

## **NCWMEA Spring Meeting - May 12, 2025**

Chelan High School  
CHS Band Room - 215 Webster Ave., Chelan, WA  
6:00pm

### **ZOOM LINK**

<https://eastmont206-org.zoom.us/j/86947108913?pwd=yTat3ixH0ZmiJAmCCiXbOdKGsvKeN7.1>

Meeting ID: 869 4710 8913

Passcode: 358658

Elementary/Advocacy Breakout:  
Pending

<b><u>In-Person Attendees</u></b>	<b><u>Virtual Attendees</u></b>
James Mitsuyasu, Brittany Stevens, Kent Chalmers, Steve Burdick, Jackie Vandeman, Don Pearce, Connor Shillam, Alicia Pulsifer, Beck Bartrand, Beth Jensen, Vincent Mason, Jim Kovach, Dawn McCormick, Eddie Cortes, Derek Pulsifer, Erin Mahaney, Jeff Sandberg, Matt Brown, Steve Sturzl, Mary Perry-Hardin, Jace Rowland	Annie Chalmers, Amber Johnson, Angela Richmond, Calvin Gorman, Walter Lawson, Devan Chandler, Jake Pearce, Kylie Youngren, Zach Teply, Ami VanderSluis, Eva Aneshansley

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Facilitator</u></b>	<b><u>Action required</u></b>	<b><u>Future Action</u></b>
6:00pm	Call to order, introductions, membership update	James	Inform	
	Approve <a href="#">fall meeting minutes</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Online attendees, please make sure your name is included - we missed a bunch! Email <a href="mailto:stevensb@eastmont206.org">stevensb@eastmont206.org</a> or <a href="mailto:mitsuyasuj@eastmont206.org">mitsuyasuj@eastmont206.org</a> if your name is missing.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jim Kovach moves to approve</li><li>Don Pearce seconds</li><li>All in favor</li></ul></li></ul>	James	Vote	

	<p>Treasurer's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">PDF of report</a> will also be posted under Member Links tab of NCWMEA website.</li> <li>• Discussion/Q&amp;A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Although Solo &amp; Ensemble was a significant loss, the surplus of funds from the Sarge Huber Honor Festival and from Large Group Festivals allowed us to roughly break even for the year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Jim moves to accept Treasurer's report Alicia seconds All in favor.</p>	Beth	Vote	
	<p>General housekeeping &amp; regional friends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Chinook Music</a> (Steve)</li> <li>• Festival Banners (Mary)</li> <li>• Scott Lindmeyer Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Due Friday, May 16!</li> <li>○ Clarification of scholarship: any student "studying" music - up to interpretation (doesn't have to be a major), up to \$1000 per student</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Summer camps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ICCA has lots of options for summer camps with scaled tuition - check out these opportunities for kids! Summer strings camp, music tech, theater, creative writing, and more</li> <li>○ See NCWMEA Website for more camps around the state</li> <li>○ Matt Brown: anyone interested in a drum major camp? YES! But not this summer</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Retirements &amp; departures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cathy Bronson at Cashmere, going to grad school (position filled already)</li> <li>○ Oroville might be looking for a music teacher?? Ask Angela Cross</li> <li>○ Entiat position is opening</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><a href="#">NCWMEA Website</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">tinyurl.com/NorthCentralWMEA</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cost Estimator</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">25-26 Event List</a>; highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New member orientation</li> <li>○ Fall Jazz change</li> <li>○ New All-State format (not concurrent with conference)</li> <li>○ 5th band Large Group date</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	James	Inform	<p>Matt Brown is working on getting drum major summer camp up for summer 2026 - give more info at future meeting?</p> <p>Find solution for Quincy conflict with choir large group dates</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Things to add to the website? Contact James M or Brittany S</li> <li>• SEND YOUR PERFORMANCE DATES!!</li> </ul> <p>Calendar discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quincy is on spring break during choir large group dates</li> <li>• Brewster is approved to host a festival day</li> <li>• Moses Lake likely can't host - how can we help them participate?</li> <li>• Move band LG dates from 3/11-12 to 3/18-19 - most in favor</li> <li>• Proposal to move Omak jazz from Tuesday 4/14 to Thursday 4/16</li> <li>• Can we combine one of the MS/HS band days to be both MS/HS and share adjudicators? Then we don't need 3rd middle school day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Help out the "everything" teachers so they don't have to go to so many different festivals</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
	<p>WMEA Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Letter from Frank Lewis &amp; WMEA Exec Board</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Priority #1 is getting out of debt - payment plans in place for outstanding invoices</li> <li>◦ How to help: Renew membership now, get partnership membership, donate through the website, volunteer to help with festivals and offer expertise</li> <li>◦ Continue to engage with WMEA! We are 11th or 12th largest state MEA - don't give up on us!</li> <li>◦ Clock hours, state solo and ensemble, all-state, and conference are safe</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Conference proposals/ensemble applications due May 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">Proposal link</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ You can propose a session you want to see, without volunteering to be the one presenting!</li> <li>■ Idea: rehearsal hours - watch a director rehearse their ensemble - this can fill the gap left behind by all-state groups moving to different weekend (<i>note: Brittany did request this idea on the proposal form</i>)</li> </ul> </li> <li>◦ Ensemble applications on OpusEvent</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	James	Inform	<p>Propose a conference session!</p> <p>Submit your ensembles to play at the conference!</p>
	<p>Committee updates/discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Solo &amp; Ensemble - Small Schools Division debrief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Middle school rooms - do only "Superior" or comments-only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Kent spoke with several people at conference about their MS rooms and they also ran into similar rating issues</li> <li>■ MS students go only for comments but may earn a</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ol>	James		<p>Fall meeting: vote in new choral curriculum officer</p> <p>Adjudication committee plan to</p>

