

TMEA STATE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 8, 2023
Henry B González Convention Center, San Antonio
5:15 PM

A buffet dinner was served, after which President Michael Stringer called the meeting to order at 5:44 PM and led the State Board members in the TMEA Oath of Office. In attendance were:

TMEA Executive Board and Staff:

Michael Stringer, President
John Carroll, Past-President
Dana Pradervand-Sedatole, President-Elect
Shane Goforth, Band Vice-President
Ann G. Smith, Orchestra Vice-President
Matthew McInturf, College Vice-President
Robert Floyd, Executive Director
Frank Coachman, Deputy Director
Kay Vanlandingham, Administrative Director

State Board:

Region 1: Ginger Denney, Alisha Caldwell
Region 2: Gary Keller, Alicia DeSoto
Region 3: Ryan Forkner, Margaret Wis, Heather Becker
Region 4: Arnie Lawson, Rebecca Hildreth
Region 5: Ramon Nino III, Kristi Strother
Region 6: Jeffrey Whitaker, Frank Eychaner
Region 7: Michael Childs, Marilyn Bennett
Region 8: Darrell Umhoefer, Deborah Barrick
Region 9: Jerriald Dillard
Region 10: Bryan Brassard, Tami Goss
Region 11: Richard Flores, Gilbert Sanchez, Amanda Hampton
Region 12: Mary Cowart, Jay Martin
Region 13: Neal Springer
Region 14: David Edge, Abraham Armendariz
Region 15: Chad Dempsey, Dorina Kingston
Region 16: Joshua Shaw, Scott Carter, Catherine Olivier
Region 17: Kyle Norman, Meredith Mooney
Region 18: Joey Lucita, Rachel Davis
Region 19: Michael Allen, Anita Ladd
Region 20: Arkette Baptiste
Region 21: Tommy Corley, Nicholas Durham, Weston Fisher
Region 22: Timothy Andrade, Adria Dunn
Region 23: Jeffrey Tipps

Region 24: David Simon, Katherine Lewis
Region 25: Todd Dixon
Region 26: Brittany Dacy, Justin Anderson
Region 27: none
Region 28: William McKinney, Melody Eriksen
Region 29: Alfonso Alvarado, Colin Varville, Alejandro Jaime Salazar
Region 30: Alyson Holley, Bradley Allen
Region 31: James Rees, Laura Whitehouse
Region 32: Michael Zook, Bryan Christian, Adam Poynor
Region 33: Daniel Ponce

Dr. Bradley Kent, UIL Director of Music, reported that all UIL processes, including PML and sightreading level adjustments, have returned to pre-pandemic formatting for the 2022-2023 school year. The band and orchestra sight-reading explanation period pilot, which was utilized in five different Regions last year, has been expanded by vote of each region to include all 33 Regions this year. Participating programs will be surveyed at the end of this semester to provide input in determining next steps. All details about this pilot are available on the UIL website.

The state marching band championships will be held annually for every conference beginning either this fall or fall of 2024 pending all logistical information being finalized. See the state website for proposed dates.

Kent reminded State Board members. Each Region should have three MAC members—one each from the band, vocal, and orchestra divisions. The three representatives should plan to attend the MAC meeting during the summer conventions to cast votes on behalf of the Region.

As part of the PML diversity initiative, the UIL is actively encouraging the submission and programming of works from underrepresented composer groups and/or cultures.

For information regarding the State Mariachi Festival, State Instrumental Chamber Music Competition, and new information regarding State Marching Band, please visit the UIL website.

Reports from Executive Director Robert Floyd:

The Exhibit Show will consist of 1,350 booths with 508 companies represented.

The President's Concert will feature the United States Air Force Singing Sergeants.

The General Session will feature the Combined All-State Ensembles, an appearance by the Singing Sergeants, and a keynote address by Texas Association of School Administrators Executive Director, Dr. Kevin Brown. The Constitutional Review Committee will present its report and their proposals will be brought to a vote.

College Fair will host 83 schools/universities, 39 from Texas and 43 from out of state. College Night will host 38 schools/universities, 18 from Texas and 20 from out of state.

