

## SEArkCDA Minutes

April 24, 2007

The Spring meeting of the Southeast Arkansas Choral Directors Association was held at the Pine Bluff Country Club April 24, 2007 at 6:15 PM. The meeting was called to order by acting chair Susan Buckner. The following region members were present: Keith Hearnberger, Karen Robinson, Cassandra Smith, Cara Akin, Annette Rushing, Denise Gray, Angel Owen, Laura Ferguson, Marty Sewald, Kevin Dunn, Loranelle Humphrey, Sheree Clark, Barbara Emory, Duane Jackson, Charlotte Wilson and guest Jo Murry.

The first order of business was election of officers. The current slate of officers were renominated and elected by acclamation. Those officers are: Chairman—Rodney Ford, Secretary---Susan Buckner, Treasurer---Denise Gray.

Dates were set for the following events:

Fall Meeting August 23, 2007 Monticello, 6:15 PM  
Junior All-Region auditions October 13, 2007 Hamburg  
Senior All-Region auditions October 27, 2007 Crossett  
All-Region Clinic and Concert November 17, 2007 UAM/Drew Central  
Junior CPA February 29, 2008 UAM  
Senior CPA March 1, 2008 UAM  
Region Solo and Ensemble April 3, 2008  
Spring Meeting April 29, 2008 Pine Bluff, 6:15 PM

Chairmen for these events are as follows:

Annette Rushing Senior CPA Chair  
Susan Buckner Junior CPA Chair  
Cara Akin Junior All-Region Chair  
Charlotte Wilson Senior All-Region Chair

The locations for All-Region auditions were discussed. The Junior auditions will be held at Hamburg and the Senior auditions will be held at Crossett, with White Hall as a second choice.

The dates for state events were announced:

All-State Tryouts Feb. 1  
All-State Clinic Feb. 14-16  
ACDA Feb. 20-23  
State CPA April 10-12  
State Solo and Ensemble April 19

Clinicians for our All-Region choirs were discussed both for 2007 and 2008.

Also discussed were the difficulties some districts face aligning the vocal music curriculum K-12. Also, sight-reading practices (1.1.20 AR Framework) were emphasized as necessary as a daily classroom activity.

The meeting was closed in due form at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Buckner, Secretary

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July 31, 2007

A meeting of the Southeast Arkansas Choral Directors Association was held at the Austin Hotel, Hot Springs, on July 31, 2007 at 4:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by state executive director Tom Street. The first order of business was election of a new region chairperson. Rodney Ford resigned as region chair because his district appointed him an elementary guidance counselor, therefore he would no longer be a choir director. Both Charlotte Wilson and Cara Akin were nominated to fill the vacancy. Charlotte was elected by acclamation.

Tom Street also reviewed the new procedures for receiving Professional Development credit for our region and state meetings. All members must sign in at each meeting, then the chairperson must keep a copy of the sign in sheet and mail a copy to Tom to keep on file for documentation to the ADE. Also, they will no longer be called a business meeting, but rather will be titled "Choral Standard and Curriculum Alignment, grades 6-8/9-12". ArkCDA members will be able to manage their professional development hours on the website in the "Members Only" area.

Chairman Charlotte Wilson introduced the new directors in our region: Mary Finney at St. Josephs in Pine Bluff, Lucas Riley at Sheridan Middle School, and Terry Greenway at Stuttgart (???). It was also announced that Barbara Emory has married and is now Barbara Jones.

It was announced that our Fall Meeting would be held in Monticello on August 23, 2007 at the home of Cara Akin, 450 Rebecca Circle. Charlotte will email the membership further information. The meal will be catered, so Cara will need an exact head count. Karen Robinson was nominated to bring a dessert!

The region had originally planned to hold Senior All-Region auditions in Crossett. If that is not possible, Charlotte is checking to see if auditions can be held at White Hall High School.

The financial report stated that our region had a balance of \$6927.83.

