

ECKMEA Board Meeting (Zoom)
8/20/20, 4pm

Participants: Dan Freeman, Will Biggs, Mindy Fry, Elise Peterson, Matt Bradford, Bill Thomas, Erin Stewart, Jeff Bubb, Joel Wagoner, Philip Kaul, Sarah Gesling, Sarah Shipley, Troy Johnson, Elana Goldberg, Cecily Mahan

Call to Order @ 4:03pm, Dan Freeman

- Check to make sure we have enough voting members present
- The only voting members not present are:
 - o Jonathan Wiebe, HS Orchestra Chair. He has relayed his thoughts to Cecily Mahan, the Orchestra chair elect, who will vote in his place.
 - o Courtney Nichols, HS Band Chair
 - o Jon Duncan, HS Choir Chair. Mindy Fry, the Choir Chair Elect, voted as his proxy.
- It is determined that enough voting members (or proxies) are present to initiate votes. Only one voting member is not represented.

SMSD and Olathe will not host events unless we are in the "Green Zone" based on county gating criteria. With this news Dan wanted to figure out our plans for our mini-convention instead of waiting until the 9/8 meeting.

We haven't checked to see if BV would be able to commit to hosting, but seems unlikely. Overwhelming sentiment suggests we should cancel.

Philip Kaul asks if we need to still have the business meeting (generally an update from the state). Dan and Elise feel confident any updates from the state can be circulated through email or via zoom.

Erin asked about if our district awards will still be given. Dan suggests we do the nomination and voting as normal, but then present the award in the building of the recipients. Currently, many buildings not allowing guests into the buildings --- could do online recordings of presentations for admin/press. In-person presentation will be postponed until the following year.

Dan is going to flesh out the awards plan (with help from Exec. Board)

**Without the in-person convention, we will be losing quite a bit of income. Virtual would require extra money for editing, copyright, etc. Elise mentioned that the uncertainty of where we'll be in the gating criteria, and the extra stress on individual program's budgets, a cancellation might be in everyone's best interest.

Overwhelming attitude of the room in favor of no virtual convention.

Dan confirms that any student that is selected for ECKMEA district ensemble, WILL qualify for state (without the in-person performance).

From Troy: If ISW goes virtual, all-state ensembles will also go virtual (to some degree). Performing ensembles will be receiving more info in the near future about cancellations and planning. All groups that were selected will be able to submit for the following year.

Motion to cancel 2020 ECKMEA in-person mini-convention (one-year action).

- Motion: Will Biggs
- Second: Joel Wagoner
- Discussion (see above)
- Unanimously Passed

Matt Bradford says that we should still be able to cover our expenses with the reduced rate (clinicians, auditions, etc). Leaving us with about \$6,000 buffer.

Mindy voiced concern that reduced budgets for buildings may result in students having to pay for their own registration (lowering our number of participants).

Plans are to push commissioned works 1 year back for all ensembles. Band may have a conflict depending on Tom's timeline with his work at KU, but if Tom can't physically be there to conduct, we could bring in Dr. Popiel.

Concerns about in-person judging (district and state level).

Motion to delay raising the registration fee for district auditions for 1 year (back to \$10).

Elise: Motion

Elana Goldberg: Second

Passes Unanimously

Move to adjourn: Elise Peterson

Second: Mindy Fry

Passes unanimously, meeting concludes.