The Region Presidents, Chairs and Coordinators are required to file a biannual Region Financial Report. Divisions that fail to file financial reports may be flagged for an audit.

To date, seventeen grievances have been filed this school year.

Financial/Office Report: TMEA investments, as of February 1, 2023, were valued at \$7,175,898; treasury bonds at \$500,000, and emergency cash valued at \$1,000,000. The TMEA scholarship fund is currently valued at \$1,297,706.

TMEA has awarded \$205,000 for scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year.

Floyd expressed appreciated for staff and their work on various projects.

Floyd provided information about TMEA's and Texas Fine Arts Administrators' legislative collaboration through *Texas Arts Education Campaign* to seek funding for fine arts education, as well as continuing to make arts education participation part of the accountability system. TMEA has played an active role in campaigning against edTPA, first with the State Board and the State Board of Educator Certification.

Fine Arts Day at the Capitol has been scheduled for April 6, 2023.

There are three candidates for the Enrichment Coordinator position at TEA, none of whom have a fine arts background.

President Stringer suspended the meeting at 6:34 PM. The meeting will resume at 9:30 AM, Saturday, February 11.

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TMEA STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Henry B González Convention Center, San Antonio

9:30 AM

President Michael Stringer called the meeting to order 9:30 AM. The following members were present:

TMEA Executive Board and Staff:

Michael Stringer, President

John Carroll, Past-President

Dana Pradervand-Sedatole, President-Elect

Shane Goforth, State Band Chair

Ann G. Smith, State Orchestra Chair

Jesse Cannon II, State Vocal Chair

Matthew McInturf, College Vice-President

Robert Floyd, Executive Director

Frank Coachman, Deputy Director

Kay Vanlandingham, Administrative Director

Executive Director Robert Floyd presented the following convention report:

As of 9:00 this morning, 14,980 convention badges had been printed This number does not include All-State students, Music Showcase participants, exhibitors, or Family Badges holders.

Convention attendance is up 7.25% from last year's convention and 12% down from 2020.

Membership Numbers:

Active	14,828
Retired	1,085
CSS	4.159
Total	14,159 (not including Sustaining members and exhibitors)
Total booths sold:	1,459, up 200 from last year.

State Board:

Region 1: Ginger Denney

Region 2: Gary Keller, Alicia DeSoto

Region 3: Ryan Forkner, Heather Becker

Region 4: Arnie Lawson, Rebecca Hildreth

Region 5: Ramon Nino, Meggan Hinds

Region 6: Jeff Whitaker

Region 7: Marilyn Bennett

Region 8: Darrell Umhoefer, Sara Harris Baker, Deborah Barrick

Region 9: Kenneth Labonski

Region 10: Bryan Brassard

Region 11: Amanda Hampton

Region 12: Jay Martin

Region 13: Neal Springer

Region 14: David Edge, San Juanita Rodriguez, Abraham Armendariz

Region 15: Chad Dempsey, Dorina Kingston

Region 16: Catherine Oliver, Scott Carter

Region 17: Kyle Norman

Region 18: Joey Lucita, Rachel Davis

Region 19: Gary Hebert, Mike Allen

Region 20: Arkette Baptiste

Region 21: Tommy Corley

Region 22: none

Region 23: Jeff Tipps

Region 24: David Simon, Katie Lewis

Region 25: Todd Dixon, Kathryn Zetterstrom, Philip Obado

Region 26: Brittany Dacy

Region 27: none

Region 28: Melody Eriksen, William McKinney

Region 29: Alfonso Alvarado

Region 30: Alyson Holley, Brad Allen

Region 31: James Rees

Region 32: Bryan Christian

Region 33: Lindsay Countryman

Region Reports:

Region 1: Thanked the Executive Board and TMEA Staff for an amazing convention. “We felt the vibes. It was electric.”

Region 2: The Elementary Division requested that their sessions be moved from the Grand Hyatt back to the convention center. Thanked the Board for a fantastic convention.

Region 3: Thanked the Board for a fantastic convention. With the creation of new Regions, Region 3 Orchestra Division is struggling to remain financially solvent because it now has fewer schools and students in the Region. It is difficult to staff auditions with so few directors.

