



MSVMA Board of Directors Meeting

August 1st, 2022 3pm

Blue Water Convention Center - Riverview A - Port Huron





Zoom Meeting Link (If Needed)


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AGENDA MINUTES

- Call to Order
- [Past Meeting](#) Minutes Approval
- Board Position Updates
 - President
 - [Possible headliners for MMC 2024, 2025](#)
 - Past President
 - President Elect
 - Treasurer/State Office
 - [Holt - Treasurer Items for Review](#)
 -  Financial Assets Report 4th Quarter FY22 Comparison B of D - She...
 - Secretary
 - Link to Executive Committee Agenda Submission Form - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScO4uiQ6Rs_Cz7G_cfcDecScNSbl9PiDjed2lztblO55hr1kQ/viewform?usp=sf_link
 -  Continuing Education for Choral Educators.pdf
 - Adjudication
 -  Adjudication - Aug - Pam Pierson. 2022 Board Report
 - Director of State Events
 -  State Dates 2023 (Tentative)
 - MSVMA All State Festival/Summer Conference
 - [All-State Festival and Summer Conference Board Report July 2022](#)
 - Specialized Festivals
 - [Specialized Events Dates and Location](#)
 - Honors Choir

- [Honors Choir - 8/1 Board Report](#)
- New Business (Discussion and Voting)
 - Festival/event cancellation policy for the 2022-23 school year (Holt)
 - MSVMA and Beyond (Brandon Johnson's Group) (Jacobson)
 - Adjudication Topics (Pierson)
 - Add Adjudicator Membership Category
 - Determine MSVMA 2022-2023 Sight Reading Policy
 - Required Literature Policy
 - Choir Size policy
- Old Business
 - Proposals for Consideration
 -  Proposals for June 4 Meeting
 - Worden - There is not a clear system yet for proposals.
 - The proposals have been seen by the board today, however we may need to table them until august so respective committees can meet prior to the august meeting.
 - Callaghan motions to table the proposals until the August meeting and to forward these proposals to the Adjudication committee for further consideration.
 - Holt Seconds
 - Approved.
- Announcements / For the Good of the Cause / Celebrations
- Adjournment
- Closed session

MSVMA BOARD DATES 2022-2023

Meetings -
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Reminders

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- Call to Order - 3:25pm
- [Past Meeting](#) Minutes Approval
 - Motion to approve minutes - Holt
 - Seconded - Gippert
 - Approved
- Board Position Updates
 - President
 - [Possible headliners for MMC 2024, 2025](#)
 - Worden - Looking ahead, MMC would like to have our headliners planned out three years at a time. Focus is on diversity and inclusion in action.
 - This MMC is Derrick Fox
 - Pierson - the current list does not have women - not a fully diverse
 - Stockton - if board members would like to add to the list after some consideration, please contact me.
 - Past President
 - Waiting for nominations to come in closer to the fall.
 - President Elect
 - Not many nominations so far, please speak to district managers to cover those in fall meetings.
 - Shared drive is up and running for the board.
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- Spent time with Debra to go over a lot of expectations for board reimbursements, choral scheduling expectations, and MSVMA payment expectations.
 - Board looked at a potential letter to membership about festival fees and expectations for the coming year...
 - Holt - We have a large amount of unpaid fees for festivals...
 - Worden - don't we have a policy on this?
 - Answers from many members concerning past practice (putting holds on members with outstanding fees, non-allowance of participation in festivals until fees are paid, etc.)
 - Also concern of adding more work for DMs (to watch for payment and cancel events due to non payment were expressed).
 - Holt will continue to work on this, and will speak to the DMs during their meeting tomorrow.
- Secretary
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 - Erik Jacobson will reach out to the Grand Rapids Voice Collective.
- Adjudication
 -  Adjudication - Aug - Pam Pierson. 2022 Board Report
 - Pierson - the website needs to be updated with new policy information.
 - Jacobson - Hannah can take care of it in a timely manner, just reach out and let her know.
 - Adjudication conference is in place. November 5th, 2022 @ Hartland HS.
- Director of State Events
 -  State Dates 2023 (Tentative)
 - Central to host on May 8th and 9th (Originally was approved for May 1 and 2)
- MSVMA All State Festival/Summer Conference
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 - Wanting ideas on how and why attendance is down, how do we keep summer conferences alive?
 - Discussion was had to give Eric ideas for next year's conference.
 - Student leadership conference was a huge success.
 - Next summer will be at EMU
 - Cody Raven Morris will Headline

