

SWKMEA Board Meeting

July 28, 2020

10:00 am via Zoom

Rachel Trombley, President

13 Members/10 Voting Members and 1 guest in attendance

- I. Kelly-Whistleblower and Conflict of interest forms
  - a. Sent as an email to all SW KMEA Board Members
  - b. Please return by Friday, July 31, 2020
- II. Volunteers needed for State Committees-Small Schools (Vesta Jo) and Virtual Ensembles (Dana Hamant)
  - a. President Trombley requested that we have anyone interested in these committees to join them for a voice at the table
  - b. Tori Koehn and Melanie Lofstrom volunteered for the Small School Committee
  - c. Sean Boller volunteered for the Virtual Ensemble Committee
- III. Reports
  - a. Presidents report from state board meeting (Highlights here. Please see full report at the end of this set of Meeting Minutes)
    - i. Mentoring will have an online summit meeting on August 1, 2020
      1. If you know of someone who is new to the district...Get them connected
      2. KMEA website has information and deadline to sign up is July 31, 2020
      3. The Mentoring Minute is a monthly online newsletter
      4. October 17 or 24 there will be a statewide Mentoring Conference
    - ii. KASTA
      1. Will have another HS All State String Orchestra in the 2021-2022 year
    - iii. KMEA ISW
      1. Decision to make it in person or virtual will be made on September 15, 2020
    - iv. KMR
      1. Looking for articles that could be beneficial for all, please contact the KMR editor Gaile Stephenson at [editor@ksmea.org](mailto:editor@ksmea.org)
        - a. Please keep your article to 250-1000 words
      2. Each district will create an article this year
      3. The KMR theme for the year is Diversity and Inclusion
    - v. Research Chair
      1. Dr. Phillip Payne (KSU)
    - vi. Social Media Marketing Person for KMEA
      1. Erik Stone (WSU)

- vii. Instrumental Live Audition
  - 1. New Policy which will allow a conflict with another activity will allow a virtual audition
  - 2. Must speak to Randall Fillmore
- viii. HS Jazz
  - 1. Changes will be happening
    - a. Etude cycle
    - b. Improv will be mandatory
- ix. Small Schools
  - 1. Please connect small school teachers to this committee
    - a. Contact Vesta Jo Still
    - b. This is part of President Gae Phillips' platform
- x. TRI-M
  - 1. KMEA will pay half of your fee \$100 for a Tri-M Chapter
  - 2. Contact Shelly Kole at [tri-m@ksmea.org](mailto:tri-m@ksmea.org)
  - 3. KMEA will help you start it and get it organized
- xi. Vendors at KMEA ISW
  - 1. Dana Hamant reports that some businesses may be closing down due to COVID-19 and we will probably lose some vendors
  - 2. Please support your local music stores!
- xii. HS Choir All State Choir
  - 1. All slots or numbers for districts will be frozen for the 2021-2022 year, so they will not change due to participation
- xiii. KBA
  - 1. Marching Band Championship is cancelled for this year
  - 2. They had a virtual convention that was quite successful
    - a. All KBA videos will be there until July 31, 2020
    - b. KBA purchased a Webinar account which is available for use to any KMEA organization
- xiv. KMEA Hall of Fame
  - 1. Send all information to Gretchen Bixler
    - a. Please collect all information and letters first
- xv. President Elect
  - 1. Jamie Mini (Marysville)
  - 2. Stacy Williamson (Hutchinson)
  - 3. Both have been district presidents for KMEA
- xvi. President Trombley spoke about the studies on recommendations and aerosol studies
  - 1. KMEA's release of information will be sent to the entire district by President Trombley
- xvii. Please go check out the courses available on the KSHSAA and the NFHS websites
  - 1. Certification is available

- b. Kelly-Financial Report
    - i. Our Books for SW KMEA was submitted the first week of July, 2020 and was accepted
    - ii. All schools in SW KMEA paid their fees for the year
  - c. The Western Kansas Orchestra Festival has been cancelled this year
    - i. Same music will be used next year
  - d. Any other reports from chairs as needed
- IV. Old Business
- a. Changes to HS Band Auditions-Jacob Miller
    - i. All directors have been notified as to the process
      - 1. Many just want a change to happen
    - ii. Optional ZOOM Meeting was held on July 7, 2020
      - 1. 5 participants
      - 2. A GoogleForm was sent after the meeting
        - a. Asked for a change or leave it the same
          - i. 19 Directors responded
            - 1. 15 for and 4 against
            - 2. We will change audition process for the 2020-2021 year
            - 3. We will discuss if we wish to change it back later this year
            - 4. Motion made to make this change to SW KMEA HS Band by Jacob Miller. Summer Miller seconded the motion
            - 5. Discussion yielded 19 of 27 HS band Directors in our District voted and discussion against the change was centered around change is not needed to show us we have a good level of participation already. For the change discussion was around, "It is time for a change."
            - 6. VOTE: Yes=6 and No=0 out of 6 voting members
              - a. PASSED
- b. Length of day for Elementary/Middle Level Honor Choir-Jessica Ralston and Claire Thompson
  - i. A form was sent to all Elementary and Middle Level teachers
    - 1. 16 responses
      - a. 6 for 2pm concert and 10 for Noon concert
    - 2. Discussion
      - a. Keep it the same
      - b. Driving so far to get to DC and ending at Noon may seem a little anti-climactic for students

