

Minutes* - Ohio Choral Directors Association Summer Board Meeting

June 22, 2015

Roush Hall- Board Room

Otterbein College

10:00 a.m.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by secretary, Richard Schnipke*

Present: Jerry Parsons, Libby Hainrihar, Dan Monek, Peter Jarjisian, Eric Richardson, Kristina MacMullen, Jeremy Jones, Chris Ilg, Sharon Gratto, Keith Tankersly, Emily Garlock, Kent Vandock, Doug O'Neal, Amy Glesone, Tim Cloeter, Suzanne Walters, Jennifer Call, Eric West, Brandon Moss, Bob Jones, Peter Hampton, Sandra Stegman, Jon Peterson, Rich Schnipke, Loren Veigel, Bill Zurkey, Dara Gillis, Tim Carpenter, Tracy Carpenter, Tyler Skidmore

Absent: Elyssa Hurley, Bob Ward, Kristen Snyder, Frank Jacobs, Ann Johnson, John McClain, Sarah Baker, Emily Garlock

I. Preliminary Reports

- Call to Order (Dara Gillis)
- Minutes (Rich Schnipke)
 - **Motion:** **to approve fall minutes as presented**
 - Made by: Eric Richardson
 - Seconded by: Kent Vandock
 - Action taken: passed
 - **Motion:** **to approve January minutes as presented**
 - Made by: Loren Viegel
 - Seconded by: Peter Jarjisian
 - Action taken: passed
- 2015 Summer Conference Report (Brandon Moss)
 - 6 student workers from Otterbein
 - All with Otterbein now seems OK
 - Otterbein has given us various discounts over the years. We are no longer receiving them
 - Registration a little down
 - 150 pre-registered
 - Because registrations are down, Brandon will encourage evaluations this year
 - Brief discussion about offering a per day conference rate (There is currently an unpublished \$60 per day rate) Executive committee will discuss in post conference evaluation meeting
- Welcome of Incoming Board Members (Loren Veigel)
 - Brandon Moss, secretary

- Rich Schnipke, president-elect
- SC, Zeb Highben
- NE, Tyler Skidmore
- SW, Kelly Ann Nelson
- RS positions are filled and will be introduced at all-conference meeting
- Some R&S positions are remaining open purposefully to allow for board realignment led by the National Office. Loren will keep us posted as those changes come.
- Treasurer's Report (Kent Vandock)
 - Submitted electronically and presented during meeting
 - **Motion:** **to approve treasurers report as presented**
 - Made by: Eric Richardson
 - Seconded by: Suzanne Walters
 - Action taken: passed
- Newsletter Report (Tim Cloeter)
 - Newsletter budget has decreased greatly
 - Impressed with the depth of knowledge, experience and insight from the board submitting articles
 - Rate of submission seems to be going down
 - Tim encourages board to submit in a timely manner and will send a schedule over the summer
 - If there are suggestions for changing publication/submission dates, Tim is open to discussion
- Information Technology Coordinator Report (Eric West)
 - It's been a good year getting acclimated with the systems
 - 257 Facebook likes, 102 Twitter followers
 - Constant Contact, very user friendly and working well for us
 - If board members have things they would like sent to the membership, let Eric know
 - Successfully used for Honor Choir registrations
 - Website
 - New format for the calendar
 - New link for advertisers to register, submit and pay for OCDA News ads
 - Ads will still need to be emailed to Tim or Keith
 - Looking into ways to include advertisements on the website
 - Summer Conference Exhibitors will be able to register online next year
 - Send any web updates to Eric
- Membership Committee (Doug O'Neal)
 - Sing Up! Fall Membership Drive 2015
 - As of June 1, 612 members
 - 328 active
 - student memberships down by 80

- Ohio 7th largest ACDA state chapter member
 - Above central division and national growth
 - New Sing Up drive runs Sept 21 – Nov 15
 - 27 of 38 free memberships were used
 - Only 10 free memberships will be given next year
 - ACDA is considering
- Repertoire & Standards Chairs Status Updates
 - High School (Kristen Snyder)
 - No report
 - Women's Chorus (Kristina MacMullen)
 - OSU Women's Glee Club Human Trafficking Event
 - Enough money raised during the event to debrand 18 victims of human trafficking
 - Middle School (Libby Hainrihar)
 - No report
 - Multi-Cultural (Sharon Gratto)
 - No report
 - College/University (Dan Monek)
 - No report
 - Elementary Interest (Suzanne Walters)
 - 2015 Elementary Choir Festival Recap
 - Shared materials from the festival
 - 2016 Elementary Festival, March 5 at Jackson High School
 - still working on collaboration with OMEA for the new event next year
 - Music/Worship (Eric Richardson)
 - No report
 - Children's (Jennifer Call)
 - Changing Voice Institute – Oct. 16 (3rd year)
 - Last year had 75 students and 12 teachers participate
 - **Motion:** **to allocate \$750 for the 2015 Changing Voice Institute**
 - Made by: Suzanne Walters
 - Seconded by: Tim Cloeter
 - Discussion
 - Action taken: passed unanimously
 - Vocal Jazz (Chris Ilg)
 - No report
 - Show Choir (Emily Garlock)
 - No report
 - Men's Chorus (Bob Ward)
 - No report
 - 2-Year College (Peter Jarjisian)
 - No report
 - Community (Frank Jacobs)
 - No report

