

Region IX Orchestra 2024 Fall Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:58 AM
- II. Approval of Minutes- Motion to approve from Aaron Michaelson, seconded by Kristin Stilly, unanimous approval
- III. Nomination of TMEA Orchestra VP
 - A. Sabrina Behrens sole nominee, unanimous approval
- IV. Finance: Aaron Michaelson, presenting
 - A. \$6341.94 starting balance
 - B. TMEA has introduced new finance procedures.
 1. Email Aaron before any purchases so that you are reimbursed correctly.
 2. Caps have been initiated on travel expenses
 3. Contracts must be signed and sent to Aaron for anyone receiving honorariums
 4. No cash may be withdrawn from the account
- V. MAC report: Aaron Michaelson, presenting
 - A. Region X proposal to create protected dates for UIL events failed
 - B. Proposal to create a deadline for establishing calendar for the next year failed
 - C. Proposal to reduce the level of Sub-NonVarsity Concert and Sight Reading difficulty passed.
 - D. New MAC committee business: Proposal to keep judges in the room during the sight reading explanation period.
- VI. TODA Minute: Not given. Written report provided
- VII. MS Region and Area Round Recording Process: Tanner Ledford, presenting
 - A. All State Recording: Students get one attempt to enter a recording onto TMEA website. A back-up recording will be created in case of technology issues.
 - B. JH Region Cello/Violin Virtual Round
 1. You have a window to get students recorded
 2. Students only have one attempt. If there is some reason that students should get a second attempt, you must call Tanner so he can get approved by TMEA.
 3. Students will record directly to TMEA website
 4. Suggested to have microphones and interface hard-wired to get the best recording and prevent technology issues
 5. Set number for how many students advance has not yet been established
 6. Tanner will send out suggestions for microphones, interface, and setup to keep recording quality from affecting audition integrity. Contact him, Aaron, Emmanuel, Simon with questions or concerns.
 - C. Reminders about the region process
 1. Mindy Florian needs everyone's contact information to set up judging panels.
 2. Judges' comments are available on the TMEA website: Give feedback and ensure that your feedback is understandable, professional, and appropriate for parent and student reading.
- VIII. Proposed Dates: Tanner Ledford, presenting

- A. Still need a site for Area adjudication
 - B. Directors who enter students in area will be called to judge Oct 9-10. Our region is judging zone 2.
 - C. Changing Host for Region clinic and concerts
 - 1. Motion to have Klein Cain host Region Clinic and Concert from KF (Adriana Garza)
 - 2. Klein High seconded (Mindy Florian)
 - 3. Unanimously approved except for Rowina Torres
- IX. Region Clinician and Organizers
 - A. Organizers:
 - 1. HS Symphony: Emmanuel Coraza and Christian Ponce
 - 2. HS Philharmonic: Change from Cain directors: Jennifer Hillen, Elizabeth Ross organizing
 - 3. JH Symphony: Alex Jackson, Nathan Lange
 - 4. JH Philharmonic: Adriana Garza and Cameron Tesoro
 - 5. Mariachi Ensemble 1: Miguel Aguirre
 - 6. Mariachi Ensemble 2: Carlos Lara
- X. TMEA Updates
 - A. QR codes are coming. Go to TMEA's website for mentor network and volunteering.
- XI. JH Region Etudes
 - A. Will be sent out on August 10th
 - B. No student may receive etudes before August 15th
 - C. First Violin/Cello etude will be cut down on the 15th
 - D. Up to date contracts will be on the Region 9 orchestra website, Tanner will email website info out.
- XII. New Business:
 - A. Mindy suggested having choir and orchestra region weekends alternate, but due to conflicts with marching band, alternate calendar availability are not feasible.
 - B. Draw order for UIL given with agenda
- XIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Rowina McKee, seconded by William Cordova