	<p>“superior” rating if deserved - no other ratings</p> <p>2. Adjudication sheet alignment updates?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Matt Brown has been working on something for Large Group</li> <li>○ Alicia has access to a common rubric that goes across all disciplines and ensemble types - Utah State</li> <li>○ We need clearer adjudicator training to keep everyone on the same page</li> </ul> <p>3. Create official committee for Adjudication clarity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Devan Chandler</li> <li>○ Brittany Stevens (act as interim choral curriculum officer)</li> <li>○ Jim Kovach</li> <li>○ Matt Brown</li> <li>○ Kent Chalmers</li> <li>○ Calvin Gorman</li> <li>○ Alicia Pulsifer</li> </ul>			present guidelines/rubrics at fall meeting
	<p>Elementary Breakout:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Choose curriculum officer</li> <li>● Identify needs &amp; ways NCWMEA can support</li> <li>● Any ideas for an annual event - student or teacher?</li> </ul> <p>No interest from elementary attendees to participate in a breakout session (very few in attendance)</p>	Derek	<del>Vote,</del> Inform	Choose elementary curriculum officer
	<p><u><a href="#">Festival dates</a></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5th location for Band Large Group (primarily MS needs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need a chair</li> <li>○ Location: WHS has booked 3/25 if needed</li> <li>○ Additional expense of one additional adjudicator (figure out cost) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 5th location approved at Spring 2024 mtg; just need to act</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Opportunity for others to chair or host - anybody new interested in sharing the load? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kristina Webb considering MS Choir day</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Festival Chair handbook - who has an old copy? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ask Don P - no</li> <li>○ Assign curriculum officers to review &amp; update (it's really old)</li> <li>○ <a href="mailto:mitsuyasuj@eastmont206.org">mitsuyasuj@eastmont206.org</a></li> <li>○ <a href="mailto:mccormick.d@wenatcheeschools.org">mccormick.d@wenatcheeschools.org</a></li> <li>○ <a href="mailto:kchalmers@cashmere.wednet.edu">kchalmers@cashmere.wednet.edu</a> look through old binders</li> <li>○ Curriculum officers review and rebuild</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <u><a href="#">Adjudicator</a></u> recommendation/feedback form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Building adjudicator suggestion list &amp; history to be published</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	James	Inform	<p>Review and update old festival chair handbooks, then festival chairs/curriculum officers create final product</p> <p>Make list of this year's adjudicators so we can provide feedback</p> <p>Brittany will reach out to WSU choral faculty to arrange student leadership workshop - will have date set by</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ James put this to festival chairs &amp; curriculum officers</li> <li>● WSU Choir leadership workshop [Brittany]</li> </ul> <p>Sarge 2026 [decided to wait for more elementary members before discussing in depth]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Eastmont as potential site host - dependent on being a district conference day. HS music staff is willing to coordinate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Several buildings within 2 blocks for rehearsal spaces.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Other options? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consider location/travel distance from majority of participants or main highways</li> <li>○ Seating capacity for main concert (min. 1600?)</li> <li>○ Rehearsal space capacity within a short drive (3 choir, 2 band)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			<p>next meeting</p> <p>Assign Sarge chairs at fall meeting</p> <p>James will work with Eastmont admin to confirm hosting of Sarge</p>
	<p>Closing business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Idea: Solo and Ensemble judges offer time in the day for a masterclass on their instrument - help keep adjudicators busy for the whole day and possibly add a few bucks to registration fee to increase profits?</li> <li>● Leavenworth jazz festival was a hoot - says Jace - hoping for 3rd weekend of May next year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vocal jazz is interested!</li> <li>○ Registration is a little cost-prohibitive... If we get enough regional schools to sign up, Leavenworth Jazz Festival can get a grant to help cover costs so we don't have to charge as much for registration</li> </ul> </li> <li>● May 29th Benefit Bash at ICCA (Icicle Creek Center for the Arts) - auction, fancy food, fun events and activities - get your tickets! We benefit a lot from the outreach ICCA does - Jackie went last year and it was SUPER FUN</li> </ul>			
Adjournment	<p>Adjourned at 7:42</p> <p>Jim motioned to adjourn, Alicia seconded.</p>			