# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA EMPANO CHOIR DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION

# **NCBCDA Summer Meeting 2023 Minutes**

1. Call to Order: 8:37am

### **Board Members:**

President - Dan Sedgwick (final year)
President Elect - Matt Bringedahl
Past President - Casson Scowcroft (final year)
Treasurer - Cassandra Moulton
Secretary/Historian - Audrey McCombs and Chrissy Sleigh Garcia
Choral Rep Concert - Ady Jimenez
Choral Rep Jazz - Alissa Aune
Jazz Band Rep - Abby West

- 2. <u>General Membership Minutes from 2/4/23</u> Alissa Motions to approve the minutes, second by Casson. Motion passed
- 3. Treasurer Report
  - a. 2022-2023 report
  - b. Accounts Checking \$ Savings \$??? Total \$???
    - i. Budget discrepancy need updated budget from Cassie since Feb
    - ii. Combine Choral & Band commission fee into one pot of money?
    - iii. Should we raise fees from \$50 to \$75?
    - iv. Alissa suggests to make adjustments to projected numbers given past knowledge of smaller numbers at Cal Poly Humboldt - start with lowering participant numbers to assist with keeping costs more realistic
    - v. Casson suggested a separate meeting of Cassie and area member to fine tune projected participation & budget.
    - vi. Casson, Alissa, Cassie, Matt, Dan and Chrissy for separate budget meeting.
      - 1. Dan has suggested participant numbers from Alissa.
- 4. Review constitution & Bylaws
  - a. Looking to update the Bylaws changes must be voted on by general membership. Suggested changes are highlighted!
  - b. Discussion and fill in duties and responsibilities doc
- 5. Live Auditions
  - a. Keep music from state/cap section lists?
    - i. Add new 'Golden State Honor Band' music to audition? Same audition as All State, but different sections of the audition piece.
  - b. Do we keep live auditions? Or seat band from audition recordings?
    - i. Live auditions take 3-4 hours are chaotic, and some groups are left waiting for hours before the first rehearsal. Lots of wasted time. Could have sectionals instead, instrument maintenance or even a university tour. Something more beneficial for the students!
    - ii. All State top 2 groups do live auditions, not sure about Golden State.

iii. Matt makes a motion to place students based on their recorded auditions, removing live auditions. Alissa seconds.

# 6. Scholarships

- a. Codify criteria for scholarships Historian finds who the scholarship is intended for, who they are in honor of, criteria (Dan Heistand, Tevis, Putnam, Denise Coon)
- b. Include information about Scholarships put the onus on the directors and students to apply
- c. Historian should search for more music camps beyond Donner Mine & Cazadero. Brass/Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop, UoP Summer camps, Sierra Mountain (strings/vocal), Silverlake, Lake Tahoe Music Camp (just Nevada?)
- 7. Applications any fixes needed? Thank you Matt!
  - a. One for each group? 4 different forms would mean some directors are filling out
     4 different forms. Perhaps 1 director form, and each student fills out their own.
     Matt will create a framework and make a draft.
  - b. NorCal weekend meeting conductor nominations should be included on director application, or a suggestion with bio brought to the meeting ahead of time.
  - c. Create a checkbox on application form that teachers agree to stay / be responsible for your students for the entirety of the event.
  - d. Add scholarship recommendations and Director of the Year nominations to application.
- 8. Contracts Master in folder, 1 contract for them all
  - a. Adjust language in bullet 2 specificity of timing unnecessary.
- 9. Website
  - a. Program ask general membership for preference online or paper copies. Or leave to Historians discretion.
  - b. Secretary/Historians keep it clean!
    - i. Audrey will update.
- 10. Conductors Discussion: 2 local directors per year? (Local shortish drive vs. plane ticket?) also do we like the idea of a form for conductor nominations?

# a. 2024 - Cal Poly Humboldt

- i. Concert band Casson will contact suggested directors.
- ii. Concert Choir Rachel Sammet
- iii. Jazz Band Michael Rocky Winslow? Tina Raymond? Joe Mazzafero? Patrick Langham? Bobby Rodgers?
- iv. Jazz Choir Bruce Rogers

### b. 2025 - CSU Chico

- i. Concert band -
- ii. Concert Choir Jeremy Fox?
- iii. Jazz Band -
- iv. Jazz Choir -

# c. 2026 - Sonoma State University

- i. Concert band Giroux?
- ii. Concert Choir -

- iii. Jazz Band -
- iv. Jazz Choir -
- 11. New Officer Elections start to think who should be:
  - a. President Elect...Sedgwick in final year
- 12. Upcoming Dates
  - a. Norcal 2024 Jan. 18-20
    - i. Too soon to schedule a summer meeting? Sedgwick wants everyone in CC to host a party and camping... DID IT, June 10.
  - b. Norcal 2025 Feb. 6-8
  - c. Norcal 2026 Feb. 5-7

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# 13. Others

- a. Casson met with CBDA Board:
  - i. CBDA stepping away from running CASMEC, as the convention is 70% other organizations. New focus is on Music Education through Band. They would like us to consider Super Saturday various locations on Sept 9th, hosting clinics for students at regional schools, morning to afternoon, with professional players on every instrument and special clinics on All State auditions. However, the closest school is in the Union City/South Bay area. CBDA will pay us to host but we need to choose quickly.
    - Suggested Redding as a host Enterprise HS, or Simpson University. Sacramento as well, as not too many students from Del Norte/Humboldt would participate.
    - 2. Cost is \$25 if student pre-registers, \$30 on the day.
  - ii. CBDA has a Stand up for Music lobbyist who helped get Prop 28 passed. Casson suggests we get our own lobbyist \$250 per year. We would get updates and a seat at the table in meetings. Could increase directors fees by 2 dollars would pay for this.
  - iii. Small / rural school honor band did not have much participation. New qualifications for Golden State Honor Band. Must have 1750 student or under, or less than 5% of the schools pop in band... Info on CBDA.org we should Inform membership!
- b. Dan has the only HS instrument repair class in the state, and there is a repair tech. Considering a CASMEC clinic on this topic. Encouraging band directors to take this, you can also create your own CTE pathway.
  - CBDA could sponsor Dan to do a teacher clinic on repair during their Super Saturday...
- 14. End of Meeting 11:24 Dan motions to adjourn, Alissa seconds.