

NCWMEA Fall Meeting - September 8, 2025

Eastmont High School
EHS Band Room - 955 3rd St. NE
Social Hour @ 5pm; Meeting @ 6:00pm

In-person attendees	Virtual attendees
James Mitsuyasu, Brittany Stevens, Jim Kovach, Adam Ream, Kent Chalmers, Alicia Pulsifer, Mary Perry-Hardin, Domingo Gonzalez, Dawn McCormick, Erich Mietenkorte, Dave and Priscilla Baldock, Alan Ramos, Will Chisholm, Jackie Vandeman, Will Lutey, Kelsey Lodge, Ami VanderSluis, Eddie Cortes, Derek Pulsifer, Erin Mahaney, Calvin Gorman, Jake Pearce	Don Pearce, Walter Lawson, Elaine Ray, Beth Jensen, Eva Aneshansley, Beck Bartrand, Zach Teply, Devan Chandler, David Holloway

<u>Time</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
6:00pm	Call to order, introductions, membership update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don Pearce has music! Ask him for it Welcome new members! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be sure to add your contact & teaching info to our New Membership form 	Inform
6:10pm	Approve Spring 2025 Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online attendees, please make sure your name was included. Email stevensb@eastmont206.org or mitsuyasuj@eastmont206.org if your name is missing. 	Motion to approve Spring 2025 Minutes: Will Lutey Second: Dawn McCormick All in favor, none opposed
6:15pm	Community Connections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banners - Mary Perry-Hardin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> POs are due the same day as regular POs (but send to Mary, NOT Beth) - Oct 31 Wenatchee Valley Youth Symphony - Mika Armaly / Michelle Vaughan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jackie Vandeman is starting a wind ensemble arm - running like an honor band with the eventual goal to combine as a symphony orchestra - tell your students! Google Form for registration on the NCWMEA website Scholarships are available! If you know a kid's ability level, they don't need to audition Okanogan Valley Orchestra & Chorus - Derek Pulsifer & Matt Brown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free! No cost!! 	Inform

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leavenworth Jazz Workshop (May) - Paul Milan / Jace Rowland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 9-10, accepting jazz choirs this year! Wenatchee Brass Band - Dave Baldock Icicle Creek Center for the Arts - Domingo Gonzalez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email Domingo if you want to be on the list for visiting artists Chinook Music - Steve Sturzl 	
6:35pm	<p>Treasurer's report & 25-26 Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer's report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No official report. Beth states our bank accounts are in healthy standing that will provide enough coverage to offset the losses projected in the proposed 2025-2026 budget. 2025-2026 Budget [LINK] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exec committee is recommending limiting travel distance to Seattle/Spokane to help mitigate mileage, and/or find adjudicators who can carpool, and/or use same adjudicator for multiple dates in same trip Solo and Ensemble registration is still down. Piano students are a good way to get your numbers up! Please be mindful of food purchases - they should only be going to hired people (adjudicators and chairs) 	<p>Inform, Discuss, Vote</p> <p><u>Motion to approve 2025-2026 Budget:</u> Will Lutey <u>Second:</u> Alicia Pulsifer All in favor, none opposed</p>
6:50pm	<p>NCWMEA Region Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCWMEA Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tinyurl.com/NorthCentralWMEA2 Use the new tinyurl - James messed up the landing page attached to the old one and it's now a 404 error. Cost Estimator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember, this is not an invoice! Beth will send invoices for each event. PLEASE include YOUR name, email, what kind of ensembles (band/choir/mariachi/orch/S&E etc) in the memo line!!! 25-26 Event List; highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New member orientation/ Q&A Tuesday, Sept. 16 @ 6pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://eastmont206-org.zoom.us/j/89121045338?pwd=HHyDbCbl2olObuS6tJGHsZ5RO8YfDh.1 Meeting ID: 891 2104 5338 Passcode: 156381 5th band Large Group date in Brewster <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capping # of MS entries per site; chairs should discuss at end of this meeting or during secondary breakout Things to add to the website? Contact James M or Brittany S SEND YOUR PERFORMANCE DATES!! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email list of dates to mitsuyasuj@eastmont206.org or stevensb@eastmont206.org Scholarship Committee 	<p>Inform</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Would like to hand off scholarship selections to a small team of folks (4-5 people) outside the Exec Board. Volunteers send James an email. ● Sarge 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eastmont Music team in the process of completing official event request, but has the thumbs-up from music admin to move forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Eastmont High School ■ Eastmont JHS & Sterling JHS ○ Backup options? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Consider location/travel distance from majority of participants or main highways ■ Seating capacity for main concert (min. 1600?) ■ Rehearsal space capacity within a short drive/walk (3 choir, 2 band) 	
6:55pm	<p>WMEA Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interim ED Report - Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Untangling & streamlining the finances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Big numbers in debts and commitments were solved thoughtfully but quickly. Full WA board is confident in decisions made, in consultation with legal counsel and with support from new part-time CFO with expertise in non-profit finance. ■ Still only about halfway through untangling financial records (see report from CFO) ○ Extending relationships with other music orgs and utilize expertise within own org (more opportunities for small volunteerism) ○ 3 main goals for SY 25-26: Examine for Equity, Financial Stability, Successful Events ● All-State updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Find the All-State Hub via the WMEA Website - may be blocked on student computers - will likely be helpful for teachers to download & distribute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ wmea.org > Student Events > 2026 WMEA ALL- STATE ■ Costs: Auditions \$15/\$25; Event \$150/\$350 ○ Junior & Jazz events still concurrent with Conference ○ Band, Choir, Orchestra moved to Tacoma, end of May ○ HS back to 3-day event without significant price increase ○ Housing & chaperone expectations unchanged ○ More information in slide deck (linked above), including overall budget for event ● Conference 2026, 2027 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Small schools concert hours for both choir & band ○ Looking for ways to cast a wider net to get some experienced (but free) help in small chunks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Signups would probably be in the form of a spreadsheet thing like the session host schedule - NOT a planning/prep job; would be doable in a short timeframe once onsite ■ ACTION ITEM - WMEA looking for generalized feedback from region about 	Inform