3. Tabled for this year and will discuss it next summer due to the unknowns
- c. Increasing Pay for Troy Johnson
    - i. Kelly Knedler checked and found that Web Designers make on the average \$150.00 per hour for web content.
      1. Could be \$500-\$1000 a month
    - ii. Motioned was made to increase Troy Johnson's pay by \$1000 for Web Design for SW KMEA by Sean Boller and seconded by Jessica Ralston
    - iii. VOTE: Yes=9 and No=0 out of 0
    - iv. PASSED
- V. New Business
- a. Social Media Coordinator
    - i. Erik Stone is the KMEA Coordinator, but can be the SW KMEA coordinator too.
      1. Fee is recommended of \$250.00 annually
      2. Discussion was around the idea of Social Media is where everything is moving and it would be great for all involved!
      3. Motion to hire Erik Stone as Social Media Coordinator/Manager for SW KMEA was made by Jessica Ralston and seconded by Sean Boller
      4. VOTE: Yes=8 and No=0 out of 8 voting members
        - a. PASSED
      5. Social Media Manager alias will be [socialmedia@swkmea.org](mailto:socialmedia@swkmea.org)
      6. [Estone@ksmea.org](mailto:Estone@ksmea.org) is his KMEA alias too
  - b. Shelter in Place Committee
    - i. For SW KMEA are the SW KMEA Board Members
    - ii. Contingency plans in need to cancel events-Rescheduling clinicians for next year?
      1. Jason Richins (SW KMEA Facilities Coordinator) has no information to further a decision
        - a. Kelly Knedler had no other information to add
      2. We must have ensemble, even if only on paper.
        - a. We will have a list of students who are chosen ready to be named to All State or eligible to Audition for All State
          - i. Motion was made to move to create a One-year waiver for recorded audition process for SW KMEA HS Choir Audio Auditions by Sean Boller and was seconded by Jessica Ralston
            1. Yes to move to audio on Festival Scores this year
          - ii. HS Choir will move to be recorded and submitted to Festival Scores
          - iii. HS Choir Cuts will be released on October 28, 2020

- iv. HS Choir Receive the entries from October 28, 2020 through November 4, 2020
    - v. HS Choir Adjudicators will come from a pool of SW KMEA Choral Music Teachers
  - 3. Ideas for Virtual
    - a. Borrow a Webinar Account to hold a virtual talk with a clinician or composer
      - i. Speak with KBA
    - iii. SW KMEA Piano Competition
      - 1. We will still hold the completion as long as Barclay College agrees
      - 2. We will Social Distance and have all PPE in place for the event
    - c. Redesign-Any schools going through this? Please report to Gretchen Bixler
    - d. Feedback district-having a 1A/2A all state band
      - i. Please let President Rachel Trombley know what you think at [president@swkmea.org](mailto:president@swkmea.org)
      - ii. She will pass them on to President Gae Phillips and Vesta Jo Still at the KMEA level
- VI. Other Business
  - a. SW KMEA will meet Virtually – Saturday, September 19, 2020 @ 10am
- VII. Adjournment was at 12:14pm

**BELOW IS THE FULL TROMBLEY PRESIDENTIAL REPORT:**

**Mentoring:**

- Mentoring Summit-August 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline to sign-up July 31<sup>st</sup>.  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year teachers, student teachers, mentors, district presidents
- Mentoring newsletter will be available once a month-Mentoring Minute
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mentoring Conference-Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> will be online and will be a combined state event.

**KASTA:**

- Has the last 3 years of scores from all state. Scores show that we could have a second orchestra. Moving to have a string only orchestra added. KIO will not take place until 2023. 2021-may try home on the range project on video to be shown at the opening session.

**NATIONAL ENSEMBLES:**

- 20 students were selected from Kansas for the NafME Honor Ensembles, and 9 alternates.

**KMEA 2021 ISW:**

2021 Conference-Project Trio is the president concert and will work with the tri-M Students. we are planning for in person, but will make a decision on September 15<sup>th</sup> if that will change to

virtual-this will be an executive board decision but the board has the right to overrule if do not agree.

### **KMR- Gayle Stevens:**

- District Presidents-Line up times for when you will send in updates from your district. Please sign up for a month or two months. Can assign this to one of the members in the district (President-Elect). 250-1000 words for each article. Need to have content the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before. (February) (diversity and inclusion is the theme for the year)

### **Research Chair:**

Philip Payne will be serving as the new research chair.

