

Agenda - Ohio Choral Directors Association Winter Board Meeting

January 9, 2016

Roush Hall- Board Room

Otterbein University

10:00 a.m.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Brandon Moss, Secretary, with thanks to Libby Hainrihar for recording the meeting and taking initial notes*

Present: Loren Veigel, Dara Gillis, Keith Tankersley, Suzanne Walters, Sandra Frey Stegman, Jennifer Call, Ann Johnson, Eric West, Doug O'Neal, Tim Cloeter, Lynda Hasseler, Amy Gelsone, Daniel Cox, Jeremy David, Libby Hainrihar, Alex Gartner, Emily Garlock, Tim Carpenter, Tracy Carpenter, Kelly Ann Nelson, Jason Falkofsky, Jon Peterson, Christopher Dent, Zebulon Highben

Absent: Rich Schnipke, Brandon Moss, Kent Vandock, Tyler Skidmore, Kristen Snyder, Chris Ilg, Marie Bucoy-Calavan, Kristina MacMullen, Jeremy Jones, Jerry Parsons, Robert Jones, John McClain

I. Reports

- Call to Order (Loren Veigel)
- Minutes (Brandon Moss)
 - **Motion:** **to approve Fall minutes as presented**
 - Made by: Dara Gillis
 - Seconded by: Tim Cloeter
 - **Action taken:** **Motion passed**
- Treasurer's Report (Kent Vandock)
 - Submitted electronically to Board, highlighted by President Veigel
 - Various contributors led to decreased expenses in 2015, a change of over \$9000 from 2014
 - A deposit over \$1400 has been made to the Contingency Fund
 - OCDA is now handling its own W-9s and 1099s, and any payees receiving \$600 or more must complete a W-9 in order to receive a check
 - Board members need to turn in itemized receipts in a timely manner
 - **Motion:** **to approve Treasurer's report**
 - Made by: Suzanne Walters
 - Seconded by: Doug O'Neal
 - **Action taken:** **Motion passed**
- Presidential Special Considerations
 - ACDA's proposed re-alignment of R & S positions (currently in voting phase)
 - Each state would be required to have four R & R chairs (Repertoire & Resources) in the areas of Youth, Collegiate, Lifelong, and Repertoire-Specific (to include Men's, Women's, Vocal Jazz, Contemporary Commercial, and Ethnic) with the option to include others or organize them in their own fashion
 - President Veigel sees this as an opportunity to assess Ohio's R & S chair organizational structure, as it now hosts many different specific chairs, making the board very large
 - Discussion Topics:
 - Perhaps these four large positions could head committees that break down the areas so that integrity of expertise is maintained

- A committee structure may provide additional opportunities for elected Region Chairs
 - Committees could meet separately from Board Meetings
 - Voting (elected) Board Members should assess the organizational structure in order to make a recommendation since these changes would require a change in by-laws
 - **Motion:** **to form a small group made up of elected chairs to assess current structure and make any necessary proposal to Board**
 - Made by: Tim Cloeter
 - Seconded by: Sandra Frey Stegman
 - **Action taken:** **Motion passed**
- Membership Initiatives
 - Precedent by which some high school students have been able to take advantage of the student membership initiative as offered by ACDA has proven very costly to OCDA. This has contributed to Membership funds exceeding budget by \$1000. (OCDA pays a portion of the reduced fee to ACDA.)
 - Ohio the only state in the nation to offer high school students membership
 - **Board consensus for President Veigel to make recommendation to National Office to offer a registration discount for high school students so that they need not be members**
 - **Motion:** **that OCDA's student membership initiative be restricted to only undergraduate and graduate students as first-year members**
 - Made by: Lynda Hasseler
 - Seconded by: Amy Gelsone
 - **Action taken:** **Motion passed**
- Keep Singing initiative
 - **Coordinator West will put on website in the Spring and will send out an e-mail blast with information from Bryan Nichols**
 - Link opens April 1
- Central Division Conference needs
 - Ushers for Children's Showcase Concert – Fri 7:00 pm
 - Ushers for Honor Concert – Sat 11:00 am
 - A sign-up sheet was created and passed around for those attending the Divisional Conference
- Summer Conference needs
 - President Veigel firming up program for Summer Conference 2016
 - Headliners are Rodney Eichenberger and Andrea Ramsey
 - Anyone interested in presenting a session needs to speak with President Veigel
 - President Veigel has put out a call for performing ensembles and wants Board members to promote
- OCDA-developed Elementary Choir Festivals
 - Presented by Chair Walters
 - Elementary Choir Festival at Mt. Union, Saturday March 5
 - Clinicians: Jennifer Call, Lisa Wong
 - 9 Choirs participating
 - Estimated expenses: \$2300; Estimated income: \$2950 (\$500 from OCDA)
 - Chair Walters has sought OMEA assistance in funding this event as it expands and private sponsorships are harder to obtain
 - \$500 each pledged from OMEA Districts 4, 6; seeking District 8; \$250 from OMEA EC Region

