

Minutes of Winter OCDA Meeting (Amended and accepted on 6/22/04)

January 10, 2004

331 Roush Hall, Otterbein College

Westerville Ohio

Note: Red print denotes action items.

I. Preliminary Reports

- **Call to Order** (Tom Merrill) 10:10 A.M.

Attending: Tom Merrill, Lucinda Houck, Mark Munson, Ben Ayling, Grant Cook, Basil Fett, William Schwepe, Gayle Walker, William Zurkey, Jan Swanson, Michael Lisi, Stephen Caracciolo, Andy Call, Chris Venesile, Ann Usher, Robyn Lana, Ron Blackley, Alison Schmidt Emily Gil, Rich Schnipke, Michael Hrivnak,

Unable to attend: Bill Davis, Frederick Locker, Michael Crandall, Karen Schweinfest, Luke Rosen, Raymond Lowther, Jamie Holdren,

- **Introduction of new members** (Tom Merrill)
- **Minutes** (Ben Ayling)

Motion: To accept the minutes
Made by: Robyn Lana
Seconded by: Jan Swanson
Action taken: Passes unanimously

- **Treasurer's Report** (Grant Cook - Tom Merrill)
Current Balance is at \$6818.18. The report was discussed.

Motion: To accept the treasurer's report
Made by: Gayle Walker
Seconded by: Basil Fett
Action taken: Passes unanimously

President Merrill announced that Grant Cook would be not be seeking a second term. His term will expire as of the OCDA summer conference, 2004. **He is looking into a replacement for Grant.**

- **Newsletter Report** (Mike Lisi - Ron Blackley)

President Merrill extended congratulations to Mike Lisi for generating \$1,200 of advertising for the newsletter. Lisi reported that there is a wide distribution of the newsletter to outside interested parties. 1999 rates for our newsletter advertising is still in effect. It may be prudent to raise the rate at a future time. **President Merrill asked for Blakely and Lisi to review this for future discussion and consideration by the BOD.**

Discussion ensued as to ways to print the newsletter at a lower cost. Blakely will be taking this over right away. **Articles for the next issue are needed from the President, Conference Coordinator Chair, Retired Members, Jazz R&S, Male R&S, Female R&S, NE Region Chair, and H.S. Chair.**

II. Old Business

- **OMEA/OCDA Reading Session** (Mark Munson, Tom Merrill, Lucinda Houck)

The OCDA Reading Session times were listed in the last Triad for the OMEA Conference. Reading times are scheduled on Friday of conference week but the specific sessions were not listed. Two options were discussed. Due to the number of packets for elementary being at 200 and the other sessions being at 400 packets each, we discussed different scenarios. Following our discussion, the times were assigned as follows:

8:00 AM, Elementary
9:15 AM, HS & College
10:30 AM, Middle School

Several concerns were expressed by the board as to the ramifications attached to such a scheduling change. **The President will solicit and then provide feedback about the scheduling of our reading sessions at the OMEA Conference onto the conference coordinators.**

Munson thanked the R&S Chairs for their timely responses to the call for reading selections for the sessions.

- **OCDA Website** (Tom Merrill, Luke Rosen)

Luke was unavailable for discussion. Andy Call shed some light on the process. **President Merrill directed Ayling to follow up with Luke as to the status of this and to let him know that it is hoped that Luke can get this up and running by January 31st. PDF files of past newsletters should be included.**

- **2004 Summer Conference Update** (Gayle Walker, Tom Merrill)

June 21-23, Otterbein College

Gayle Walker reported that 167 attendees were at the last conference and that it is increasing by about 30 attendees each year over the last 3 years. In response to these greater numbers, she is planning 10 minutes for passing from session to session. Discussion ensued about concurrent sessions and faster processes for passing out music at the reading sessions.

Clinicians will be Jing Ling-Tam, Dale Warland, and Lynne Gackle.
Performing ensembles will be the Vocal Arts Ensemble conducted by Earl Rivers; the Ft. Hayes high school choir, conducted by Cathy Wallace; and the

Otterbein College Concert Choir, conducted by Gayle Walker.

