

ChoDA Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2009

In attendance: Julia Higgins, Jen Wortman, Suzanna Coyoli, Greg Hebert, Joyce Bertilson, Adrienne Meeker, Lilanii Figueroa

• **Old Business**

- Approve September Minutes
 - a motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously

• **New Business**

- Finalize convention grid
 - Some changes to the grid due to scheduling availability
 - Jerry Rubino has been added for both days
 - A few sessions will be offered twice.
 - All presenters and performers have been notified of selections. Those presenters who have been selected were asked to fill out a information form.
 - Jessica Flowers is doing to sessions on Saturday back to back.
 - The auditorium and long room will be used during all sessions. The small room will have sessions in which it is not being used.
 - Roger Emerson is only presenting Friday
 - Judy will need 2 demo choirs for the placement sessions, 25-30 students, moderately developed ensembles. Friday morning and Saturday morning.
 - The set up the conference is different than in years past. There will be a concert on Friday then the reception. The jazz clinic choir will not be on Saturday after the luncheon, therefore, we have time for a ChoDA constituent meeting
- Room arrangements for ChoDA board/clinicians were discussed

• **Office Reports**

- Past President
 - This is a non-election year, but for future thought the discussion of making the President a 4 year term. (1 year president elect, 2 years as President, 1 year as past president).
 - The voting cycle would be effected, and would need to be brought up with AMEA
- VP of ChoDA Festivals
 - There were issues regarding scheduling at the Fall Festival and some groups have requested for a reimbursement. The board discussed some possible issues and concerns with reimbursing any group.
 - We need more information before a decision can be made.

- Discussed scheduling dates of festivals, as there are some that overlap with some schools breaks.
- The idea of having some type of festival in the spring was discussed. Could be a jazz festival, a men's/women's invitational, workshop day/ learn strategies for auditions, sight-reading
- VP of All-State Jazz/Show
 - A list of registered schools for last year and this year was presented.
 - This year there are 27 schools that have registered for show choir, with 305 registrants.
 - Concerns about the Jazz auditions were discussed. An email was shared: There is concern of too many students auditioning, the issue of having students who are not familiar with Jazz styles techniques audition, the process of the audition being "water downed"
 - The "process" is something that leads to question regionals and all-state.
 - The audition process has not changed except that now it is live
 - Discussion of changing the handbook policy to clarify wording of the festival purpose. The definition of the "idiom" is varied amongst different directors.
 - The board thought to bring excerpts of the emails to the constituents at All-state and within the survey.
 - There has never been an issue of the "quality" of the students with past clinicians
 - Possibly having a Jazz workshop offered by ChoDA for auditioning schools
- Treasurer/ Website
 - The board was given a balance sheet
 - Concern of schools who have not paid and have outstanding balances. Discussed the possibility of holding registration for next festival/auditions. We could implement this at All-State, if we do not have record of payment, they can not register.
- VP of HS Activities
 - Verified Regional Chairs
 - Handed out a judges script for the board to review
 - Dr. Clausen is scheduled for All-state
 - Names for future clinicians were shared
- ChoDA member at large
 - The idea of having more awards other than retiring: outstanding future educators of the year (one from each university), outstanding young music educators. We would need to establish a preset criteria.

• **Next Meeting**

- November 16th, 5:30pm