

ICDA Board Meeting
Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
ISSMA/IMEA Offices, Indianapolis

Present: Rick Gamble, Rick Sowers, Dennis Malfatti, Paula Alles, Mitch Rorick, Vaughn Roste, Aaron Riegle, Kerry Glann, David Stone, Josh Hren, Melissa Walsh, Dan Borns, Scott Bradford, Amy Dedina, John Wright.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Rick Gamble at 4:01 p.m. A quorum was in attendance.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to approve the agenda by Dennis Malfatti and seconded by Dan Borns.

Secretary's Report: The January minutes were approved (MMS Roste/Stone).

Treasurer's Report: The ICDA Financial Report for 1/10/2017 through 4/5/2017 was submitted by Paula Alles.

- The savings account balance on January 13, 2017 was \$37,732.21 and as of April 5, 2017 was \$27,775.90.
- The checking account balance on January 13, 2017 was \$18,770.56 and as of April 5, 2017 was \$12,442.23.
- Paula mentioned that under the savings account section of the report there is a line item that says "Mistake on 1-13-17 Report." A \$20,000 transfer to checking was not completed before the January report.
- Rick G. asked for clarification of the ACDA Quarterly Allotment. Paula shared that all dues now go to national, whereas they used to go to Paula. Now every quarter ICDA receives an allotment for membership dues.
- Dennis asked how the finances compare with prior years and it was said that they look a little lower but comfortable. Paula mentioned that the money mostly involves the summer conference, All-State Honor Choir, and dues.
- The treasurer's report was approved as presented (MMS Riegle/Borns).

Notations Report: Rick G. indicated that there is not a lot to report at this time; *Notations* editor Amy Hughley was leading a rehearsal during the time of the meeting. Rick mentioned that there is a lot of flexibility as to what you can write when completing an article for the newsletter.

Membership Report: Nothing to report at this time.

All-State Choir budget presentation: Although Anissa Bradley was unable to come due to her daughter being sick, documents related to the All-State Choir budget had been sent for the board to look at and discuss. Rick G. mentioned that the All-State Choir went well in January except for the piano being out of tune. He has directed Anissa to have the piano checked between the All-State Orchestra and All-State Choir concert. Time was given to discuss the budget for 2018. It was noticed that the bottom line for the proposed 2018 budget versus the 2017 actuals is pretty close (Actuals 2017: \$60,200; 2018 Budget: \$59,900). Many of the line items remained the same and just a few included an increase (e.g. increase for All-State Choir Instrumentalists and Music, All-State Choir Office Supplies, honorariums, etc.). There

will not be a commissioned work for 2018, so \$3,200 was cut from the budget for 2018 but then offset by other items increasing. Rick G. said that it is good for the board to ask questions related to the All-State Choir budget because we provide oversight. A motion was made to approve the All-State Budget (MMS Gamble/Stone).

Old Business:

- Summer conference 2017 – Dennis Malfatti shared updates for the conference. He now has session titles for the headliners. Brad Holmes asked to present a certain topic but broken into two sections, so even though we are paying him for 3 sessions he is kindly doing 4. Also, in the midst of discussions for the conference the choral conductor Weston Noble passed away. In light of what happened, and with Brad Homes coming (he worked with Weston Noble), Brad is giving a session on the influence of Weston Noble in voice matching. In addition to the headliner sessions, Dennis mentioned that there will be quite a few interest sessions. Amy Hughley's group will be the performance choir for the conference.

A few more details were shared related to the conference. Since we are not switching to R & R until July 1st, we will be using the term R & S at the summer conference. Reading session presenters have been emailed. Mitch Rorick shared that there have been some issues with First Data, the company that handles online credit card transactions for the conference. Although the online registration site (handled through RegOnline) had been ready, it took many calls with tech, merchant, and sales support before First Data was fixed.

As mentioned in the previous meeting, it is important that the board encourage participation at the conference. The budget is based on 100 attending the conference, so it is important that we reach or exceed that number.

New Business:

- Discussion of possible new locations for summer conference – Rick Gamble mentioned that the price for us to hold the conference has gone up quite a bit at the University of Indianapolis. Although the price for this summer is higher than past years, the amount we are paying is lower than what we were first quoted for this coming year. Paul Krasnovsky, Professor of Music at the University of Indianapolis, was able to talk with the administration and lower the costs from the first quote. Due to the potential cost increases, new sites for the conference were discussed. Rick G. asked Betsy Burleigh to check at Indiana University and Kerry Glann to check with Ball State University, as well as Paul Krasnovsky at University of Indianapolis.
- MS Honor Choir discussion – A proposal for ICDA to consider developing a middle school honor choir was brought to the ICDA board meeting in January. Rick G. asked Josh Hren to look into the feasibility of this proposal. If a middle school honor choir is developed, it was mentioned that it would be important to have IMEA's participation. The proposal seemed reasonable, so Josh will look into whether it makes sense for IMEA to handle or whether ICDA may have something to offer. It was suggested by David Stone that the Central Division Middle School Honor Choir might be looked at as a model. Dennis mentioned that it is important for us to be careful of the time involved for running another choir since we already handle the All-State High School Honor Choir and All-State Jazz Honor Choir. Another option might be a hybrid. Rick G. thanked Josh Hren for heading up the research into the middle school honor choir proposal.

District Representative Reports/Repertoire and Standards Chairs/Roundtable:

- It was reemphasized that ICDA will be using the Rules of Governance that has been discussed at past board meetings and put before the membership. Also, starting July 1st we will move to Repertoire & Resources chairs, which is a change from Repertoire and Standards. Duties of R & R coordinators, as well as other positions on the ICDA board, can be found on the national website. Rick G. mentioned it is expected that board members come to meetings, attend the summer conference, and advocate for ICDA and choral music.
- Scott Bradford shared some thoughts from ISSMA. For example, he asked what type of reading sessions are wanted at IMEA (e.g. include vocal jazz, more classical, etc.). Lane has been making an effort to reach out to the choral people at the IMEA conference (e.g. hiring Andrea Ramsey and James Jordan as clinicians for the 2017 IMEA conference) and he and Scott would like feedback as to reading sessions. It was also mentioned that there has been a discrepancy between ISSMA written lists and an online list; which led them to honor both lists for schools. As ICDA switches to R & R coordinators, Scott asked how that impacts selection of the IMEA/ISSMA lists, since ICDA R & S chairs typically choose the repertoire.
- Ben Kambs sent Rick G. an email expressing his appreciation for serving on the ICDA board and his interest in serving again.
- Brenda Butler-Buchanan sent a report that the All-State Jazz Choir auditions have gone well. They more than doubled the amount of auditions from past years and tripled the amount of high schools sending in auditions. She also indicated that Dr. Lanier, the guest conductor, has some great literature picked out and she expects this year's jazz choir to be better than ever.
- Board members shared helpful suggestions for the ICDA summer conference. Dan Borns asked about discounts for summer conference first time attendees and Amy Dedina followed up asking about a card or pamphlet to list costs. Aaron Riegle mentioned that he had taken a screen shot of the summer conference pamphlet created by Dennis, posted the screen shot online, and had already received responses. This led to suggestions by Melissa Walsh and David Stone for posting conference info as an event or post on Facebook.
- John Wright mentioned that people had seen his contact info as R & S chair for Music and Worship in *Notations* and followed up with emails to him.
- Scott Bradford shared that he receives info about job openings and that people can contact him for information related to jobs.
- Dennis Malfatti mentioned that there is an upcoming Southern Indiana Symposium on August 31.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m. (MMS Malfatti/Dedina).