

ICDA Board Meeting
Sunday, January 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
Hilton Hotel, Fort Wayne

Present: Rick Gamble, Rick Sowers, Dennis Malfatti, Mitch Rorick, Alan Alder, Vaughn Roste, Kellie Cassady, Brian Long, Brenda Butler-Buchanan, Aaron Riegle, David Stone, Joshua Hren, Michael Hummel, Melissa Walsh, Dan Borns, Amy Hughley, Jonathan Busarow, Ben Kambs, Tavis Schlicker, Amy Dedina, Samantha Patterson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Rick Gamble at 5:02 p.m. A quorum was in attendance.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to approve the agenda by David Stone and seconded by Joshua Hren.

Secretary's Report: The September minutes were approved (MMS Roste/Riegle).

Treasurer's Report: The ICDA Financial Report for 9/24/2016 through 1/9/2017 was submitted as an email attachment by Paula Alles.

- The savings account balance on September 25, 2016 was \$40,516.56 and as of January 9, 2017 was \$37,732.21.
- The checking account balance on September 25, 2016 was \$4,879.23 and as of January 9, 2017 was \$18,770.56.
- Rick Gamble indicated that a person in Chicago has been mimicking Rick's email account, leading to Paula emailing items to this person rather than Rick. Although this person has received financial reports, he has not received routing number information. He has made requests for money but Paula has not paid him.
- It was mentioned by Rick that we voted last year to pay mileage for the January meeting. For those requesting reimbursement, they should send their request to Paula.

Notations Report: Amy Hughley said there would be one more edition coming out for this year. Once information for the summer conference is ready, the final edition for this school year will go out.

Membership Report: Although Kyle Barker was not present, it was mentioned that the numbers are a little bit down at this time. The Sing Up membership drive was discussed and whether there is a system in place for this offering. Currently, it's suggested to invite people to join and tell Paula so that she can get them signed up.

Old Business:

- Summer conference 2017 – As he had mentioned at the previous meeting, Dennis Malfatti shared that employees from the site of the summer conference were taking a lot more time to get the contract to Dennis. Also, the quote was three times higher than in previous years. Paul Krasnovksy talked with the Provost and convinced them that the summer conference is good for the university. Although still a higher price than in past years, the final price was less than the original quote.

One of the most important things that the board can do is encourage participation in the conference. Dennis mentioned that the summer conference is probably the second biggest

event to All-State, and we rely on the board to recruit participants. The summer conference is June 26-28 and the headliners are Brad Holmes and Janet Galvan. Amy Hughley's group will be performing at the conference.

Rick Gamble talked about expense being an issue for people attending the conference but said that we needed to raise the price for registering for the conference to be in-line with other states and pay for the expenses. He suggested that people think of creative ways to pay for the conference.

New Business:

- Update on the board elections – Rick Sowers indicated that the president-elect position must be filled by election. Currently, there is one candidate. Rick asked that people share with him ideas for other candidates and once they have two viable candidates they will hold the election, likely February.
- Discussion and vote over Resource and Coordinator revisions – Rick Gamble shared his recommendations for the Repertoire and Resource Committees based on what has been recommended by ACDA. The four categories and their committees are listed here: Youth (Children & Community Youth, JH/MS, Senior HS), Collegiate (College/University, Student Activities), Lifelong (Community, Music in Worship), and Repertoire Specific (Ethnic Music, Men's, Vocal Jazz, Women's, Show Choir). Once the term "Repertoire and Resources" is voted on we can decide committees. The president and coordinators will help decide committee heads. A coordinator of one of the four categories (Youth, Collegiate, Lifelong, and Repertoire Specific) can also serve as one of the committee chairs. A motion to approve the recommended new state level committees was made by Dennis Malfatti and seconded by Dan Borns.
- Discussion and vote over Rules of Governance revisions – Rick Gamble shared that since we are a state chapter of ACDA we should be under the constitution of the national ACDA. ACDA Executive Director Tim Sharp said that we do not need our own state constitution. However, Rick mentioned that since we have district representatives and All-State Jazz and High School coordinators (which not all states do), it would be helpful to have rules of governance. The rules of governance wouldn't override the national ACDA constitution but would be an attempt to retain some things from the old ICDA constitution. Rick G. mentioned that it is important that the rules of governance not oppose the national ACDA and also it is important that the membership is involved. Once approved by the board, the rules of governance would go to the membership so they have an opportunity to make suggestions and approve the rules of governance. It was suggested that the rules of governance not try to encompass every procedure of ICDA because this could get cumbersome and hard to change if needed.

Rick Sowers mentioned that the only substantive change to the rules of governance (that is different from the old ICDA Constitution) is the change from district representatives being elected to being appointed. Over the years it has been tough to find people to run, and when two viable candidates run and one loses there have been hurt feelings and sometimes a lost opportunity to involve a person in ICDA.

Under the governance section, it was discussed whether the voting members should consist of the president, president-elect, vice president, secretary, treasurer, eight district representatives, four repertoire and resources coordinators, and membership coordinator

(with the All-State High School Coordinators, All-State Vocal Jazz Coordinator, and Notations editor as ex officio, non-voting members), or whether ex officio should be gotten rid of and all of these mentioned should be voting members. One benefit of having ex officio is that the board does not become too large and unmanageable. However, if all are voting and quorum is a simple majority then more people have “skin in the game.” As long as it doesn’t conflict with national, it was decided to have all as voting and go with a majority. In addition, it was suggested to clean up some of the wording in the rules of governance so it matched across the document.

A motion to approve the rules of governance as amended and revised was made by Rick Sowers and seconded by Dan Borns.

- Proposal for ICDA to develop their own Middle School Honor Choir – Samantha Patterson approached Rick Gamble several months ago to see if ICDA would develop it’s own middle school honor choir. Her reasoning for this came out of some things that had troubled her with the current state middle school honor choir. When two of her students had a great audition but did not make the choir she wanted to know further information about the audition so that it could serve as a teaching moment for her students. When she investigated further, she felt there were problems with the scoring, as well as other things. In the handout Samantha brought to the ICDA board meeting, she shared what she thought would be the pros of ICDA developing a middle school honor choir: An audition tailored properly to the changing voice, new materials every year, choir people running/judging the auditions, use solfege on auditions, professional choral organization running the choir, better prep for students going into HS honor choir, chance for multiple choirs, improved communication, have directors run rehearsals, no Circle the State with Song requirement, more directors/school participate, and new scoring system. When Samantha approached Rick G. several months ago, he asked her to put something together to share with the board. Rick said that this would be tabled until next meeting but wanted the board to listen/consider her thoughts.

District Representative Reports/Repertoire and Standards Chairs:

- Dan Borns asked for clarification as to when the Repertoire and Resources changes would take place. Rick G. indicated that Repertoire and Standards would still be in effect now but starting July 1st we refer to it as Repertoire and Resources and have coordinators in place.
- Jonathan Busarow asked if the ICDA January meeting had to happen concurrently with the honor choir performance because if it happened at another time the ICDA people could be supporting the performance. Rick G. said that there is nothing sacred with the time; we just tend to do what has been done before. Although Saturday morning was mentioned as a possibility, it was decided that Friday at lunchtime might be best due to when other activities are happening.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m. (MMS Cassady/Borns).