MINUTES OF STATE BOARD MEETING
Washington Music Educators Association, Spokane, March 15, 1961

The meeting of the State Board of WMEA was called to order by president Jack Schaeffer at 11:30 a.m. at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane. In addition to the president the following were present:

Executive Officers:
Jack Francis, First Vice-President
Fred Schlichting, Second Vice-President
Lucile Doersch, Treasurer
Margaret Rose, Secretary
Randall Rockhill

District Presidents:
Alvin Carr, Northwest Washington
Joe Hylland, Western Washington (North)
Harley Stell, Southwest Washington
Donald Hughes, central Washington
Robert Dezell, Western Washington (South)

Advisory Committee:
Lora Sherwood, Elementary
James Sjolund, Junior High
Kemble Stout, Higher Education

Washington Music Educator:
Mary Elizabeth Whitner, Editor
Bruce Bay, Business Manager

Others:
Amanda Just, Student Membership Chairman
Frank Anarde, Tacoma Public Schools
Joe Schactler, Organizing Chairman, All-State Band, 1962
Bruce Kollmar, Northwest Washington District, Vice-President

A motion to dispense with reading the minutes of previous meetings was passed. The treasurer’s report, showing a balance of $5,406.00 was presented and accepted. The latest membership report showed 504 active members plus 18 institutional memberships and 187 student members.

The director announced May 1, 1961 as the deadline for reporting on WMEA events to be included in the proposed calendar for 1961-62. Requests from WMEA and the WIAA make it necessary to prepare the calendar much earlier than in the past. District presidents were asked to send the calendar of events for each district to the secretary, Margaret Rose, Renton High School, by the above date.

A motion was made by Jack Francis asking that an official letter of protest be sent to the headquarters of the MENC concerning the scheduling of the 1961 Northwest Division Conference. It was a request that consultation with the various state activity associations be made before deciding upon a date for the divisional meeting. The motion was seconded by Randall Rockhill and passed.

There was considerable discussion on the value of clearing dates with the WIAA. Some districts report that there were still some conflicts with other district events even though clearance had been made. Such cases should be brought to the attention of the WIAA Music Committee in the future.

Fred Schlichting announced the names of the directors and the organizing chairmen of the all-state groups for the 1962 conference. Copies of the proposed programs submitted by the band and chorus directors were distributed for consideration. Other suggestions for the program should be sent to Fred as soon as possible. It is the desire of the chairmen of the all-state groups to purchase the 1962 festival music during the summer of 1961.

It was the consensus of opinion among the district presidents that tapes should not be used in the selection of all-state participants and that the organizing chairmen should continue the policy of making the groups as representative as feasible while maintaining the highest level of quality.

The following dates were announced in connection with the 1962 conference of the WMEA to be held in Tacoma on February 22, 23, and 24, 1962:

September 9, 1961, conference planning session, Winthrop Hotel, Tacoma
November 15, 1961, deadline for applications to participate in 1962 All-State Orchestra, Band and Choir
December 1, 1961, deadline for applications from performing groups.

A motion was made by Kemble Stout that instead of commissioning a work for the all-state groups this year, a prize be awarded to the winner of a contest for an original choral number to be included by the all-state choir on
the festival program February 24, 1962. The work should be an a cappella number, four to eight parts, with a maximum length of five minutes. The contest will be open to any composer resident in the state of Washington, and manuscripts are to be submitted to the first vice-president by September 1, 1961. The winner will be determined by a panel of judges selected from outside the state of Washington. All manuscripts will be given to the judges without names of composers. The motion was seconded by Bob Dezell and passed. Randall Rockhill moved that Jack Francis be authorized to make such expenditures as are necessary, with the approval of the president, for carrying out this project. The motion passed.

Mary Elizabeth Whitner announced that the last issue of the Washington Music Educator this year will feature elementary music. She expressed the hope that district presidents would be more responsive in sending information on district news.

Bruce Bray, business manager, presented the financial report and also recommendations for carrying on the magazine next year. The report was accepted and the recommendations approved as submitted. A motion was made to instruct the secretary to send formal letter of appreciation to the editor and the business manager of the Washington Music Educator for their excellent work in promoting and maintaining the high quality of the magazine. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

District presidents were asked to send any additional names of recommended and approved contest judges to the secretary by May 1, 1961, so that names may be added to the list compiled for the WIAA. It was recommended that the WMEA handbook on contests be revised. The president will appoint a committee to carry out this work.

Randall Rockhill reported on recent activities in connection with the WIAA. He stated that the major problem is still that of districting and that until WMEA and WIAA districts coincide, we will probably continue to have problems.

Alvin Carr, president of Northwest Washington, asked about the policy of allowing Canadian groups to participate in festival-contest activities in that district. The board gave approval for such participation provided it met with approval from the WIAA Music Committee.

Lora Sherwood reported that the elementary representatives from each district would be meeting during the Northwest Division Conference in Spokane to make plans for the 1962 State Conference in Tacoma. Beatrice Krone will be the elementary music workshop leader. James Sjolund asked the district to form a committee to work on junior high planning. He asked that suggestions for junior high sessions for the 1962 conference be sent to him by May 1, 1961. Amanda Just, student membership chairman, reported that 23 colleges have been contacted, and 10 of these now have student chapters. District presidents were asked to use student members in connection with the district activities whenever possible.

Don Hughes presented a proposal from his district asking the support of the state board in exploring the possibility of accrediting travelling music teachers as special service personnel, and lowering the average daily attendance requirements so that districts could have more special service units. In the discussion which followed it was recommended that it would be advisable to take each one of these steps at a time. Further exploration of this will take place before the next board meeting.

Joe Hylland, president of Western Washington (North) suggested that the time for performing groups at the conference be cut, and the extra time be given to the director to explain the means by which he has been able to achieve success with his organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Rose Secretary, WMEA