

NDACDA General Business meeting Feb 7, 2009

1. Meeting was called to order by Sheila Zinke at 8:15 am.
2. Minutes were presented from the last meeting and read silently.
Mike Rockne motion to approve minutes, Donna seconded.
3. Treasurer's report: Given by Sheldon Weltz (attached)
He mentioned that all reimbursements must have a request for payment form. The form is found on the web site under "forms". All checks must be turned in by the due date for the registration

Discussion: Rebecca Raber brought up the possibility of assessing a fee for late filers.

Deb Wald Motion to accept the report, Pam burn second, approved

4. Sheila – new forms will be used for NDSHAA that were developed by ND ACDA. Please bring comments on their use back to us.
5. Chorister – congratulations to Rob Schmaltz for the great job. Please submit articles to him via his web site address in a word form. Pictures should be sent in small pixel size.

Vicky asked if some from other state could be brought in.

6. Congratulations to Surround the State in S people for the wonderful job.
7. Pam said that repertoire for the festival would be released this spring, mentioned that it might be possible to release that list now. She has started a folder of procedures for running a festival that she would like to share either on the list serve or on the web site.
8. Vicky was applauded for maintaining the web site. Explained that documents from R & S Chairs should be sent to her in a pdf format.
9. Surround the State – wanted to expand contacts to people who are not yet members. Discussed how to accomplish this and to alert them to the up coming festival in a timely manner so that they could adjust budgets, etc. to participate. Melanie said that multiple out reaches would work best. Pam will find a site for same.
10. List Serve problems: Les asked what format we would like to ask for for attachments on the service: pdf. Sheila mentioned that if any contact information for a member has changed, the National Office needs to be notified so that they can change the data sheet and the list serve.
les.dykema@sendit.nodak.edu If a members can't get list serve send questions to Les.

11. Scholarships: Sheila asked if we should reinstate the ten, \$100 scholarships to IMC.

12. Honor Choirs for next year: University Honor Choir is on the books for next year. A concern for the group is: are the college student groups bringing in enough to pay for expenses – discussion – consensus was that the \$ amount for registration for the students should be equitable with what the middle school students are paying.

13. Site for next year: Grand Forks was discussed. UND has approved the date (Feb 5-6, 2010) and the faculty/membership there has done preliminary work on site management.

14. Rebecca Raber will be the chair as the new Pres – Elect. Desiree will relinquish the middle school honor choir coordinator's position. Discussion about the advantages of being the coordinator. She gave information about audition process – we had 700 auditions from the middle school honor choir. She tried to get representation from as many schools as possible, however, the executive membership felt that if too great a discrepancy exists between the ranking of the schools, the lower ranking student would not be selected. Among selection of students – only five alternates needed to be used. Vicky suggested running the alternate list in the manner on the NDMEA in that the coordinator keeps the alternate list and only posts the top few on the alternate list on the site. More discussion ensued. Deb Wald mentioned that 10 schools were represented only on the alternate list – so maybe that would be a reason to keep the list as it is.

15. Michael Rockne: All state judge for basses at high school all state. The sight reading portion of the audition is an issue. Discussion – how does Bill Schmidt come up with the sight reading portion. (He hires someone to write it). Shelly Zietz brought up the fact that this year's was really difficult. Tom – the sight reading examples are rotated on a four year basis. He felt that the etude was the clincher since most students equally bomb the sight reading. The etude points are "do-able." Vicky – agreed with Tom. Mike questioned the validity of keeping it in the audition process. Jeff – advocated keeping it since teaching sight reading is part of the curriculum.

Jeff motioned that approach NDMEA with the possibility of ND-ACDA creating a committee to write sight reading examples to submit to NDMEA for approval.

Pam seconded the motion

Tom: explained how the site reading examples work.

Discussion: College directors could be in the committee.

Jeff withdrew the motion.

Membership asked if the information about the sight reading be put out on the web site.

16. Cheryl – asked that we give as much info to NDMEA as possible. Please address the "getting kids ready for All State" issue. SD All-State has a workshop to prepare them for All-State; NDSU also does this. Director's sometimes make CDs, perhaps someone could be hired to make a CD for prep. Regional ACDA provided this service, this was very helpful. You-tube is another place to find examples, although not always great ones.

17. Melanie Popejoy asked if the national honor choir students would be recognized tonight at the concert.

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