

Region 9 Fall Meeting: Orchestra Division Minutes

- Meeting called to order 9:55 AM
- Electing Secretary/Co-Treasurer
 - Marcelle Martin nominated by Carly Galloway
 - Seconded by _____
 - Vote: none opposed, nomination accepted
- TODA Representative Sundas Mohi called to present TODA Minutes
 - High School Leadership Day 8/5/23
 - Jeff Grogan keynote
 - Opportunities for student leadership
 - Winter Clinic in January (Saturday mid-January)
 - Rehearsal lab and conducting opportunity
 - Houston location, tbd (University of Houston likely location)
 - Opportunity for a UIL teaching strategy clinic
 - Thank you for attending the 2023 Convention
 - Student ensembles attended for the first time, opportunities for next summer coming soon.
 - Email toda@todaweb.org for CPE form if you did not receive it.
 - Scholarships
 - Barbara Eads Scholarship
 - Toda scholarship
- New Region 9 orchestra website
 - www.region9orchestras.com
 - Everyone needs to enter info for directory
 - Links for contest entries, calendar, minutes from previous meetings, and forms
 - Website is for directors, not students, do not distribute
- Question time for Brad Bouley
 - www.region9music.com
 - Enter info for directory if you have not done so already
 - All information about UIL events and information from Brad Bouley
 - No questions for Brad, no comments from Brad
- Review of Spring meeting minutes
 - Rowina Torres: clarified violin and cello etude being sent out in May
 - new JH etudes released on 15th, distribute on the 16th
 - no additions
 - motion to accept minutes- Amy, seconded by Luke Jackson
 - Vote: none opposed, motion passes
- Introduction of new teachers or new positions
- Celebrations: Tanner Ledford
 - Krimmel Intermediate and Tomball Memorial- finalists for TMEA honor orchestra
 - Klein Cain- Performing at Midwest
- Finance Report: Tanner Ledford
 - Dr. Kempter has retired

- Financial report will be delivered once it is received
- Accounts are comparable to last year, so fees and costs are on track with no anticipated problems
- Region 9 hosted Mariachi contest-dates for auditions are on calendar
- MAC Report- Music Advisory Committee: Aaron Michaelson
- Discussion Item:
 - Proposal made to create a separate level for UIL orchestra CR/SR contest for SNV requirements
 - Proposal Suggested:
 - Lower SNV concert requirements to create a lower set of requirements
 - Sight reading suggestions: Give SNV one extra minute and a grade level down
 - Passed unanimously on first pass but objections raised:
 - 1c schools cannot lower rigor any further
 - Sight reading is already in a pilot program
 - Suggested to adjust contest requirements will be passed in pieces to increase viability of proposals
 - Separate stage and sight reading suggestions
 - Have regions submit proposals separating JH and HS contest requirements so that HS SNV can have separate rules without JH SNV complicating the proposal
 - Proposals cannot be brought up again for 5 years.
 - Region 9 discussions and suggestions:
 - Peter Jagdeo: Reword the proposals to eliminate complications from JH contest requirements
 - Tanner suggested that any volunteers to write the proposal can send them to him and we can further discuss proposal at spring meeting.
- Review Proposed Dates for 23-24
 - Solo and Ensemble is at Woodlands High School main campus, not 9th grade campus
 - Be aware of construction at Klein Oak
 - Correct Spring semester date to 2024
 - Peter Jagdeo: Nov. 3rd Placement Auditions and Sectionals is the day before/after Tomball ISD long weekend.
 - Alex Jackson suggested moving event to Nov. 2
 - Luke Jackson moved to move event to Nov. 2, Alex Jackson seconded
 - Discussion
 - Cannot move it to a following week because it's a protected weekend
 - Peter Jagdeo and Sundas Mohi volunteered to host if needed

- Vote: none opposed, motion passes
 - Middle School Etudes
 - Release date is Aug. 16
 - Etudes have not been released to teachers early due to teachers/lesson instructors releasing them to students early
 - Etudes can be released early if teachers can maintain integrity
 - Motion to release the etudes to the directors on Aug. 7th with the agreement that etudes are not released to private instructors- Alex Jackson, seconded Terri Matchett
 - Vote: none opposed, motion passes
 - Etudes will be sent out on Aug 7, for distribution on August 16th
 - Region orchestra clinicians and organizers
 - Need organizers
 - HS Symphony: Cain directors
 - HS Phil: Elizabeth Ross, Adrianna Garza
 - JH Philharmonic: Estafanie Ortiz, Amy
 - Mariachi Ensemble Clinician: Mike Cital
 - Next year's clinicians: send suggestions to Tanner
 - Organizer responsibilities:
 - Before Auditions: make the student folders, Tanner and Rowina will provide digital copies of documents, send copy numbers to Tanner for reimbursement for copy costs
 - During Region weekend: help set up the room, label the chairs, take roll, contact directors of any missing students, assist the conductor and ensure they have what they need for rehearsal, follow instructions in organizer binder
- TMEA Updates
 - Mentor Network
 - TMEA is looking for mentors and mentees
 - Mentors are especially needed in smaller regions
 - Mentors just need to be someone that a new teacher can call when they have questions or need advice
 - Mentees don't be afraid to give those mentors a call
 - Volunteer portal
 - TMEA needs volunteers
 - Go volunteer
 - TFME
 - Information for starting a TFME chapter is on TMEA.org
- New Business
- Elect new Judge Coordinator
 - Nominees:
 - Carly Galloway
 - Aaron Michaelson
 - Emmanuel Coraza

- Mindy Florian
 - Judge Vote will be sent out by email
- Final Business: Tanner Ledford
 - Be careful to follow UIL Entry guidelines, especially choosing 2 pieces by the same composer
 - Region process: Please screen students for appropriate entry. Ensure that students who are auditioning are having a positive region experience and that auditions are appropriately prepared and that auditions can be run in a way that students can have a long enough performance excerpts to demonstrate mastery
 - Reminder that all directors are expected to attend all region events regardless of level taught
 - Aaron Michaelson: on UIL website: search for State Chamber Music: excellent experience for students, check website for dates, applications, cost to enter, and qualifications. Deadline in January, portal opens in December, selected ensembles perform in Bastrop ISD in March. If they have more string ensembles perform, orchestra can have their own orchestra category.
- Adjournment 11:06
 - Motion to adjourn Mindy, seconded by Rowina McKee
 - Vote: None opposed, motion passes