- OMEA has approved support for this year; Chair Walters is making a presentation to their State Board at OMEA Conference
 - On a systemic level, there are challenges from OMEA
 - OMEA believes events should fund themselves
 - Some leaders opposed to collaboration, though President Terry Herschman supports it
 - Some leaders have suggested OMEA should take the event over entirely
 - There have plans for this event to expand to all five regions, but OCDA cannot afford to sponsor \$2500 every year
 - Vice-President Gillis suggests our executive officers initiate a discussion with OMEA leadership to discuss this further. President Veigel is working on this.
- Newsletter Report (Tim Cloeter)
 - Articles are due by January 15
 - Unclear where are other advertising income is
 - Chair Tankersley will email Treasurer Vandock
- Information Technology Coordinator Report (Eric West)
 - Website advertising is more complex than originally thought, so Coordinator West proposes OCDA not pursue this at this time
 - Website has been down quite a bit lately; host addressed this and it has improved
- Membership Committee (Doug O'Neal)
 - Currently 628 members, an increase from Fall, though down in Active Members
 - Sing Up Campaign shows a 10.8% increase in Ohio, small decrease in Central Division
 - Ohio 7th largest ACDA chapter
 - Discussion of region chairs assisting with encouraging renewals; unfortunately leadership is not able to share membership reports
- Repertoire & Standards Area Updates
 - High School (Kristen Snyder)
 - No report
 - Middle School (Libby Hainrihar)
 - No report
 - Multi-Cultural (Lynda Hasseler)
 - Looking for repertoire notebook
 - College/University (Marie Bucoy-Calavan)
 - New chair; unable to attend meeting
 - No report
 - Elementary Interest (Jeremy David)
 - No report
 - Music/Worship (Alex Gartner)
 - No report
 - Vocal Jazz (Chris Ilg)
 - No report
 - Show Choir (Emily Garlock)
 - No report
 - Women's Chorus (Kristina MacMullen)
 - No report
 - Men's Chorus (Jason Falkofsky)
 - Encourages all HS directors to nominate students for Men's and Women's Honors Chorus registration

- Community (Tim and Tracy Carpenter)
 - No report
- OMEA Reading Sessions (Rich Schnipke)
 - R & S submission follow-up
 - Pres. Elect Schnipke will send information to R & S chairs about OMEA
 - President Veigel encourages all Board members to help out at OMEA reading sessions, as these are sponsored by OCDA
- Chair Reports
 - Mentorship (Bob Jones)
 - No report
 - President Veigel shared positive experience of being a mentor this Fall
 - Historian (Amy Gelsone)
 - Looking for archives from previous Historian; **President Veigel looking into this**
 - Youth/Student (Jeremy Jones)
 - No report
 - Retired (Jerry Parsons)
 - No report
 - Exhibits (Keith Tankersley)
 - No report
 - Past President's Council Report (Dara Gillis)
 - Distinguished Service Award
 - Nominations closed December 31 for Distinguished Service Award and elections
 - Only one Distinguished Service Award nomination was submitted and it was incomplete; an e-mail vote may be forthcoming for this
 - Several nominations for NW and EC Region Chairs
 - ACDA will prepare a ballot to go out in April for our elections

II. Old Business

- Children's Honors Chorus (Jennifer Call)
 - Conductor will be Fred Meads
 - Will be looking for some extra help as event nears
 - Concerns with space limitations in theatre building at Otterbein; given location issues with HS Honor Choir, Chair Call would like the Board to evaluate the location of the overall conference
- High School Honor Choirs (Ann Johnson and John McClain)
 - Church of the Messiah no longer wants to host the event and chairs have exhausted local possibilities for a location
 - Lynda Hasseler willing to host off-site at Capital University, and chairs are planning for this
 - Event will be advertised at OMEA Reading Sessions
 - Teacher recommendations on website by March 1; registration deadline April 15
- 2016 Summer Conference (Chris Dent)
 - Waiting for fee quotes from Otterbein, which will likely see standard increases
 - Advertisement at OMEA with flyers and conference booklet
 - Hotel cost decrease for this year

