

ICDA Board Meeting

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Via Zoom

Present: Michael Hummel, Kerry Glann, Melissa Walsh, Andrea Drury, Drew Childs, Eric Schmidt, Mark Yount, Jared Yoder, Jeshua Franklin, Christina Arroyo, Stephen Dean, Angela Hampton, Kyle Broady, Daniel Borns, Madlen Matchvarova, Jennifer Kitzmiller, Paula Alles, Sarah Kavanagh

Call to order: 6:04 p.m.

- **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve: Kerry Glann, Mark Yount. Approved.
- **Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2023 Meeting:** Motion to approve Drew Childs, Stephen Dean. Approved.

Treasurer's Report (Alles)

- Quarterly Report
 - Balance as of 1/8/23 + Income = \$89,296.57
 - Expenses = \$39,988.78
 - Balance Less Expenses = \$49,307.79
- All-State Choir 2023 Final Financial Report
 - Income = \$60,154.56
 - Expenses = \$55,819.38
 - Profit = \$4,335.18
 - A question about the cost of buses for All-State Choir will need to follow up with Anissa Bradley
 - At the July meeting, the board voted to pay Brian Adcock a bonus stipend matching the amount in 2022 for his extra work filling in for Anissa Bradley at the conference. This amount is missing from the reports. Alles will send Adcock a check for another \$250.
- Event-planners must make a profit for the ICDA accounts. Glann estimates that the overhead costs of ICDA were around \$7,500 per year when he was president. With that in mind, the All-State Choir should profit approximately \$4,000 each year.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports: Drury, Childs. Approved.

Summer Conference Update (Drury)

- Conference is at Marian University on June 26-28
- Laura Farnell purchased her plane ticket within budget. Farnell and Apfelstadt have been corresponding to make sure that their headliner sessions best benefit attendees.
- Repertoire coordinators leading the reading sessions have been contacted to provide eight pieces and some alternates. Beth Wind from Sweetwater wants the titles by May 1.
- Help will be needed to put together the conference bags after the summer conference board meeting
- Conference schedule information:
 - Two sessions per 45 minutes (rather than three like last year).
 - Madlen's session will be held via video
 - Evenings include a social event on Monday night and All-State Jazz on Tuesday.
 - Luncheon is still on Wednesday because of issues with finding a space to hold all potential attendees.

All-State Vocal Jazz (Hummel speaking on behalf of Brenda Buchanan)

- There are 36 students in the All-State Vocal Jazz choir and music has already been sent to the students.
- Matt Falker made a website with demo recordings
- Mark Yount will be filling in for Brenda Buchanan at the conference

Executive Committee, Ex-Officio, and At-Large Reports

Presidential Updates (Hummel)

- Midwest ACDA conference is accepting applications for choirs and interest sessions, February 7-10 in Omaha, Nebraska. Deadline is May 15.
- Welcome to Jared Yoder, the new Repertoire Specific Coordinator for Women's Choirs

All-State Choir (Hummel speaking on behalf of Anissa Bradley)

- Upcoming conductors include Gary Packwood in 2024 and Pearl Shangkuan in 2025
- Matthew Curtis will make audition practice recordings.
- Bradley is already coordinating details about the 2024 choir with IMEA
- Discussion ensues about concerns with the audition process and with communication. Suggestions are made to have a uniform document that explains the audition process and rehearsal notes so they are communicated in the same way across different areas and for that information to also be available to the board. Information could be posted on the ICDA website, which is the case for All-State Jazz. Follow-up conversations need to involve Anissa Bradley.

Notations (Dean)

- The spring edition should arrive within the next week.
- Dean wants to switch to an electronic version next year
 - Dean will find out from ACDA National about bulk printing and to see if a question can be added when people renew membership to opt-in for a printed version which would include a \$3.00 fee
 - Currently, it costs approximately \$1000 per issue to print and mail. A primary electronic version would post for free to the website. There are also on-line magazine systems options, such as ISSUU which costs \$480 per year.
- Other future changes:
 - Printing a back-to-school issue near end of August/beginning of September, which means deadline for submissions will need to be sooner
 - Establish a standard word count for future article submissions.
 - Add pictures of choirs to include in issues.
- Dean plans to maintain the submission schedule for the repertoire coordinators.
- Advertising went well and covered the cost of printing in color

IMEA Liaison (Hummel)

- Keynote speaker for the 2024 IMEA conference - Tim Lautzenheiser
- They are carefully planning schedules of sessions to avoid overlapping interests
- There are still openings for groups to perform at the Conference
- There has been discussion about bidding to return the conference to Indianapolis sometime in the future

Upcoming Board Meeting

- Sunday June 25, 2023 at Marian University - The conference bags will also be assembled after this meeting.

New Business

Election updates (Glann)

- There was a mistake election due to a glitch in the ACDA system, so the election had to be conducted a second time.
- Eric Schmidt is the new secretary
- Melissa Walsh is the new president-elect
- The new term begins on July 1, 2023

District Representative Reports

- Kavanagh attended the national conference in February and the performances were stellar.
- Childs created a master mailing list of choir directors in his zone last year and plans to use it to communicate with them. Also, the Indianapolis Children's Choir put together a grant from the Hendricks County Community Foundation to have Dr. Marcela Molina conduct clinics with local schools in his district.
- Broady also attended the national ACDA conference and enjoyed the IMEA Conference

Repertoire and Resources Coordinator Reports

- Borns mentions concerns about the diversity of music selected for reading sessions, which he also discussed with Scott Bradford. Borns wants to encourage people to be thoughtful about this when selecting repertoire for reading sessions so that not all of the music is by white male composers.
- Franklin is working on the music for the summer conference reading sessions
- Hampton will not be at the summer conference and will need someone else to lead the community choir reading session. She created a QR code for a Google form to collect information about Community Choirs so that she can reach out to them.

Announcements for the Good and Welfare of ICDA

- Hummel - We have an opening for the Repertoire Specific Coordinator. Hummel is open to questions or suggestions about that position.
- Childs - There is outdated information about leadership positions on the website "About" page. Glann says that he will update that.
- Walsh - The proposed ISSMA rule change about sight-reading at Organizational Contest and State Qualls that will allow students to practice out loud for melodic and harmonic exercises will be voted on at the upcoming Concert Committee Meeting. Contact Walsh with any questions or concerns.
- Dean - ISSMA Zone meetings are the week of May 8 and he encourages members to attend.
- Broady asks about the ISSMA taskforce that was discussed at the previous meeting. That has been put on hold so far.
- Kavanagh -If anyone has ideas about promoting the conference, send them her way

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Borns, Glann. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

