

Niagara County Music Educators' Association
Minutes of January 2012 Executive Board Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2012 @ Panes Restaurant

Present: P. Monaco, K. Fish, T. Rohring, D. Hutter, E. Brusino, K. Fick, M. Parsnick, C. Unitas-Roos,
P. Wos

Discussion prior to start of meeting involving Ken Fick and the whereabouts of Roger VanDette's missing CD player. Ken admitted that his e-mail to Roger, announcing that he had posted it on eBay, was indeed a hoax.

Meeting called to order at 6:24 PM.

The meeting began with a report on the Solo Festival by Tammy and Eileen. Tammy commented that the festival is growing in size by having vocal and instrumental auditions on the same date at the same location; continued growth may cause it to outgrow the current school site. Eileen added that there were still approximately 7 rooms still available for use.

Discussion took place about proficiency rankings from judges, with the issue being brought to the general meetings as festivals for further feedback and discussion.

Eileen commented about the job of hosting the solo festival. One issue is the tuning of pianos; 7 pianos were tuned, all at Eileen's school's own expense. The bill for tuning pianos came to \$490.

Motion made by Ken for creating a \$500 budget line for piano tuning at solo festivals, with retroactive appropriation for the recent solo festival. Second by Carolyn. Approved.

Debbie suggested that she be given SoloChair admin privileges in order to mark payments received, instead of having Amanda forward payment to Debbie who keeps "paid" records and forwards the "paid" lists back to Amanda.

Secretary Report

Motion to accept the minutes of the November 2011 meeting by Debbie, second by Ken. Approved.

Treasurer Report

Debbie reported a balance of \$11,104.84 as of January 6. Motion to approve report by Karen, second by Mary. Approved.

President Report

Paul attended the NYSSMA Winter Conference in Rochester, where the largest workshop attendance was seen at APPR-related topics.

Vice President Report

Karen sent out scholarship materials and Kuriscak Scholarship information. Discussion began on whether students should automatically be video recorded at audition/interviews. Roger had done that in past years for archival purposes, but students doing auditions this year were not notified of this practice. It was decided that students would be asked if they are willing to be recorded, with choice to opt-out. Motion to approve by Debbie, second by Tammy. Approved.

Paul interrupted the agenda to display a nametag he had made for use at festivals. He suggested having tags made for the executive board members. The tag is really a laser-engraved pin, costing \$11.65 each. Motion by Mary to have laser-engraved pins with office and no name. Second by Carolyn. Approved.

Paul will attend the WNY Day for Music Educators and the APPR workshop being presented at a cost of \$85. Motion by Ken, second by Mary. Approved.

Membership Report

Stephanie absent, no report. She provided information on business memberships. Motion to approve by Tammy, second by Karen. Approved.

Choral VP Report

Ken said that most people liked having one site for all auditions, and added that things went pretty smoothly. Motion by Debbie, second by Tammy. Approved.

Jazz VP Report

Tim absent, but sent a report. Tim asked if JH Jazz could have a guest conductor next year, since there wasn't one this year. Motion to approve "outside" guest conductor by Karen, second by Tammy. Approved.

Motion to accept report by Ken, second by Mary. Approved.

Advocacy Report

Mary went to shirt supplier to change designs. Sample designs were presented. Motion to approve Design "B" by Karen, second by Tammy. Approved.

Instrumental SoloChair Report

Amanda absent, no report.

Vocal SoloChair Report

Carolyn said that everything went smoothly. Motion to approve by Ken, second by Mary. Approved.

BPO Representative Report

Norm absent, no report.

Webmaster Report

Kevin absent, no report.

Old Business

NYSSMA fees: Paul discussed rising NYSSMA fees with Mike Robertson, who promised to bring up the concerns at a "cabinet" meeting.

New Business

Releasing audition scores: Paul brought up the idea of NOT releasing any scores until the entire festival is completed and all scores are equalized. Discussion on this issue will take place at general membership meetings.

A guest from the BPO (Robin Parkinson, from BPO Education) will speak at the general meeting at Festival 2.

Paul asked for information from members regarding district budget cuts and changes planned for the future, as he wants to schedule meetings with superintendents regarding these issues. Please send any info you have to Paul at president@ncmea.com and Mike Robertson, NYSSMA Zone 1 rep.

Motion to adjourn by Ken, second by Mary. Adjourned 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul M. Wos
NCMEA Secretary

NAME	UPDATED SCORING SUMMARY		
	Motions	Seconds	Total Points
Karen	8	7	15
Tammy	7	4	11
Debbie	7	4	11
Mary	1	9	10
Carolyn	4	5	9
Ken	5	1	6
Amanda	2	2	4
Tim	1	2	3
Stephanie	1	2	3
Kevin	0	1	1

NEXT NCMEA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 2, 2012 @ Panes Restaurant
6:00 PM