

TMEA Region 21 Vocal Division
Spring Meeting
May 7, 2022
Legacy High School

General Announcements

1. Mike Bullock- Region 21 UIL Secretary
 - a. Mike has recommended that everyone ready the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules (C&CR).
 - b. The proper chain of command for UIL questions should be Mike Bullock or the vocal division chair and then contact Austin.
 - c. For UIL Concert & Sight Reading be accurate with your numbers of students in your choirs so there will be enough copies of sight reading. Also, do not enter any numbers of symbols for your choice piece. Use the “look up” button for pieces that are on the PML.
 - d. For the 2022-2023 school year, there will not be a two-part sight reading option for high school. Also, do not expect the Covid easements on rules to continue.
2. Tommy Corley -TMEA Updates and Information
3. Update your information in the TMEA Directory online through TMEA Website.
4. Sign Up for TMEA Mentoring Network
5. Update your information in our Vocal Directory by emailing Erin Blankenship erin.blankenshi@jisd.org- Very important if you have changed positions, or are at a new school!
6. All Clinicians that reside in the state of Texas must be a member of TMEA Nicole needs clinician recommendations. Look outside of region 21.
7. TMEA will only issue CPE Credit to Current, Active TMEA members
8. Religious Holidays- The executive Board requests that you not schedule any event on any religious holiday that could negatively impact student participation in our Region
9. TMEA members may not copy and distribute or post etudes and/or audition material online without written permission from the publisher. Please make sure you are observing copyright laws.
10. Region Clinics may be held during the school day for HS Events only. Middle School TMEA events may not be held during the school day.
11. TMEA audition repertoire is found on the TMEA Website

Business Agenda Details:

1. Approve Fall Meeting Minutes minutes approved
2. Financial Report- David Lawson financial report accepted
3. Old Business
4. New Business
 - a. Officer Nominations
 - i. Nicole was previously elected as chair for the next two years. The current officers are willing to serve again.
 - ii. Motion: Split the tabs position into two positions (one for middle school and one for high school) with honorarium at \$100 for ms and \$200 for hs. Second. Motion passes.
 - iii. Motion: to keep Bridgette as ms tabs. Second Passes
Nominations for hs tabs: Raven Minter Second Passes
 - iv. MS Region Coordinator: Lacy Second Passes
 - b. Fees/Stipends/Judge Honorarium Increases
Motion to pay judges \$160 for full days (High School Region, Honor Choir, and Middle School Region auditions) and \$125 for Pre-Area. Second
Discussion: Possibly pay \$20/hour. The region would have to pay less for the rooms that finish earlier than 8 hours. More discussion about how it's not fair for judges to agree to work the day for a certain amount of money and then not get paid the full amount because their room finished early. It would be difficult to find judges or judges might back out. It would also be a nightmare trying to figure out how much to pay for each room. It was mentioned that Region 4 pays overtime after 8 hours.
Addition to the motion: beyond 8 hours we will pay judges \$20/hour. The motion passes
 - c. Discuss Honor Choir Voicing and Honor Choir Concerns
Discussion: In a survey from directors who judged Honor Choir auditions there was much concern for the quality of tenor and bass voices. This past year going to SATB in the "post-covid era" of choir, our numbers in general were down. There was concern that the tenor part range was too high and the bass range was too

low for the beginner voices the choir is designed for. This past year, many of our guys were having a difficult time with the vocal range. However, they sounded great at the concert. It would be a good idea to move to SAB, but the ranges are still concerning. Another consideration would be to keep it at SATB for the upcoming school year or move back to SAB. Clinicians have also mentioned that many of the kids don't know the music.

Motion: Change Honor Choir voicing to SAB for the 2022-2023 school year and at the Spring 2023 meeting we revisit the voicing.

Second Passes

Motion: 25 singers per section make it into the Honor Choir.

Second Passes

d. Dates and Sites for 2022-2023 Contests

e. Handbook Updates and Changes

i. LSC Numbers- Proposed Changes:

Motion: Change the LSC (Large School Choir) numbers to 15 for S1, S2, A1, A2, 6 for T1, T2, 13 for B1, and 7 for B2.

Second Passes

ii. MS Auditions- Percentage is only allowed to be 20% for SR in the new tabs system.

Motion: to change the SR percentage to 20%. Second Passes

f. Review the handbook, grievances will be filed for directors who do not follow stipulations/procedures as specified in our handbook.

i. If you have a student involved in the event, you must be present. Any variation/proxy etc must be approved by the Region Vocal Chair.

Motion: Taken from the SSC handbook, If a director cannot attend auditions, they pay for the proxy that they provide for LSC/Honor Choir/Pre-Area auditions. The director or their school district will pay this money to the region and the region will then pay the proxy. If you provide a proxy, they must be approved in advance. If you fail to do this, your students CANNOT participate in the contest.

Second Passes

ii. Cell phones were a HUGE issue this year. Communicate with your kids, take them up etc. Students will be disqualified if

they have it out even after they audition. Students may not have phone from the time they sing the cuts until after auditions are complete for ALL Singers!

This includes airpods and smart watches. Students may not take those things out until after the results are read.

5. SSC Directors please stay for specific SSC information from Tommy

Comparable Dates for 2022-2023 School Year

Fall Region Meeting	August 6, 2022 10am	Panola College
HS Region	September 17, 2022	Lufkin HS
MS Region	October 22, 2022	Whitehouse JH
HS Honor Choir	Tuesday, October 25, 2022	Cumberland Academy
MS Clinic and Concert	November 5, 2022	TJC
HS Clinic and Concert	November 12, 2022	Carthage High School
HS Pre-Area	November 15, 2022	Jacksonville Middle School
HS Area	January 7, 2023	TBA
HS Solo and Ensemble	February 6, 2023	Whitehouse High School
TMEA	February 8-11, 2023	San Antonio
MS Concert & SR	February 28-March 1, 2023	Panola College
HS Concert & SR	April 13-14, 2023	Cumberland Academy HS