

ICDA Board Meeting
Sunday, October 24, 2021
7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Present: Michael Hummel, Melissa Walsh, Brian Adcock, Andrea Drury, Madlen Batchvarova, Paula Alles, Michael Miller, Mark Yount, Sarah Kavanagh, Stephen Dean, Jennifer Kitzmiller, Drew Childs, Kyle Broady

Call to Order: 7:04 p.m.

- **Approval of agenda:** Motion to approve: Batchvarova, Kavanagh. Approved.
- **Approval of June 27, 2021 meeting minutes:** Approved.

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

Presidential Updates (Hummel)

- **Sing Up**
 - Thank you to Sarah Kavanagh for the great social media presence to promote Sign Up.
 - ICDA has 323 current members, up from 302 at the Summer Conference
 - Hummel encourages all to think of people to invite to join ICDA and says that there needs to be a plan of retention to keep them after they join through Sing Up.
- **ACDA Regional Conference:** February 16-19
 - Concern was expressed about a conflict with ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble. Mary Evers has relayed that there are other states that also create possible conflicts with Solo & Ensemble and the weekend is not always determined by the regional president. The concern had been brought to ISSMA and they had discussed the possibility of rotating the Instrument and Vocal State Solo & Ensemble date.

Treasurer's Report (Alles)

- **Quarterly Report:**
 - Balance in Savings = \$31,275.56. Balance in Checking = \$8,398.42. TOTAL = \$39,673.98
 - Compared to two years ago, the accounts had approximately \$2,000.00 more at this point.
 - Asks people to consider ideas for new advertisers in *Notations*
 - Motion to approve Quarterly Report: Yount, Miller. Approved.
- **Summer Conference Report:**
 - Summer Conference Income (to date) = \$11,756.48. Expenses = \$9,854.61. Net profit from Summer Conference = \$1,901.87
 - Compared to two years ago, the 2021 conference profit is approximately \$1000.00 less.
 - Vocal Jazz net profit: \$238.45
 - Motion to approve the Conference and Vocal Jazz Financial Report: Walsh and Drury. Approved.

Summer Conference Updates (Drury)

- Drury has shared a spreadsheet that can be edited to consider ideas for the Summer Conference
- Putting together a brainstorming committee for the conference: Jeshua Franklin representing College, Sarah Kavanagh representing Church Music, Drury's former student teacher representing new teachers. Drury also wants suggestions for people representing elementary, community, middle school, high school, small school, and show choir.

- Andrea Ramsey is confirmed as a headliner. Other ideas: Allen Hightower, Hummel suggests Dan Forrest and having someone with experience in church music
- Cedric Dent (All-state Vocal Jazz director for 2022) will also do a session
- Venue and format still need to be decided. University of Indianapolis in 2021 would have cost \$3200 for three days with the additional tech fee of \$1800. Kavanah suggests getting a quote from Marian University.
- Conference topics already being considered: transgender singers, sight-reading factory, vocal health in show choir, ins-and-outs of voice types in our choirs, new conductors and where to start, autistic/ADHD student in the classroom, small school directing, getting through the male voice change, keeping yourself motivated, planning effective warm-ups, and how Solo & Ensemble changes singers.
- Discussion follows about the timeline of making decisions about the conference (virtual or in-person). Headliners and dates are usually announced at the IMEA conference in January.

All-State Choir (Adcock)

- Rehearsals began this month with social distancing and masks
- Anissa Bradley is visiting new hotel options because the Marriott that had been previously used is now closed
- IMEA is planning on moving forward with in-person performances as scheduled for January
- All-State Choir Budget information:
 - Projected income of \$51,415.20 and projected expenses of \$49,392.15 with a profit of \$1,035.70.
 - Scholarships were not offered this year.
 - Drury mentions a concern with the falsetto voice for the choral track demos for the soprano and alto parts recorded by Matthew Curtis. This can be discussed next year to consider other options.
 - Motion to approve: Stephen Dean, Michael Miller. Approved.

Notations (Hummel speaking on behalf of Chuck Bradley)

- Bradley needs to connect with Alles regarding advertisers for which he is missing a record of payment. All advertisers have purchased ads for all issues.
- Article submitters in the upcoming Winter Issue include Middle School/Youth Coordinators and Honors Choir coordinators. Other submissions are welcome.

IMEA Liaison (Hummel)

- The safety plan for the January IMEA in-person conference will not be finalized until a month out after more information about the winter trajectory of Covid.
- Jacob Naverud is one of the presenters.
- The conference plans to move all of the reading sessions to the library conference hall. Sweetwater (through Beth Wind) is creating the music packets for the reading sessions. Yount says the deadline he was told is mid-November for the music titles needed for reading session packets.

Upcoming board meetings (Hummel)

- Friday, January 14, 2022, 5:30 p.m. – IMEA Conference, Ft. Wayne
- Sunday, April 24, 2022 – time and format TBA
- Sunday, June 26, 2022, 6:00 p.m. – summer conference site TBA

Old Business:

- Facebook/social media policy discussion: Ad hoc committee includes Michael Hummel, Sarah Kavanagh, Jeshua Franklin, and Kerry Glann. They plan to come up with the documents and language for governance and guidance on social media and present at the January meeting.
- Policy Register (Hummel speaking on behalf of Kerry Glann)
 - The Policy Register is in a folder in the ICDA Google Drive. The intention is for the link to be secure but available for easy reference.
 - The purpose of the policy register is to be a repository of institutional knowledge, as well as a living document that we can revise as policies and practices, such as the social media guidance policy.

District Representative Reports:

- Dean (District 1): Would love to have a more effective way of reaching potential or present members in his district. Discussion ensues.
 - Miller (District 7) echoes that he has the same issue.
 - Hummel will share an ISSMA zone list registrar from 2021-2022, which includes names and schools but no email addresses and does not include church musicians or elementary teachers.
 - ICDA has already asked ACDA national office to make this a part of the information that they collect when people become ICDA members
 - Suggestion to find out this information while people register for the ICDA Summer Conference. Add to 2022 Conference Registration for next year: Do you want to be part of the conference email registry? Do you approve of your email address being available to the ICDA board and district representatives?
 - Suggestion to have time at the conference to divide and meet by district
 - Concern is presented whether the ACDA membership asks for the workplace address or the home address, since our district is determined by our workplace. ACDA membership registration needs to add a question to the Indiana members asking their workplace district.

Repertoire and Resources Coordinator Reports

- Hummel speaking on behalf of David Stone says that he is going through a lot of new music and much music is being overlooked by choir directors because of Covid. Mary Evers asked him to be the midwestern R&R coordinator for children & youth choirs and he is presenting sessions at the Midwestern Conference in February.

Announcements for the Good and Welfare of ICDA

- Batchvarova is the Midwestern R&R Coordinator for Repertoire Specific Music so she will be presenting at the Midwestern Conference. She reminds high school choir directors to share with students that small colleges have great opportunities for students, especially those not interested in being music majors or minors and that there are scholarships available.
- Drury: In Area 7, all five high schools had students audition for All-State Choir, which had not previously happened in at least twenty years.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Walsh, Batchvarova. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.