	<p>signups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide written feedback about this HERE ○ Northwest Conference is paused for the foreseeable future; 2027 will likely be in Yakima <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Exec board met with NW member states; no interest in providing WMEA with support in operating a larger conference • Regional Org Chart proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WMEA would like all regions to have a board & officers that more closely align with the state board. Planning to begin more direct outreach to regions via curriculum officers. ○ Exec Board will draft an update to NCWMEA bylaws to formalize this (already informally adopted) practice. First reading at Spring 2026; vote at Fall 2026. ○ The WMEA proposal does not limit regions from including other officer positions, i.e. small schools or mariachi, that aren't included in their list. ○ Provide more feedback HERE 	
7:05pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION ITEMS - Tonight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feedback: Collegiate Conference Scholarship Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Provide additional feedback about this proposal HERE ○ Elections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Choral Curriculum Officer 25-26 ■ Elementary Curriculum Officer 25-26 	<p>Discuss; Vote</p> <p>Don Pearce nominated for choral curriculum officer.</p> <p>Will Lutey moves to close noms, Will Chisholm seconds. All in favor. Vote for Don: All in favor.</p> <p>Will Lutey nominated for Elementary Curriculum Officer. Jim Kovach moves to close noms, Jackie Vandeman seconds. All in favor, none opposed. Vote for Will: all in favor.</p>
7:20pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION ITEMS - Homework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Description of all WMEA awards ○ Regional Friend of Music - Nominations due to James by October 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Use this form ○ Regional Educator of the Year - Due to James by October 1 	Members: respond online

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Use this form ○ State Educator of the year (Elem., MS, HS, University) - due by October 1 ■ Use this form ■ Past winners can be found here ○ WMEA Hall of Fame / Admin of the Year - fill out this Google Form - due October 15 ■ Current HoF members can be found here 	
7:25pm	Elementary Breakout (Choir Room w/ Zoom option) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify needs & ways NCWMEA can support ● Ideas for an annual event that would enrich students or teachers? ● Student composition discussion 	Technical issues prevented the Zoom from working. Apologies to the elementary cohort!!
	Secondary Breakout (Band Room w/ Zoom option) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2025-2026 Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fall Jazz: Vocal Jazz schedule priority on Tuesday; Middle Schools schedule priority on Wednesday; ○ Evaluate how many registrations we have to see if we even need two days ● Festival Chair Handbook (re)development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appoint committee members: Festival Chairs with support from Curriculum Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Designate committee chair: Brittany ● Adjudication Committee Report - Brittany et al (inform only; no discussion at this point) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide feedback about the rubrics here (not open as of meeting date) ● Adjudicator Feedback & History documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adjudicator recommendation/feedback form ○ Working on building an adjudicator suggestion list & hire history to be published <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Public list (on NCWMEA Website): previous judges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Internal list: feedback about adjudicators; "please don't use" list ○ Assign to Adjudication Committee + festival chairs + curriculum officers ● WSU Choir leadership workshop [Brittany] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$25 per school + \$10 per student ● WMEA Rule Change proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feedback: State Rule Change Proposal 1: Mariachi Vocal Amplification ○ Feedback: State Rule Change Proposal 2: Fair Use Copyright ○ Feedback: State Rule Change Proposal 3: Small Ensemble size limit change ○ If you have more feedback, provide it to James HERE 	Discuss
7:55pm	Closing business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pioneer MS needs a choir teacher!!! ● Hamilton Sing-along at the Liberty Theater Monday 9/15 at 6:30 	

8:00pm	Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will Lutey moves to adjourn at 7:50, seconded by Alicia Pulsifer.	
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