Region 4: Thanked the Board for a phenomenal convention.

Region 5: Congratulated Jesse Cannon II and Jennifer Martin for their new positions on the Executive Board and thanked all for a wonderful convention.

Region 6: Region 6 is grateful for the hard work of the Executive Board and appreciates the incredible amount of volunteer time that they spend on behalf of the organization.

Region 6 Band Division reports that members of Region 6 Band Division face unique challenges and limitations, including geographic isolation and a lack of access to the resources that are available in other Regions.

Teachers in Region 6 are frustrated with the apportionment of All-State band seats due to a perceived lack of representation for our students. West Texas is a geographically large and rural area, and teachers believe that their students are at a disadvantage in the selection process. This has led to reduced motivation and engagement among students in the region, as well as a lack of diversity in the All-State Band. We are living in a scenario where one high school in an urban area can have more All-State Band students than the entirety of Area A is apportioned. Limited opportunity in at the Area level has led to less students who want to engage in the process, which further led to the apportionment issue becoming worse for our students.

It was also suggested, at the Band Division meeting, that the Area A Honor Band listening center be moved to the DFW area. Members feel that this further isolated our Area from being a part of TMEA. There has been a history within the band division of ignoring the needs of rural areas, which led to the creation of ATSSB. The band division asks that the Executive Board make it a priority to include and enhance music education in West Texas. Our students do not have a choice in where they live.

Region 7: No report.

Region 8: No report.

Region 9: Thanked the Board for a fine convention and for their leadership throughout the year. They request that when planning for next year’s convention please ensure that each Region has their own space to hold the Region meeting.

Region 10: Region members would like to thank the Executive Board for examining the TMEA Constitution and making revisions to allow members more opportunity for input.

Region members complained about the TMEA housing for the 2023 Convention. Members were logged into the website when the portal opened, however, many

members were unable to make a reservation because the rooms were essentially gone by 6:05 am. Some members said that they were waiting in a queue and when they were finally able to get in, there was “no room at the inn.” Many of the schools in Region 10 are smaller districts and money is scarce, so if directors have to pay high hotel rates they will eventually not be able to come to the convention. We understand that that TMEA is trying and that hotels need to keep rooms available for others, not just convention goers. Region 10 would just request that TMEA and the Executive Board look for ways to improve housing, for not only Region 10 but all the other Regions in Texas.

Small School Choir directors request that the Executive Board revisit the repertoire for the SSC. Many of our districts in Region 10 are small schools, and they request that the rep for the SSC limit musical selections that require divisi that has to be auditioned and/or performed at the Region level. They also request that the music selected be challenging enough to select All-State vocalists. They understand that this might be challenge, but they request that it be taken into consideration.

Region 10 would like to express their appreciation to the Executive Board and Staff for their hard work and dedication. The directors love coming to the TMEA convention and will continue to support the organization in any way they can. Thank you for a great convention.

Region 11: Thanked the Board and Mr. Floyd for their tireless efforts to support music in the State. They liked the new audition software and the new convention app.

Region 12: No report

Region 13: Thanked the Board for a wonderful convention and for the new app. They asked that if possible, members would like to be able to opt out of the push notifications. The Elementary Division would like their sessions to be back in the convention center. The members would like better internet connectivity in the convention center.

Region 14: Region 14 requested that the Board consider having two levels of All-State Mariachi Ensembles as many mariachi programs must meet after school, yet those schools must compete with schools who offer the mariachi course during the school day. They request that the difficulty of the mariachi violin audition music be more demanding.

Region 15: Thanked Robert Floyd, the TMEA Staff and TMEA Vice-Presidents for their fantastic work. Region 15 has concerns about apportionment, the recording process, and expressed that the Region Mariachi violin audition music is much too easy, especially as compared to the Orchestra Division violin audition music.

Region 16: Over the past decade UIL has increased the cut-off numbers for 5A and 6A schools. With this increase the total number of students attending our 5A and 6A schools increases. TMEA has not revisited our approach with the increase in enrollments.