### **Social Media:**

Erik Stone is the new social media/marketing person.

Social Media-hire Erik within districts to set up/manage social media platforms. This will create branding the same as for all districts.

### **Instrumental Live Auditions:**

Live Auditions are scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> for Band All-state. Weather date is on the following Saturday. Still collecting the last fees from 2019 KMEA All-State.

Do we want to create a waiver for the policy that students have to be currently enrolled in music group to be in the state ensembles for just this year. You will have to have a paper ensemble even if you are not going to be able to have district ensembles in person. You do not have the option of canceling and not having at least a paper ensemble.

Have a motion to also wave that you must perform in the district ensemble.

### **State Jazz Auditions:**

- Need to have an extra rotation of music.
- Change the state band music to reflect more of a big band audition and less combo. (pg. 65)
- Improvisation will be mandatory in the auditions.

### **KSHSAA:**

- Advocate for programs, ask questions, be flexible, implement the procedures, and perform
- Give feedback/ suggestions of things that are working.
- KSHSAA-look on website for considerations for fall activities and summer marching band guidelines.
- More info to come next week on starting activities in the fall.
- Mitigation from the study is included in the guidelines.
- Information on instrument cleaning is also included.

- NFHS Update-the condensation particle counters of instruments and voices. Need to be 6 feet apart in straight lines, all facing the same direction. Trombones 6 x 9. Spit valves should be emptied on the floor on a puppy type pad. 70% alcohol wipe. Teachers should use microphone to keep level of voice low. Teachers should wear the most efficient mask possible because they are doing the most talking. HEPA filters!
- Outdoor, open-sided tents to hold rehearsals.
- NFHS has a live page that they are updating in real time.
- Addendum A in board book. (pg. 61) Resources to share with administrators.
- Face Masks and Shields for singing may be needed.
- Together as One-One Nation-Free Downloads part of varsity.
- Pixellot Cameras deal- two free cameras only have to pay \$2,500 for installation.
- KSHSAA hall of fame nominations have to be in November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- NFHS September conference has gone virtual.
- On KSHSAA website has free courses available (need to watch the mental health and student abuse-reporting courses)

### **Small Schools-Vesta Jo**

- Still gathering information from the small schools. Several questions.
- List of Teachers that could work on small schools. (4-7 names)

### **Tri-M**

- Focusing on zoom/covid supports
- KMEA will pay ½ of fee to start a Tri-M chapter, \$100 to start and so they pay \$50. NFHS will also help with chapter and promote it.

### **Exhibits**

- No updates
- Just hoping to have vendors. Might really be effected by CoVID 19. Not starting new students, not going to be able to keep music businesses open. Might lose music stores.
- Have an area that could host small ensembles play in the exhibit area

### **Festivals**

- Presidents-send names of high school people with a tech background to make up a committee work on virtual festivals to Dana Hamant.

### **KMEA Choir Formula**

- Districts are represented by the number of school students and the number of participants in the audition process. Slots are awarded by octets-quartets in the treble choir

- We recommend that each KMEA district add the following language to their HS Choir chair job description: *"By November 30, send to KMEA Webmaster certified numbers of district HS choir auditions completed in each voice part (S1, S2, A1, A2, T1, T2, B1, B2)."*

#### **School Redesign**

- How is it affecting music classes and how can we advocate?

#### **CoVID and Education:**

- KBA Marching Band Contest is canceled.

#### **KBA**

- Membership has doubled.
- If you missed any of the clinics you can find them on the website for one more week.
- July 14-17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Next convention
- KBA purchased a webinar account for the next year and is willing to let others use it.
- Band director bootcamp started this past week for new band directors.
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#### **Hall of Fame, Teacher of Year**

- Make sure to include letters from administration and colleagues. Not all from just students.
- Try to send everything at once as a packet.

#### **President Elect Voting**

- **Voting in only online now!**

Candidates

- a) Jamie Minneman, Marysville
- b) Stacey Williams, Hutchinson

- SW Division Elections as well. Look on NAFME Website for info on candidates.

#### **ISW Conductors**

- The 2021 conductors are Marianna Parnas-Simpson, Elementary Choir; Bridget Sweet, Middle Level Choir, Tremon Kizer, 1-4A Band; Paula Crider, 56A Band; Kristen MacMullen, High School Mixed Choir; Michael Hanawalt, High School Treble Choir; Jeffrey Grogan, Orchestra; and Matt Wilson, Jazz. The Elementary Clinicians are not completely booked yet.

#### **Navigating Change Document:**

- Rubrics for music need to be cleaned up and there will be a second draft sent to the board for approval. (Kathy Jones has done a lot of work and advocated for music)



**State Board:**

- Executive council is going to make an appointment to go and meet with the board to talk about school redesign and to give them an update on what KMEA is doing.