

ChoDA Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2010

- Approval of June Minutes
 - Motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously
- Officer Reports
 - President
 - Handed out agendas, meeting dates, and board directory
 - Introduced new board members
 - Discussed the AMEA substitution rule: Greg presented our idea (to allow substitutions of the same voice part within a week of auditions) to AMEA; however, AMEA said that NO substitutions would be allowed at all.
 - AMEA is charging a \$100 registration fee per event if a director is not a member of MENC. This is up from the previous amount of \$50.
 - Announced that the board will be receiving official name tags to be used at all ChoDA/AMEA functions.
 - Announced that there is now a place online to designate a student as an alternate for festival registrations. This will also eliminate the hassle of collecting fees for alternates, as it will be handled through the online process.
 - Secretary
 - An updated membership database was sent to board members. Board members were asked to send changes and updates so that further changes can be made. A new updated database will be sent this week.
 - VP of All-State Show & Jazz
 - We are still in need of a venue to hold the festival. It is November 18-20th. Clydene offered to check Apollo HS.
 - The audition site is going to be Hamilton HS. Suzanna requested times the site is needed from Adrienne. 2:15pm is preferred so that auditions can begin at 5:00pm.
 - Contacted "On the Spot" to do a recording of the festival.
 - Joyce asked Suzanna to separate costs of Friday and Saturday, so we can see how much our cost is per day.
 - Suzanna will check on logistics of getting a dance studio
 - Suzanna will include some verbiage about the \$100 non-member fee in an email to directors.
 - Greg asked to be included on all emails sent from any board members so he is aware of what is being communicated to constituents.
 - The board looked at the solos for auditions.
 - Solos will be placed online for directors to view and use as a guide for encouraging particular students to audition or not.

- Some changes were made to score sheets. Checkboxes for selected areas are now included.
- VP of ES/JH Activities
 - Waiting for a reply from Bart Evans about using Dobson for the November festival site.
 - Still looking for a site for the spring festival on April 9th
 - The Prescott festival is secured but is still negotiating spaces for each group (choir/ band).
 - Continuously is accepting clinician recommendations.
- VP of ChoDA Festivals
 - The Phoenix site is at Desert Ridge HS.
 - Emphasized the need for scheduling to be on a first come first serve basis. The AZ Diamondback Choir Night is on the Saturday of the festival; therefore, Saturday will only be a half day.
 - The Tucson site is Flowing Wells HS
 - The North site is Snowflake HS
 - Working on having different levels of sight reading to accommodate choirs of different ability levels.
- Convention Chairs
 - Clydene handed out and reviewed an outline of possible convention sessions.
 - Highlighted sessions that they thought would be more favorable.
 - Want to implement a broad spectrum of interested and levels (jazz, madrigal, show choir, elementary, junior high, and high school).
 - Asked about the possibility of recording sessions. Need to ask Bill Richardson.
 - Asked about hotels for clinicians. This is generally done through their sponsor not ChoDA.
 - GIA needs an official invite from ChoDA for Alan McClung. Greg will draft this.
 - Brought up the idea of designating priority of materials to members who pre-register.
 - Asked about incorporating a sight reading demo of ChoDA festivals to the convention for directors who have never participated. The idea of having Greg, Troy, Frank, and Ted do a session on outlining the process/details of ChoDA festivals.
 - Performance sessions. We want at least two.
 - Discussed the idea of having ChoDA seek donors to host a luncheon for our constituent meeting. Need to ask Bill Richardson.
 - Will email a tentative schedule of convention sessions to the board. Board members need to reply will feedback. We will vote at our September meeting.

- Treasurer/Webmaster
 - Presented a current summary of accounts.
 - There are SEVERAL unpaid fees. Greg will talk to David Waggoner about people who have outstanding balances. They will contact them.
 - Board members need to send pics and bios to Joyce to update on the website.

- New Teacher Ex-Officio
 - Working to incorporate new or student teachers.
 - Can we add a folder/link for new/student teachers on the website?
 - Will work on making a ChoDA Facebook page

- VP of HS Activities
 - Interested in finding someone to take her place at the end of her term. Would like for this person to act as an apprentice this year to ease the transition next year. Encourages all board members who are ending their term to do the same.
 - We need the accompaniment score for the *Anvil Chorus*, (John Rutter piece) complete with choral reduction. Melanie will check on borrowing it.
 - All-State is in conflict with the national ACDA conference. Directors need to be aware of the policy for chaperones. Adrienne will be sending out a reminder to directors.

- Member at Large
 - Will contact Germann to acquire ant materials and information that is needed for the position. This needs to include the logistics of the New Educator awards.

- Our next meeting is an AMEA meeting this Saturday at Dobson HS at 9:00am.
- The September meeting is on September 13th at Corona del Sol HS at 5:30
- There will be no meeting at ASU Leadership this year.