

Opening remarks: Tom

Thanks to Ken Wilmont – UNCSEA

UNCSEA for hosting

Amanda Turner – for running NCHO

Amanda – went well. Complaint – watching other people’s students. Liability issue. Need to have people here to watch their own students. Reprimand emails are going to principals of offenders. Students making end runs around band directors to get in honors orchestras.

Thanks for a good clinic. Like the clinician. Dinner with clinician, anyone?

USB drive for chair elect

Dates

Sabrina – wants to add language to bylaws to address this issue. Be careful of band director commitments.

Minutes approved.

Tom - Bylaws updated on web now. Changes in yellow.

Danny – regional solo and ensemble (spring). It’s going great 200-250 participants each year. Date is same as Jr. Western Region Orchestra this year. Apologies. Will waive requirement to have teachers present if they are in CHARLOTE FOR WRJAS. Parents can sponsor students. Ideas to get more young teachers involved. See forum on website. Creation of job titles to put on NC evaluation process documents. Get folks involved in state board sessions.

Dr. Greg talking about eastern region solo and ensemble. Going well . Joey Walker is now running the event.

Tom – website is currently very public. It is going to become password protected. Student section and teacher section. Teacher section will be password protected. Forum is now on website. Please utilize it. It is currently barren.

MPA – procedure changes. Jessica and John

- John and Jessica, take it away!

- State wide uniform MPA system. Committee to create the uniformity. Goal is to make it the best possible student experience. Call for committee members.
- Standard set of registration papers, procedures, guidelines, grading rubrics.
- John – make it consistent for whole state. Registration will still go to region chairs. Schedules will be different based upon number of groups.
- Rubric – using new MENC scoring sheet. Sight reading in both regions. West is adding sight reading now that we have UNCC as host.
- Need music for sight reading (new to students and directors). Commission new pieces each year at grades I-IV for sight reading. This will be based upon SR guideline rubric. This will cost money, but there is money at the state level.
- Sight reading will be in a different room.
- Sight reading will be strings only (for now). Band kids get a break. Email JJ if you have questions/concerns.
- Jessica – E region will 90% be at UNCW March 14-18 (uncertain right now). Hard to find host site.
- John- please look at sightreading rubrics.
- Could there be sightreading for grade II groups? Maybe (positive).
- Special considerations will be on registration form (such as IDEA accommodations) for students.

NCMEA/ASTA alliance for MPA list.

Using ASTA reading session that exists during this weekend. Sabrina wants to look into creating a NC MPA list. Use ASTA material to begin the process so we don't have to start from scratch. Forming a committee to look at this. Cited band as an example. Email Sabrina or Tom to volunteer for the committee. List will be on website and updated yearly.

Chair elect – Tom compliments Amanda.

Nominations –

Jessica Embry by Amanda Turner

Margot Garland by Beth McCollum

Donny Walter by John Champney

Jessica Embry wins election

Sabrina compliments Tom on a job well done.

Tom's closing remarks. Thanks for all you do.