

**Valley Region Music Education Association
Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 4:00 PM**

Present: Mark Burch, Laura Kexel, Cara Swenson, Andy Burch, Robin Blumenthal, Stephen Pickard

1. New members updated for website from Federal Way and Sumner
2. Rolls to be filled: President Elect
 - a. Ask for nominations at Fall Meeting, hopefully vote
3. Hall of Fame voting and Valley Region Awards (talking points)
4. Solo and Ensemble rule changes (secondary only)
 - a. Electronic accompaniment that is specifically composed for this piece
 - b. No pre-recorded accompaniment
 - c. Cannot take the place of a piano accompaniment that exists
 - d. No "karaoke"
 - e. Opportunity to give feedback
5. New/renewed membership push
 - a. New member \$75 registration for NAFME/WMEA
 - b. Renewal is \$150
 - c. Talk up membership benefits
6. How can we make our website a "go to" resource?
 - a. Exit survey?
 - b. What would be useful or helpful to you?
7. Breakouts for Elementary/Secondary or Elementary/MS/HS
 - a. HS – All-State housing changes
 - i. WMEA will block out hotel rooms
 - ii. Directors decide who is in what room
 - iii. Directors have chaperones for evening/morning (they get a room as well)
 - iv. WMEA provides transportation to/from hotel
 - b. Secondary
 - i. Contests
 - ii. HB 1660 (regards ASB and an effort to be more responsive to students with financial needs)
 - c. Elementary – how can we step up our support for general music teachers, especially our new teachers?
8. How can VMEA serve students in a new way?
 - a. Monthly masterclasses
 - b. Monthly jam sessions
 - c. Start post COVID?

Meeting Adjourned 4:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Kexel, Secretary