
- Youth & Student Affairs (Mel Unger): working on new initiatives for attracting student members and young teacher members; some of the issue may be stage of life with everything else going on for our young people in getting settled into new jobs
- Music in Worship (Carol Ann Bradley): recently retired, so her job has changed significantly; working part-time as a sub for churches
- Two Year Colleges (Nancy Davis): working to get a good registry of those who are 2-year colleges and those who are 4-year, as well as those who are adjunct instead of full-time to know how best to meet their needs
- Children's (Sandy Mathias): Directors retreat will be in Cincinnati January 17, 2010 – Robyn Lana is organizing at the division level
- Men's (Bob Ward): had a great connection with the Singing Men of Ohio and The OSU Men's Glee Club in May; Ethan Sperry is hosting the national men's chorus festival in 2010

## I. Old Business

- Summer Conference (Gayle Walker) – addendum to previous report by Brian Potts
  - assignments for introductions during conference
- Committee on Compensation for Presenters
  - committee has explored this during the year
  - current policy is to offer registration for summer conference free for in-state presenters
  - Bob Ward is waiting on a copy of the ACDA national policy from Jeffrey Thyer – this will be discussed and voted at the fall board meeting
- Exhibits (Tina Groom)
  - increasingly difficult to get exhibitors at summer conference
  - many potential exhibitors have asked for detailed information on foot traffic that we can't provide
  - Tina is a little disappointed in the number of exhibitors, but there are some creative solutions to filling the exhibits room this year; working diligently to improve the numbers for 2010

- Repertoire Notebooks (Ben Ayling)
  - be sure to include “old war horses”; we know them, but other teachers, especially new teachers, may not
  - will be displayed during the conference at exhibits after 3 p.m. Monday
  - housed at Otterbein – encourage R & S chairs to take these home to work on them and return them here for storage
  - a repertoire list in the notebooks or available on the website would be very helpful in addition to the single copies – would allow people to take that list home with them or print it themselves for reference later
- OCDA Summer Conference Reading Sessions (Ben Ayling)
  - All R & S Chairs are encouraged to keep their pieces short at conference – no repeats; try to have fun with these sessions; say just a little bit about the piece that helps us know more about it
  - Each person who conducts introduces the next R & S chair to conduct
- OMEA/OCDA partnership
  - difficult to communicate
  - thanks to Eric Richardson in helping to facilitate clinician for 2009
  - we continue to make the effort to promote OCDA and to have a voice in choral music education in Ohio
  - OMEA is an enormous organization – the second largest MENC affiliate in the country (Texas); the people who lead OMEA work extremely hard and diligently to lead the organization and to communicate with us
  - we are in the second year of the provisional agreement – some successes and some failures
  - trying to utilize Ohio talent this year to provide more flexibility in scheduling than is available with national clinicians
  - Gayle and Ben assembled a list of eight Ohio choral presenters who prepared proposals – OMEA will pore over these and make selections to use as presenters
    - this approach will not only help with scheduling, but will also reduce cost – communication should be easier in terms of planning and putting these events on the grid from the beginning; using a nationally known clinicians often necessitates dragging out the communication so that event details are finalized after the planning and scheduling has begun
  - Jim Dowdy will be here for our business lunch on Tuesday to greet us and present; they will also have an exhibit during our conference
  - Ron Blackley pointed out that we entered into this agreement to get better clinicians and fix scheduling conflicts; we had a great clinician (that we paid for) and the scheduling hasn’t been fixed; we have a long way to go
  - David Tovey pointed out that other constituencies feel under-represented as well
  - Tina Groom shared that some of the miscommunication relates to the breakdown of various constituencies: i.e. band (chamber ensembles, jazz,

marching band, brass choir, woodwind choir, etc.) vs. choir; if we made more of a point to represent our R & S areas, perhaps the OMEA folks will better understand our concerns

**Motion:** To establish the President of OCDA as representative to OMEA board, with ex-officio attendees being Vice President in first year of term and President Elect in second year of term, pending acceptance by OMEA board  
**Made by:** Ward  
**Seconded by:** Mathias  
**Action taken:** Passed unanimously

### III. New Business

- OCDA Summer Conference headliners
  - 2010, Anton Armstrong
  - 2011, Jerry McCoy
- 2011 OCDA Summer Conference Location

**Motion:** To extend the agreement with Otterbein College to host the OCDA Summer Conference for 2011-2015, and to establish a written contract with the college to do so, executed by the executive committee of the OCDA Board  
**Made by:** Richardson/Ward  
**Seconded by:** Mathias  
**Action taken:** Passed unanimously/*and as amended*

- Sponsorship Request (Grant Cook)
  - North Coast Community Choir Festival, requesting \$1000, made by John Drotleff and Kathleen Milford
    - Additional funding from Ohio Arts Council
    - Performance of Mendelssohn's *Elijah* with orchestra

**Motion:** To provide funding of \$700 to the North Coast Community Choir Festival and to be disbursed during the current budget year  
**Made by:** Ayling  
**Seconded by:** Ward  
**Action taken:** Passed unanimously

**Motion:** To add Ben Ayling as a signer on the OCDA account  
**Made by:** Richardson  
**Seconded by:** Ward  
**Action taken:** Passed unanimously

#### IV. Adjournment

**Motion:** To adjourn  
**Made by:** Zurkey  
**Seconded by:** Ward  
**Action taken:** Passed unanimously @ 12:11 p.m.

#### **FYI: Upcoming ACDA/OCDA/OMEA Dates**

##### **2009**

OCDA Fall Board Meeting  
Saturday, September 12, 10:00 a.m.

##### **2010**

OCDA Winter Board Meeting  
Saturday, January 9, 10:00 a.m.

ACDA Central Division Conference  
February 24-27, Cincinnati

OCDA Summer Conference  
June 21-23, Otterbein College