- Repertoire Notebooks from Reading Sessions- R&S please update your notebooks! (Loren Veigel)
 - Should be easy to do with new Pepper Packets
- Reading Session Update (Loren Veigel)
 - John Yehling from Pepper introduced to the board
 - Loren shared the executive committee's rationale in changing from Musical Resources to Pepper
 - Discussion about including self published titles in reading sessions.
 - R&S chairs encouraged to work directly with John to help with music that is self published by composers
- Chair Reports
 - Mentorship (Bob Jones)
 - 15 potential new candidates interested in starting in the fall
 - 2-3 wanting to start after Christmas
 - similar number of mentors in place to work with new candidates
 - Historian (Amy Gelsone)
 - No report
 - Youth/Student (Jeremy Jones)
 - No report
 - Retired (Jerry Parsons)
 - No report
 - Exhibits (Keith Tankersely)
 - No report
 - Distinguished Service Award (Bill Zurkey)
 - Voted to recognize Wade Rairdon
 - Will be here for the luncheon

II. Old Business

- Children's Honors Chorus (Jennifer Call)
 - Overview and update of Children's Honor Chorus
 - A lot of changes made for this year
 - Moved from a single chair to a committee model
 - Online registration and nomination
 - 120 singers this year (down from 150-160)
 - Christine Jordanoff will be guest conductor
 - Tyler Young serving as on site coordinator
- High School Honor Choirs (Ann Johnson and John McClain)
 - 170 singers
 - Some issues at the church to be discussed at post conference wrap up meeting
 - Expecting a large audience at concert tonight – get there early to get a seat
 - Ann and John have done a great job and made many positive changes, please thank them
- 2015 Summer Conference (continued)

- Volunteers needed to introduce our presenters
- Brio Conference Party/Gemutlichkeit
- Job Lists (Loren Veigel)
 - Loren is requesting a job description from all board members
- Other Old Business
 - None

III. New Business

- 2016 Summer Conference (Loren Veigel)
 - Headliners: verbal commitment from Rod Eichenberger & Andrea Ramsey for 2016, Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory and Tim Sharp for 2017
 - Loren requests help from the board looking for Ohio clinicians
- National Office report and 2016 Central Division Chicago (Gayle Walker)
 - ICEP International Conductors Exchange Program
 - Amy Blosser & Jeremy Jones were chosen conductors
 - US conductors to become fellows overseas & their conductors apply to come here
 - Division is asking states to help financially with some costs of having conductors here
 - Discussion/explanation of needs and reasons
 - Jeremy Jones and Loren Veigel will work with Kent Vandock and draft a response to national that highlights the OCDA Board's conversation and needs from ACDA national before financially supporting the program
 - Division Conference is going to be wonderful
 - Please do everything you can to encourage registration
- Elections (Bill Zurkey)
 - Thanks to all who ran
 - Congratulations to newly elected officers
 - Pres-Elect: Richard Schnipke
 - Secretary: Brandon Moss
 - SW Region Chair: Kelly Ann Nelson
 - NE Region Chair: Tyler Skidmore
 - SC Region Chair: Zeb Highben
 - Past President's Council was integral in creating slate
 - Only had 19% participation in election – discussion about how to improve this in future years
- Thank you for your service to the Board (Dara Gillis)
 - Bill Zurkey, Peter Hampton, Sarah Baker, Elaine Dwyer, Frank Jacobs, Sharon Gratto, Eric Richardson, Jeremy Jones, Peter Jarjisan, Devon Gess,
- Other New Business

IV. Adjournment

- **Motion:** **to adjourn**
- Made by: Eric Richardson
- Seconded by: Kent Vandock
- Action taken: passed unanimously

OCDA Board Meetings:

- Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Roush Hall, Board Room, Otterbein College
- Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 10 a.m. in Roush Hall, Board Room, Otterbein College
- Monday, June 20, 2016 Summer Conference Board Meeting at 10 a.m. in Roush Hall, Board Room Otterbein College

Other Important Events

- OMEA Conference 2016 – January 28-30, Cincinnati
- ACDA Central Division Conference 2016 “Lift Every Voice”- February 24-27, Chicago IL
- OCDA Summer Conference 2016- June 20-22, Otterbein University