

**Subject:** minutes from Saturday's meeting  
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NEACDA MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Suzanne Callahan.

Membership was made aware of handouts from ASU which were on the front table: Madrigal Feast set for Dec. 4th and 5th, ASU CD order form, and another form by a private company for both CD's and DVD's of tonight's concerts.

Suzanne announced that there is a place on the ArkCDA website to make your own copy of receipts for your school if you failed to pick up one.

Certificates were available on the front table. Suzanne will e-mail the template and you can print your own certificates if you wish.

Discussion followed concerning petitions of students wanting to be excused from all-region. If the event is a state competition,

then the student can be excused. Those who were involved in state dance competition were excused. Halley Waddel who was involved in an "invitational" cheerleading competition was not excused. All were voted on by the membership.

Score sheets from the all-region auditions were available for the directors to pick up. An awkward situation occurred in the T1 section where the cut was made at 15 because of the dramatic drop in score between #15 and #16. The student who was #17 showed up to sing today and had to be told that he was not in the choir.

Cherie Collins became snowed in and was unable to come as our Senior High Female Clinician. Suzanne made the call to ask Krisie Holmes to fill in for her. Cherie has been invited back for next year's clinic (weather cooperating, of course).

Nominations for Distinguished Director followed after we were told the requirements for the nomination. Dan Phillians was nominated and selected as our region's Distinguished Director.

Following the vote, the scoring rubric was discussed.

Dan Phillians said that he was in favor of judging the 3 pieces separately.

This was a big plus for the form. He stated that the comments area needs to have a blank space to add our own comments especially in the knowledge of music and vocal quality areas. He said that comments such as "breath support" and "tone placement" were things that needed to be added. He also said that scores are hard to do because of the whole numbers and that we probably need to add the decimals back in. He had to move someone "21" ranks because of a tie in the score and felt that it was not fair.

Tryout time has been diminished because of the rubric and the state requiring that the tryout time be between one and a half minutes to two and a half minutes. However, our writing time has tripled because of filling in 31 spaces on the score sheet. If we could just fill in the sub-totals in each area that would save time.

After a few more comments from other members, Dan made a motion which was seconded by LaJuana Warner and passed by the membership. The motion was as follows:

That our region collectively recommend that we petition before state tryouts to reinstate the decimal system for the all-state tryouts.

Keith Westbrook stated that there was a big discrepancy in judging scores in the room—more so this year than in the past. Beverly Finley said that the problem lies in manipulating the ranking. Dan Phillians said that the

"middle ground" area is a big problem.

Suzanne reminded us of the spring meeting to be held on April 20, 2009. She also reminded the membership to pay clinic fees. All were asked to help to line up the students in drama theater for the concerts.

CPA will be held at ASU this year. Get your time requests in early. Judges will be announced at a later time.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Beverly Pierce for Sissy Cain

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