Susan Buckner reported that three judges have agreed to judge our SE Region CPA on Feb. 29 and March 1st: Bennie Carol Wade, Carolyn Foreman, and Jo Murry. It was decided that David Willard or Tina Neiderbrach of the central region would be asked as our fourth judge.

Charlotte reported that Greg Oden will be our Senior All-Region clinician in November.

Karen Robinson offered to be hostess for our Spring Region meeting in Pine Bluff.

The meeting was adjourned in due form by the chairperson.

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August 23, 2007

The Fall gathering of the Southeast Arkansas Choral Directors Association was held on Thursday, August 23, 2007 in the home of Cara Akin in Monticello. Fifteen directors were in attendance: Charlotte Wilson, chairperson; Susan Buckner, Secretary; Denise Gray, Treasurer; Michael Binns, Sr., Nathan Fitzpatrick, Karen Robinson, Cara Akin, Kathy Felts, Laura Ferguson, Charlotte Lee, Tammy Albrecht, Angel Owen, Lucille Smith, Loranelle Humphrey, and Mary Finnie. The meeting was opened in due form by the chairperson. The minutes of the last regular session were read by the secretary. The treasurer reported that the region had a balance of \$6727.83. We had to pay a pro-rated All-State fee and purchase stamps. The motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes and treasurers report.

Michael moved that we pay the caterer, Beth Tucker, \$150.00 for our evening meal. The motion was approved.

Implementation of our ADE Choral Standards in our choral music curriculum was discussed, particularly incorporating them into our preparations for Region and State C.P.A.. The problems with curriculum alignment between school the separate Jr. and Sr. High choral programs were also addressed.

## Event Reports:

\* Senior All-Region: Charlotte reported that our Senior High audition date of Oct. 27th is an ACT test date so she proposed that we move auditions to Oct. 20th, with the location still being White Hall High School. Denise Gray made a motion that we accept the date change. The motion passed in due form. Charlotte will ask Donna Couch if she will accompany for Greg Oden, the Senior High Clinician. Also, Angel Owen thinks a whole measure is missing at the beginning of the TTBB piece. Charlotte will double-check and contact Gary Morris if necessary.

\* Junior All-Region: Cara reported that the Junior High Clinician, Kayla Abernathy needs a couple of directors to play percussion instruments for the November performance. Laura suggested we hire percussion students from UAM. Cara will check back with Kayla. We normally pay \$35 per percussionist. We also need a rehearsal accompanist. Judy Warner will be contacted for the Girls Chorus. Accompanists are paid \$150.00. Auditions will be held in Hamburg.

\* CPA: Susan reported that David Willard has agreed to serve as our fourth judge, along with Bennie Carol Wade, Jo Murry, and Carolyn Foreman.

Physical addresses as well as email address and phone numbers are in the Members Only section of the ArkCDA website. Every director needs to make sure their school is registered and participation fees are paid.

Laura Ferguson needs a Senior All-Region plaque from last year. If we can't find an extra one, she will order one from Southeast Arkansas Engravers and bring the bill to Denise. Susan reported that there are six extra Junior All-Region plaques leftover from last year. They will be returned to Southeast Arkansas Engravers to be "recycled" for this year.

## New Business:

\* Clinicians were suggested for the 2008-09 All-Region choruses. Senior High suggestions were Robert Brack and Mark Langley. Junior High choices were Clint Pinalto, Mark Langley, Andrea Ramsey, Cara Sedberry, or LuJuanna Warner.

\* Elections were held for the Southeast Arkansas Directors of the Year. After discussion and balloting Karen Robinson was selected as the Junior High Director of the Year, and Michael Binns, Sr. was selected as the Senior High Director of the Year. Congratulations to both directors!

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Buckner  
SE Region Secretary

ADDENDUM: 1. There were further conflicts on our Senior High All-Region Audition date therefore, the Junior High and Senior High audition dates have been swapped. SENIOR HIGH AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH at WHHS and JUNIOR HIGH AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH in Hamburg.

2. Make sure you read carefully the changes in our CPA manual that were just balloted upon last month. There are several changes in the sight-reading procedures that everyone needs to be aware of!