

## SCKMEA Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, August 2, 2020 via ZOOM

**PRESENT:** Bryan Kirk, Greg Bergman, Amy Brown, Larry Brownlee, Alex McMahon, Kathy House, Wes DeSpain, Ben Jervis, Jordan Brown, Jennifer Kirk, Courtney Woodruff, Christian Wisner, Amy Ives, Kenneth Tysick, Ron Chronister, Troy Johnson

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Kirk reported that the executive board had made the decision that there would be no in-person events for SCKMEA this year, due in part to the fact that none of the locations that were scheduled to host our events will allow us into their facilities this fall due to COVID-19.

SCKMEA will still hold online auditions for selection for district honor groups and to allow for eligibility to state honor groups. The audition fee of \$8 will remain the same but there will be not additional fees for students selected to the honor groups.

**FESTIVAL SCORES:** Troy Johnson explained his Festival Scores program and how it can be used to facilitate online auditions. It is an audio-only format. He shared with the board how each of the other KMEA districts are using Festival Scores and also districts that have chosen to use a different format for auditions. Directors must submit all audio files. Judging may occur anywhere. The chair will simply assign audio files for each judge and they can listen and score them at any time or place. There is a \$2 fee for each completed audition. The fee will be paid for as part of the audition fee. Troy will provide one-on-one instruction for all chairs who choose to use festival scores.

The choir chairs have indicated that they would like to use video auditions rather than strictly an audio audition. They plan to follow a format that ECKMEA is planning on following this year.

All chairs are to let Bryan know by Aug. 7 what format they plan to use for online auditions.

**DISTRICK KICKOFF:** The district kickoff event was scheduled for August 29. Bryan indicated that he will move that date because some schools in our district will not yet be in school. He plans to move it to a date in early-mid September.

**HIGH SCHOOL HONOR GROUPS:** Dates for submission of recordings for online auditions will be set within the next few weeks. Troy suggested a two-week window for submissions, followed by another window for judging. Those dates will be set and posted soon.

**ELEMENTARY AND MS HONOR GROUPS:** The chairs indicated that they would like to continue to have a paper ballot for selection for the Elementary choir and the MS band and choir. We

discussed providing certificates for students who are selected for the groups, but no firm decision was made. Dates for the elementary and MS honor groups could happen at any time during the year because no performance event happen.

**PRECISION ENGRAVING:** There was a discussion about having t-shirts and plaques available from Precision Engraving for students who are selected for district honor groups. Clark Comley, from Precision Engraving, has indicated that they would have an online order for that parents can use to purchase items and have them shipped to their house.

**PARTICIPATION IN AUDITIONS DURING COVID:** Greg Bergman presented the following proposal to the board:

For the 2020-2021 school year only, a student may audition (or be nominated) for an SCKMEA honor ensemble even if the students is unable to participate in their school's music program due to circumstances resulting from COVID-19. Any student in such a situation must work with their school's music teacher(s) to complete the necessary SCKMEA forms and procedures. By submitting a student's audition or nomination, a teacher verifies that the student is or has previously been a member of their school's music program in good standing.

Amy Brown moved that the proposal be adopted. Alex McMahon seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

**STATE UPDATES:** The KMEA executive board will be making a decision on September 15 as to whether or not they will be holding any live events during the 2020-2021 school year.

**ZOOM MEETINGS FOR CHAIRS:** There will be a ZOOM meeting at 7:00 PM on August 4 for any chairs interested in learning more about Festival Scores. Amy Brown will set up a meeting with the choir chairs and anyone else interested in pursuing video auditions.

**ACCOMPANISTS AND CANCELLATION:** SCKMEA had previously adopted a policy to establish payment to clinicians in the event that an SCKMEA scheduled event had to be cancelled. Larry Brownlee suggested that we include accompanists who had been previously contracted in the cancellation policy. Ben Jervis moved to included accompanists in the SCKMEA Cancellation Policy. Christian Wisner seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

The amended policy is:

Because of the uncertainty of our world due to the Covid-19 virus, the board of the SCKMEA has voted to adopt the following cancelation policy.

*In the event that an SCKMEA honor group event must be canceled due to circumstances beyond our control, the following payments will be made to contracted clinicians and accompanists:*

*If the cancelation is made a year or more in advance of the event, no payment will be made to the clinicians.*

*If the cancelation is made at least 30 days in advance of the event and less than one year, the clinicians will be paid 50% of their contracted fee.*

*If the cancelation is made less than 30 days in advance of the event, the clinicians will be paid their full contracted fee for the event.*

This policy will go into effect immediately.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Larry Brownlee  
SCKMEA Executive Director