

WBDI General Membership Meeting
Thursday, June 20th, 2024-4:00 PM
Grand Rapids Community College Music Center, Room 200
Minutes

Members Present: Kristin Blanchard, Amy Bovin, Amanda Burdette, Sarah Bussineau, Kate Bredwell, Tara Cappelletti, Sarah Edwards, Emma Germann, Victoria Griffit, Judy Grimes, Crystal Hoisager, Pam Klena, Kathryn McDiarmid, Lesley Moffat, Shemeka Nash, Jenny Neff, Lucy Pascasio, Ruth Petersen, Sadie Queally-Sammut, Catherine Rand, Ann Reinhard, Amy Rever-Oberle, MJ Robinson, Kasey Rogers, Shannon Shaker, Ashley Shoupe, Jill Sullivan, Shayna Stahl, Xiaotian Xu, Audrey Yosai.
Present via Zoom: Virginia Allen, Linda Thompson

- I. Call to Order & Welcome: Pam Klena called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM
- II. Approval of Minutes: Amy Rever-Oberle made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Sarah Edwards.
- III. President Report
 - A. Pam Klena provided a review of action items from the last 6 months
 1. WBDI Historical Curation to be housed in the Special Collections in Performing Arts at the University of Maryland
 2. WBDI voted to expand its branding by opening a storefront
 3. WBDI voted to implement a rolling renewal date
 - B. The Executive Board Officers have been meeting monthly
 1. Spaces have been secured for the Midwest Clinic 2024
 2. Pam Klena and MJ Robinson have been working to align interested members with committees
 3. Pam Klena and Bethann Adams have been working to increase corporate sponsors and we are currently up to 19 corporate sponsors
 4. Pam Klena is looking forward at the following action items
 - a) 12 month webinar series
 - b) Policies and Procedures document
 - c) Securing Summer Conference hosts
 - d) Supporting committee initiatives
 - e) Historical Curation Project
- IV. Executive Secretary Report & IRS Statement
 1. Ruth Petersen reports that we have 365 members and are increasing at an average of 20 per month
 2. WBDI have been removed as a business from Wisconsin and Florida and registered as a business in North Carolina
 3. Savings account balance is \$25,068.00 and checking account balance is \$3,800
 4. Ruth Petersen outlined the Financial Report which can be found [here](#)
 5. WBDI has submitted a 1023 application to regain 501(c)(3) status
- V. 2024-2025 Proposed Budget & Discussion
 1. Pam Klena and Ruth Petersen outlined the 24-25 [Proposed Budget](#)

- a) Budget adds \$1,500 line item for the Summer Conference
- b) Budget includes \$2,500 for Composition Contest
- c) Budget includes \$1000 for DEI Microgrants

VI. 2024 Winter Conference

1. We have added an additional room for the luncheon. Seating will include 72 dining seats and 30 additional seats around the perimeter of the room for those who would like to hear the speaker
2. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Paula Crider

VII. State Chairs & Committees

1. Pam outlined state chair openings and explained the responsibilities
2. Pam encouraged the membership to attend committee meetings at lunch tomorrow

IX. 2025 & 2026 Summer Conference

3. Pam thanked the conference hosts and conference committee
4. Pam explained the procedure for applying to host the conference and what the timeline will look like

X. Hall of Fame Induction

5. Pam announced the induction of Noreen Linnemann into the WBDI Hall of Fame
6. Induction will take place on Sunday, October 20th, 2024

XI. Discussion & New Business

1. Ginny Allen asked for clarification on the date of committee meetings
2. Wendy Reeves announced that nationally, membership in similar organizations has decreased on a national level and has been researching ways to drive membership and suggests that the board consider partial payment for booths at the state level and have a panel to encourage membership. Her full proposal can be found [HERE](#)
3. Jenny Neff would be willing to spearhead an event at the Northeastern Division NafME conference in Connecticut.
7. Ruth Petersen let the membership know that there are two new WBDI banners available that can be shipped for use at conferences.
8. Ruth Petersen let the membership know that NC has a yearly panel at their state conference which has been more cost effective than a booth. They have also generated energy through ribbons for name tags during the conference.
9. Emma Germann suggested more encouragement at the collegiate level to generate interest with preservice teachers
10. Amy Bovin from Kaleidoscope Adventures announced that she will be raffling off a trip to Canada
11. Pam Klena encouraged the membership to support one another

XII Meeting Adjourned: Shannon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:53. It was seconded by Amy Rever-Oberle

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tara Cappelletti