



**REGION 26 TMEA CONVENTION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2007  
HENRY B. GONZALES CONVENTION CENTER, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

**MINUTES**

1. President Charles Aguillon called the meeting to order at 5:13 pm.
2. A new Region 26 homepage is under construction. It will eventually contain information pertinent to the entire membership (meeting minutes, contact information for Region officers, a membership directory, policies and guidelines). Each division will still maintain their own individual pages that will be linked to this homepage. You will be able to access the homepage and a complete calendar of events through the TMEA website.
3. The membership re-elected Morris Stevens as our Music Advisory Council representative. No new business was brought by Region 26. March 15, 2007 is the deadline to submit any proposals or inquiries.
4. News from UIL (Richard Floyd, UIL Music Director)
  - a. Be on the look-out for upcoming proposals for expanding mariachi offerings – please voice your opinion.
  - b. The new Prescribed Music List (PML) will be available this summer.
5. News from TMEA State Office (Bobby Floyd, Executive Director)
  - a. 2007 Convention News
    - i. Preliminary numbers: Pre-registration up by 1000, total membership up by 800.
    - ii. 1092 exhibitors (sold out space – had to create a waiting list).
    - iii. Free wi-fi offered in the back of the 2<sup>nd</sup> convention hall – complimentary computer terminals available in both halls.
    - iv. Please don't miss the General Sessions.
    - v. Free Alamodome parking with free shuttle service offered from 8:00 am – 11:00 pm on Saturday.
    - vi. Hotel block was expanded to 43,000 rooms and was sold out 2 weeks before the convention. New hotel are coming online every year. The new Grand Hyatt will not be available until the 2009 convention and convention rates are being negotiated around \$185.00/per night.
  - b. Office News
    - i. Our own Kay Vanlandingham (former orchestra director at Round Rock and McNeil High School) will replace Kay Comp as the Administrative Director of TMEA.
    - ii. TMEA has \$450 K in their bank account.
    - iii. \$3,216,415 in a diversified portfolio of investments (16% annual return)
    - iv. \$500 K in the Scholarship Fund/\$86 K given each year in scholarships – the board has voted to increase the amount of the scholarships.

- c. Senate Bill 530 from Senator Nelson wants 30 minutes of daily physical activity minimum (or 135 minutes/week) in grades K – 8. The exact rules will be set by Commissioner Neely. This could have huge financial implications for school districts. Although Sen. Nelson says she has a majority of votes to pass, it is not necessarily a slam dunk. Email potential problems in your school or district to Mr. Floyd.
  - d. Appeals/Grievances process is published in the Southwestern Musician and is available on the TMEA website. Please familiarize yourself with it.
  - e. Watch for a new program called “Achieve Texas” in your district. It’s a career pathways program in which students in grade 8 select a career path and then receive a recommended course of study which could severely limit participation in fine arts and other electives. It is not mandated by TEA, just offered as an option for school districts.
  - f. TMEA is endorsing “WeAreTeachers.com” – sort of a “My Space” for teachers (basically a mentoring network). Visit the exhibit space for more information.
  - g. TMEA is partnering with NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) to sponsor a Texas pilot edition of “School Jam” which is basically a competition for music ensembles of any type (garage band, vocal groups, etc.) Please post the information in your room as it becomes available.
6. Notes from Frank Coachman (TMEA Deputy Director)
- a. Texas Music Scholar Program – a way to acknowledge the contributions of your dedicated music students (not just the all-staters). Nominations open March 1 and end April 15. All information is submitted online. More information and forms are available on the TMEA website. Takes only a few minutes. Over 1900 students were honored last year.
  - b. Texas Future Music Educators (TFME) – 210 student members in 12 chapters across the state – 90 students registered to come to the convention. Please consider starting a chapter at your school!
7. Kerry Taylor (TMEA Immediate Past President) presented new curriculum based on the TEKS that is available on the TMEA website. This resource was developed by TMEA and TMAC. Assessment tools are now being developed and should be available soon.
8. Notes from Steve Andre (TMEA President Elect)
- a. The TMEA Summer Symposium will be held July 8 – 10, 2007 in Austin. Each Region should send two representatives – all expenses will be paid for the attendees.
  - b. Each Region must adopt a bank account policy – guidelines for doing so will be provided by TMEA.
  - c. Division chairs are asked to please use tax exempt forms when sponsoring clinicians. These forms are available from the TMEA office.
9. President Aguilon adjourned the membership to division meetings at 6:11 pm.

Minutes from this meeting were taken and are respectfully submitted by Secretary Brian Sedatole.

Thursday, April 19, 2007