

Spring All-Member Meeting Minutes
April 17th, 2026, 12:15pm

- I. Call to order** **Ian Nelson**
The Spring All-Member meeting was called to order at 12:17pm, I. Nelson presiding.
- II. Welcomes/Introductions** **Ian Nelson**
I. Nelson welcomed NHMEA members, KSC, PSU, UNH, Tri-M coordinators, Modern band teachers, guest presenters. He recognized Eric Kobb – Executive Director, Lyndsey Boysen- Professional Learning Chair, Jennifer Ramsay- Associate Executive Director, Sean Meagher- Director of Publications and Exhibitors, Colleen Moorhouse- Tri-M Coordinator, Dr. Sandi Howard- Collegiate Coordinator, Amy Boccia- Collegiate Council, Collegiate Presidents- Evalynn LaRose, Arabella Apigo, and Molly Tucker, Kevin Fischer- Elementary Honors Choir Chair, Sarah Evans- All-State Coordinator. He thanked David French Music for sponsoring coffee, Music and Arts for sponsoring the afternoon snack, and others who make days like today happen. S. Howard thanked Ian for all his work. Past presidents stood to be recognized followed by Board of Directors, Advisory Board members, Collegiates, those in their 1st year teaching, those with 5 years or less, and those with 5 years or more.
- III. Old Business**
- A. October All-Member Meeting minutes** **Christie Lake**
B. 2025 Financial Report **Eric Kobb**
- IV. New Business**
- A. NHMEA Association Report** **Eric Kobb**
We broke a record of 300 people in attendance today. E. Kobb presented the budget that was approved by the Board of Directors in March. Our budget is \$417,000. We are seeing increased expense in operating costs. Money is allocated for collegiates, Tri-M, and the Anniversary. We are trying to be mindful of not increasing fees of student events. The Board has been working to clarify some association policies. This year was the Director Supervision Policy and policy around student eligibility for participation in our events. Membership is up 17% in large part due to collegiates. Our October Conference will be here at the Grappone Center on Oct. 21. E. Kobb thanked L. Boysen and S. Meagher for helping put today together.
- B. Board of Directors Update** **Ian Nelson**
- 1. Councils**
General Music- level 1 Orff is coming to the state this summer. There are eight more slots available.
- 2. All-State**
We started adjusting the auditions process five years ago. Numbers are up.
- C. New Accommodations Policy for 26-27** **Andrea Von Oeyen**
There will be a new process to request accommodations and modifications for auditions/festivals in a more transparent way. This will address needs while complying with ADA laws. The form has a list of things we can provide, then an opportunity to provide other modifications that will require discussion. Signatures of school officials are required. There will be a link on audition registration forms due with the form, or 14 days prior to a festival or event.
- D. NHMEA 100 Year Anniversary Spring 2028** **Ian Nelson**
NHMEA will be celebrating our 100th year anniversary in spring, 2028. We are bringing in world renowned composers and conductors for all major ensembles and events.
- E. NHMEA 2026 Election Results** **Andrea Von Oeyen**
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| Choral Council:
Harmony Markey | Council of Advocacy and Outreach Chair:
Serena Gorham |
| Band Council: | Council of Collegiate Activities Chair: |

Kurt Schweiss
String Council:

Sam Lyons

Jazz Council:

Jamie Boccia

General Music Council:

Jamie Bolduc

Sandi Howard

Director At Large:

Tim Russell

Nominating Committee:

Laura Swarce

AJ Coppola

Kristen Olsen

F. ACDA Awards

Becca Crivello

Becca Crivello, NH ACDA president, presented the Young Choral Director of the Year Award to Courtney Wayne, Litchfield Middle School. Choral Director of the Year was presented to Kevin Fischer- Cooperative Middle School.

G. NFHS Awards

Ken Martin

Ken Martin presented the NFHS Outstanding High School Music Educator award to Thom Untersee, Lynwood School. The NFHS Outstanding Middle School Music Educator was presented to Kevin Swift.

H. NHMEA Awards

Ian Nelson

Ed Doyle presented the Young Music Educator of the Year Award to Molly Goldstein, Hillside Middle School. Josh Desrocher presented the Administrator of the Year Award to Kimberly McCann, Goffstown High School Assistant Principal. McKelvie Intermediate School principal Jen Asdot, presented the Educator of the Year Award to Rebecca Coughlin, McKelvie Intermediate School

V. Other

Anticipated openings- Rochester- 1 elementary band and 1 elementary general and choir. Fall long-term sub, grades 2-5, Hills Garrison Elementary School in Hudson. Elementary general and band in Nashua. Long term sub, fall-January, North Elementary in Londonderry. Weare- K-3, no duties or pre/post school requirements. Amherst Elementary- grades 2-4. Merrimack Valley Elementary band, choir, and general. Ken Clark is retiring after 34 years-Timberlane High School band/secondary band open. Alison Yankowskas is retiring- Sandown North elementary music, grades 1-5. Atkinson Academy, K-5.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:26pm.