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 - Worden - is it possible to look towards providing a location/opportunity for middle school students in the UP to have a rehearsal space up north for MS Honor Choirs
- New Business (Discussion and Voting)
 - Festival/event cancellation policy for the 2022-23 school year (Holt)
 - Holt, discussion needed on whether we continue the policies we placed on site selection for festivals, moves for covid/weather, setting up smaller sites with one adjudicators, etc.
 - Pierson to Stockton - can we get a pulse from the DMs on this subject
 - Stockton - if we do that, then discuss with adjudication, then we should revisit in September.
 - Refund policy from this last year was brought into discussion.
 - Pierson motions for the 2022-2023 school year -that MSVMA will operate within pre-covid policies for cancellations, refunds, and rescheduling. MSVMA will respond to changing circumstances as they occur.
 - Second by Gippert
 - Discussion
 - Stockton - downsides to continue “micropods” for festivals - a practice that was utilized last year to accommodate circumstances with last year’s weather, covid, etc.
 - Do we need to revisit this to help bring membership back?
 - Discussion had, but it was felt that this is a separate discussion.
 - Pierson agreed that this is a separate discussion, but this is an instance of geography and access.
 - Callaghan calls to question
 - Approved
 - MSVMA and Beyond (Brandon Johnson’s Group) (Jacobson)
 - Beyond is not an official organization, Brandon is looking for a fiscal sponsor. Would we like to be this?
 - Basically, if people would like to donate to his choir, we would take the money and give it to Brandon’s group.
 - No Risk to us
 - This would become a new line item.
 - MSVMA would continue to have priority for grants over this group.
 - We could do this for many groups if we wanted.
 - Motion Proposal

- Stockton - Motion for MSVMA to become a fiscal sponsor for Beyond, led by Dr. Brandon Johnson, minus a 5% administrative fee for each donation received.
 - Seconded Gippert
 - Called to question Worden
 - Approved
 - Adjudication Discussion Topics - **Draft Proposals** (Pierson)
 - Add Adjudicator Membership Category
 - Propose Adjudicator Membership Category of \$30. This supersedes any other membership category other than a school membership.
 - Determine MSVMA 2022-2023 Sight Reading Policy
 - SIGHT READING - Policy change to: 2022-2023 School Year - All Choral Festival entries must sight read in their school category, ie HS must read HS Sight Reading and JHMS must read JHMS Sight Reading. The voicing and level within the school category is the director's choice and will have no bearing on literature choice.
 - Required Literature Policy
 - For the 2022-2023 Festival Season, the required repertoire lists are "suggested repertoire". There is a song in the scheduler titled "DIRECTOR CHOICE" that can be used for the required piece if a director is choosing to sing something that is not on either required list. There is no sight-reading level attached to this song; directors will simply tell the adjudicator which level and voicing you are choosing to sing when you walk into the sight-reading room.
 - Choir Size policy
 - Choirs must contain 17 or more students. (Pre-covid policy)
 - Discussion was had on this topic, citing that most schools are still recovering numbers from covid losses.
 - Districts need more time to build numbers
 - Do we possibly create a smaller cap?
 - Also placing an encouragement to directors to utilize S&E.
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- Announcements / For the Good of the Cause / Celebrations
 - Congrats to Erik Jacobson on his wedding!
- Adjournment
 - Eric Cadena
 - Gippert seconds
 - Adjournment at 6:21pm
- Closed session

MSVMA BOARD DATES 2022-2023

Meetings -

Sept. 10th, 2022

Nov. 12th, 2022

Jan. 7th, 2023

Jan. 18th, 2023 (MMC)

Mar. 11th, 2023

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