The population of Texas has increase by an estimated 5 million people since 2010. We need to find a way as an organization to serve all of our students without limiting or taking away opportunities already present for current students. One possible solution is the creation of another 5A ensemble and increasing the allotments for Areas that serve a higher population of Title I eligible schools. How can looking at this data create equity

in all divisions. There is no easy answer, but I believe we as an organization must find a way to create access to the All-State organizations to ALL students.

Region 17: No report.

Region 18: Thank you for a great convention. No report.

Region 19: No report.

Region 20: No report.

Region 21: Thanked the Board for a wonderful convention. Members really liked the new convention app. While the addition of the Small School Choir has been tremendous, it has had an adverse effect on the large school choirs in Region 21. LSC students are not getting the same experience as they have in the past. Region 21 expressed concern about maintaining the integrity of Vocal Region Audition Policies and Procedures that are submitted to the TMEA Office.

Region 22: No report.

Region 23. Thank you for a wonderful convention. Members like the new audition software but requested more transparency when entering scores online.

Region 24: Thanked the Board. No report.

Region 25: No report.

Region 26: No report.

Region 27: Thanked the Board and shared the same concern as Region 23.

Region 28: Concerned that the level of mariachi violin audition music is too easy. The Band Division members voiced their dissatisfaction with the current apportionment system.

Region 29: With the growth in Northside ISD, the Region 29 Band Division is busting at the seams.

Region 30: No report.

Region 31: No report.

Region 32: Thanked the Board and TMEA Staff for a great convention. Band directors love the new recorded, All-State re-chairing procedures. Students are more confident walking into their first All-State rehearsal and conductors are pleased with the students' preparation.

Region 33: Thank you for a great convention. No report.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Vanlandingham
Administrative Director

TMEA General Session
Thursday, February 9, 2023
San Antonio, Texas
8:15 AM

TMEA Past-President John Carroll called the General Session of the 2023 TMEA Annual Clinic/Convention to order at 8:17 AM and introduced President Michael Stringer who conducted the combined All-State ensembles in the National Anthem and a performance of *America the Beautiful*, arranged by Carmen Dragon.

President Stringer then recognized Past-President John Carroll who led the attendees in the singing of the centennial anthem, *It All Begins with Music*.

The members of the TMEA Executive Board were introduced and outgoing Vice-Presidents, Ann G. Smith, Jesse Cannon II, and Katherine Johns received commemorative plaques. Past-President John Carroll was recognized for his years of service to TMEA.

Jesse Cannon II and Jed Ragsdale were recognized as the official candidates for the office of President-Elect. There being no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed, and speeches were given on behalf of the candidates. Eligible members may vote online after the conclusion of the General Session until 10:00 PM on February 9, 2023.

Robert Horton, Chair of the Agenda Committee, reported that no new business items had been received for consideration.

Constitutional Review Committee member, JD Janda, moved to amend the constitution to reflect the proposed changes that were emailed to the membership and adopted by the Executive Board. The motion was seconded by Matthew Cross. The motion passed.

Four high school students were recognized as the 2023-2024 TMEA multi-year scholarship winners:

- Isabela Elizondo-Collado, a student from Ridge Point HS, was awarded the Bill Cormack Scholarship.
- Kayla Butler, Mansfield HS, was recognized as the Past-Presidents Scholarship winner.
- The Past-Presidents Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Bella Zitzelberger, a student from Sachse HS.
- Abigail Jimenez, from Amon Carter Riverside HS, was named the Executive Board scholarship recipient.

Despite the financial challenges of the past two years, the Executive Board has allocated a total of \$207,000 for scholarships in the coming year.

President Stringer introduced The United States Air Force Band Singing Sergeants who presented a brief concert.

Dr. Kevin Brown, Executive Director of the Texas Association of School Administrators, delivered the keynote address and shared how music education had a positive impact on his life.

After thanking Dr. Brown for his message, President Stringer introduced President-Elect Dana Pradervand-Sedatole who will assume the presidency following the convention. She thanked President Stringer and presented him with the Past-President's plaque and pin.

With no further business, President-Elect Pradervand-Sedatole declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Vanlandingham
Administrative Director