

## MKMEA Minutes 3/21/19

### Attendance:

President	Lisa Simmelink	X
Past-President	Tom Michalek	X
President Elect	Jamie Parker	A
Secretary	Donna Gallo	X
Executive Secretary		A
Executive Treasurer	Lisa Simmelink (interim)	X
Regional Representative I	Eva Floyd	A
Regional Representative II	Christina Svec	X
Archivist	Katie Wynkoop	X
Member-at-Large	James Bowyer	A
Member-at-Large	Holly Eberhart	X
AWAKE	Amie Beeman	X
CAKE	Jana Martin	X
CCKE	Amelia Reep	A
CILKE	Donna Gallo	X
IKE	Leanne Starkey Melissa Garcia (Sub)	A
KAKE	Caitlin Jennings Michele Paise (Sub)	X
KCFOLKS	Julie Weber	A
KCM	Brenda Bush	A
KEI	Patty Haman Christina Svec (Sub)	X
KMEK	Matt Hanne	X
KOZ	Rene Spencer	A
MIKE	Melissa Stouffer	A
NOCKA	Heather Cooper	A
NPKC	LeeAnn Kramlich	A
PSKOR	Anne Parker	A
SLAKE	Brynna LePique Sheila Baer (Sub) Sarah Krus (Sub)	X
TRIKE	Linda Lichtman Katie Wynkoop (Sub)	X
Editor	Karla Cherwinski	A
Advertising Editor/Special Project Chair	Lori Messall	A
Webmaster	Lauren Hirsh	A

**Minutes Approval:**

- Minutes of spring board meeting were unanimously approved
- Winter e-meeting minutes unanimously approved

*Mary Neeley Stevens asked everyone to consider serving on the national board as many positions are open in the spring*

**Old Business:**

- Lisa Simmelink
  - We are hoping that some sessions at MKMEA 2019 will be video recorded.
  - Ashley shipped (or will ship) archival items to Maryland.
  - A reminder to presidents and board members to save anything like flyers (digital) to archive.
  - At our fall 2017 meeting we passed a motion to provide a choir scholarship (\$600) who would not otherwise be able to attend the OAKE national choir. We have not passed anything for MKMEA so we do not have a mechanism for that unless we vote. No members initiated a vote for student scholarships to the MKMEA choir.

**New Business:**

- OAKE 2020 will be Portland, OR March 6-8.
- They have switched the conference rotation so as not to run parallel with the AOSA conference each year. The next conference (2020) will be in the south, 2021 will be in the east, and 2022 will be hosted in the Midwest for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary (Milwaukee, WI).
- The Fall 2019 MKMEA conference is in Omaha. Eva Floyd will be our Keynote speaker. Dates are October 4-6, 2019.
- MKMEA 2020 will be in St. Louis on October 9-11, 2020. Sheila Baer confirmed that it will be hosted at the Drury Inn near the arch. They are finalizing the venue for the children's choir which will be at a church. The logo is ready and the slogan and budget are forthcoming. Breakfast and dinner are at the hotel.
- Lisa requests other chapters who might be interested in hosting MKMEA in 2021, 2022, or 2023. Nancy will help with hotels and she wants to see all contracts before we sign anything.

**Board Report:**

- Lisa:
  - The MKMEA Executive Treasurer position is available so please let Lisa know ASAP if you have anyone in mind who would be suitable for this position. Changes to the MKMEA account were made just this week due to paperwork with the credit union. Lisa, Jamie, and Carmen are now listed on the account. We need a Treasurer immediately. We also need a system in place to keep current board members on the account. In our document of responsibilities requested

by Donna Gallo, we will include information about transitioning names on the account.

- We do not currently have a budget that we are operating under. Once we have access to the account, Lisa will create a budget. We will have an e-meeting to approve the budget.
  - Ashley Allen has been our Executive Secretary and is moving. She keeps all archival materials, delivers them to Brian Meyers for OAKE archives, she is responsible for the booth and we do not have one this year (big money maker), etc. She keeps all materials in her basement. If you know of anyone interested in that position, let Lisa know ASAP so she can move those materials to the new ES.
  - Kate W. has multiple archives stored in her house. She asked if she had to scan items, or just send them to Brian (UM archivist). Lisa does not think we need to scan old documents. Kate will email Brian Meyers to ask about these documents.
  - Lorie Messall has been our special projects chair but would like to step down/resign from this position due to family/life changes. The special project chair collects the administrator award nominations for MKMEA conferences and conducts an election among the board members for who should receive the outstanding administrator award. Please let Lisa know if you or someone else is interested in the Special Projects position.
  - We are also in need of an advertising editor who works to get ads for the MKMEA bulletin. This is an e-mail/phone job in which you communicate with Karla for advertising.
  - Upcoming MKMEA terms beginning in spring 2020 are for Secretary & Member-at-Large. These will be on the nomination forms through OAKE.
- **Secretary (Donna Gallo)**
    - We lost our chapter grants for two years because of late Treasurer reports (\$3,000). We want to ensure Treasurer is aware of the dates in which things need to be submitted.
    - Registrations are 50% at MKMEA—approved in spring e-meeting.
    - We should create a document that has each position's roles. Lisa has that document and will look for it. Lisa will send the information to Donna Gallo. Donna will create a Team Drive with this document that can be edited (Google Drive<Team Drive) and shared with all board members.
    - Lauren Hirsch is in charge of the website. Send any updates to her.
  - **Christina Svec**
    - Christina would like to coordinate an MKMEA research poster session. Questions were asked about the number of people who might submit a poster. Christina estimates that we may get between 1-2 the first year but this should grow every year. The board was in favor of this idea. Christina will coordinate the poster session after Lisa has confirmed this addition with Anne Parker. Christina also noted that these sessions are typically formal research but teacher research, folk

song research, and other projects may also be interesting and acceptable to include.

- **Sheila Baer**
  - The St. Louis chapter video recorded a conversation with Lamar Robertson and will submit it to the archives. They are working on live-streaming workshops where people purchase tickets and may also watch it at another time. This is a work in progress.
- **Amie Beeman**
  - Amie asked if anyone used Twitter. No other chapters are currently using that social media platform.
- **Donna Gallo**
  - Donna Gallo discussed challenges with membership in rural areas and issues with engaging preservice teachers due to interest in more contemporary music and popular styles. There may also be decreasing membership because many districts are now offering in-district PD for teachers to earn PD hours and credits toward salary increases. Donna conveyed concern about the Kodály Approach and its relevancy (as it is currently taught) to newer generations of educators who are thinking about issues of racial bias, heteronormativity, gender bias, ableism, and other concerns in song literature and in teaching practices. Donna articulated that it is difficult to engage a generation of educators who are developing critical consciousness towards these ends when the documents produced or endorsed by OAKE exclude various musics and musical practices while including primarily folk songs from Western European traditions.
- **Good of the order (Lisa):**
  - Thank you for Andrea, Lori, and Tom for their years of service!
  - We welcome Jamie Parker and our new President-Elect Carmen Campbell, and our new member-at-large James Boyer.
  - Matt encourages everyone to watch the new OAKE video
  - Reminders: OAKE general assembly in the regency ballroom & MKMEA general membership meeting at 6:05 pm. It will be in Delaware AD.

**Meeting Adjourned 6:13 pm**

**Respectfully Submitted by Donna Gallo**