The prices for the conference will be:

Pre-registration

\$125 - ACDA member

\$190 - non-member (includes membership)

\$45 - retired member

\$70 - retired non-member (includes membership)

\$60 - non-member spouse (does not include membership)

\$35 - student member

\$55 - student non-member (includes membership)

Late registration

\$145 - ACDA member

\$210 - non-member (includes membership)

\$65 - retired member

\$90 - retired non-member (includes membership)

\$80 - non-member spouse (does not include membership)

\$55 - student member

\$75 - student non-member (includes membership)

Wednesday's schedule will include an interest session lunch.

March 15th is the date for R&S submissions for the summer conference.

The conference will include a traditional social hour rather than the wine or beer tasting format used in the last two years.

- **OCDA Workshops/festivals** (Mark Munson)

Mark Munson Brought up the idea of looking into a three-tiered festival system within the five regions of Ohio modeled after the Pennsylvania/Westminster systems. President Merrill spoke on requiring a two-year planning window for any change of this type. Four ideas came from the discussion.

1. Offer to OMEA an All-State Men's & Women's Chorus (2006?)
2. Do an outreach to the areas that have fewer strong programs in choral music.
3. Create a Summer Conference Honor Choir requiring OCDA membership by directors and a spring audition by the student membership.
4. Create an Elementary/Middle School Honor Choir at summer conference. Consider there not being a membership requirement for directors to be inclusive and work toward future membership.

President Merrill directed the four Elementary /Middle BOD members to put together a plan for 2005 inclusive of budgetary concerns and full implementation of this idea. This is due for the summer conference.

III. New Business

- **2005 and 2006 OCDA Summer Conference**

Mark Munson reported that Bob Chilcott has been hired for the 2006 Conference. For more information on Chilcott see the following:

<http://www.bobchilcott.com>

- **2004 OCDA Summer Conference Staffing needs**

A call for suggestions for conference speakers as well as for OMEA all State suggestions was made. Please forward these to both Tom Merrill and Mark Munson.

- **Other**

Ben Ayling raised the possibility of increasing State Dues to allow for reimbursement of mileage to board members attending official meetings. President Merrill directed everyone on the board to send an email to Ben Ayling with their round-trip mileage to a typical meeting at Otterbein. Ayling will then report what that information would mean in real dollars at 35 cents per mile.

Motion: To adjourn
Made by: Andy Call
Seconded by: Ann Usher
Action taken: Passed unanimously

The meeting concluded and lunch was served at 12:35 P.M.

All Board members should add all of the following information to their calendars to avoid conflicts and allow full participation on the leadership team.

**Next Meeting:
Monday, June 21, 2004
10:00 am
Otterbein College
Location TBA**

❖ Upcoming ACDA/OCDA/OMEA Dates

2004

OCDA Winter Board Meeting

Saturday, January 10, 2004 10:00 a.m. Otterbein College

February 5-7 OMEA Professional Conference, Columbus

February 26-28 Central Division Conference Indianapolis, IN

OCDA Summer Conference

Monday, June 21 through Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Otterbein College

OCDA Fall Board Meeting

Saturday, September 11, 2004 10:00 a.m. Otterbein College

2005

OCDA Winter Board Meeting (**Date Change - please note!**)

Saturday, January 22, 2005 10:00 a.m. Otterbein College

February 2-5 ACDA National Conference in Los Angeles (conflicts with OMEA in Cincinnati)

Feb. 3-5 OMEA Professional Conference, Cincinnati

OCDA Summer Conference

Monday, June 20 through Wednesday, June 22, 2005

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2006

January 26-28 OMEA Professional Conference, Cleveland

ACDA Regional Conference TBD - likely Chicago

2007

January 31 - February 3 ACDA National Conference in Miami, FL

February 8-10 OMEA Professional Conference, Columbus