III. New Business

- Stace Stegman Award (Loren Veigel)

- President Veigel and Pres. Elect Schnipke conferred and nominated candidates per divisional request, which came after Fall Board Meeting
- Explanation of nomination process
- Student Chapter Scholarships – Summer Conference (Loren Veigel)
 - OCDA has offered this in the past, which provides free registration to one student per collegiate chapter
 - It is unclear how many collegiate chapters we have; President Veigel thinks 10
 - **Motion to offer free registration to one student per collegiate chapter, as submitted by chapter adviser**
 - Made by: Lynda Hasseler
 - Seconded by: Jon Peterson
 - **Action taken: Motion passed**
- OMEA participants—almost all are OCDA members
 - Presenters - Kelly Ann Nelson; Christopher Eanes; Jeanne Wohlgamuth; Eva Floyd; Robin Lana; Chris Venesile; Jim Gallagher; Sandra Thornton; Chelsey Sweatman, Cindy Kosteck; Dawn Anglin; Rich Schnipke; Rebel Marcum; Paul Mayhew; Kevin Coker; Minnita Daniel-Cox; Lynda Hasseler; Ann Schertzer; Amy Blosser; Julia Shaw
 - Performers – College of Wooster Chorus under Lisa Wong; 2 Knight 2 Knight, King’s HS under Scott Hayward; Little Miami HS Select Women’s Chorus under Sarah Baker; Gahanna Lincoln HS A Cappella Choir under Jeremy Lahman; Capital University Chordsmen under Craig Courtney (Lynda Hasseler); Ohio University Women’s Ensemble under Paul Mayhew; Capital Philomel under Lynda Hasseler; Jackson Middle School (Grove City) Symphonic Choir under Nicholas Klein; University of Toledo CrossCurrents under Gunnar Mossblad; Cincinnati Children’s Choir under Robyn Lana; Cincinnati Boychoir under Christopher Eanes; Bexley HS Vocal Ensemble under Amy Blosser
 - David Childs and Rollo Dillworth; Paul Rardin All State Choir
- ACDA Divisional Participants: CONGRATULATIONS!
 - Performers – Bexley HS Vocal Ensemble under Amy Blosser; Cincinnati Boychoir Tour Choir under Christopher Eanes; The College of Wooster Chorus under Lisa Wong; University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music Chamber Choir under Earl Rivers
 - Presenters – Sandra Frey Stegman; Tracey Nycz; Christopher Eanes; Kelly Ann Nelson; Bryan Nichols; Amy Blosser; Tim Cloeter

IV. Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn**
- Made by: Dara Gillis
- Seconded by: Lynda Hasseler

OCDA Board Meetings:

- Monday June 20, 2016 at 10 a.m. in Roush Hall, Board Room, Otterbein University
- Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 10 a.m. in Roush Hall, Board Room, Otterbein University
- Saturday, January 7, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. Otterbein
- Monday, June 19, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. Otterbein (Conference June 19-21)

Other Important Events:

- OMEA Conference – January 28-30, 2016 in Cincinnati
- ACDA Central Division Conference – Feb 24-27, 2016 in Chicago, Illinois
- OCDA Summer Conference June 20-22 Otterbein University

OCDA Membership Report

January 9, 2016

Submitted by Doug O'Neal

As of January 4, 2016:

Members: 628 (25 person increase)

Active members on Aug 30, 2014 was 331.

Current active member is down to 282 from 331 in Sept.

Members in Jan, 2015 was 692

Membership at a glance:

Active 282 (down 49)

Associate 2

Exchange 1

Industry 5

Institution 1

Library 23

Life 72

Paying Life 5

Retired 69 (up 4)

Student 193 (up from January)

We see an increase in our Membership stats during a Central Division Conference year, mostly because of Firestone HS

Sing Up Membership Drive:

-Over the membership drive, Central Division membership went DOWN 2.3%

-Ohio's membership increased during the drive by 10.8%.

-We are one of only 5 states to have ALL of their 10 complementary memberships returned.

-Ohio added the 5th largest growth in members

-Ohio is still the 7th largest ACDA State chapter (ahead of Texas by 8 members!)

Item for Discussion, motion and vote:

Should the \$5 membership initiative be open to high school AND college students?

About \$525 to Firestone HS