



**REGION 26 FALL MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2006  
GEORGETOWN HIGH SCHOOL**

**MINUTES**

1. President Charles Aguillon called the meeting to order at 10:17 am. Membership was led in singing of the Doxology by Pam Kalmbach (Westwood HS).
2. Mr. Aguillon introduced the member of the Region 26 steering committee and welcomed new members of the region who were introduced from the floor. Congratulations were extended to Betty Pierce (Grishom MS Band) for achieving second place in CC Honor Band competition, to Brian Stewart (Giddings MS) for achieving tenth place in C Honor Band and to Steve Wessels (Cedar Park HS) for achieving seventh place in 5A Honor Band competition.
3. Nominations for State Office
4. Mr. Aguillon presented news from the State Office:
  - a. You are encouraged to renew your **TMEA membership** and to do so online ([www.tmea.org](http://www.tmea.org)). You may use any major credit card or using the new option of submitting a personal check. Dues remain at \$50.00 and liability insurance at \$30.00. Information submitted on the registration form will be used for the membership directory. Important note: TMEA needs at least 10 working days to process a membership. You are also encouraged to pre-register for the TMEA convention next February 14 – 17, 2007. Registration fees are the same as 2006: \$50.00 for pre-registration, \$70.00 for on-site registration and \$7.00 for one-year on-line access to session handouts and audio recordings. The larger number of pre-registered members we have, the fewer problems we have and the convention and the shorter the registration lines!
  - b. The following **membership services** were announced:
    - Health Insurance – Dan Samuel, The America Group, 512-343-2277
    - Liability Insurance – available through the TMEA office at \$30 per year
    - Avis Rent-A-Car discount – Association #367300. You can call 800-331-1212, or link to their website from the TMEA website.
    - American Airlines discount travel to the TMEA convention. Call the group desk at 800-221-2255 and indicate Starfile #A6227AH.

- c. Mr. Aguillon encouraged everyone to attend the **2007 TMEA Convention** (Feb. 14 – 17, 2007) in San Antonio. *The Southwestern Musician* will have information throughout the Fall on the program in your division. Most of the clinics will be held in the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center. The President's Concert on Wednesday night will feature a live "From The Top" radio show, which will showcase Texas' top young classical musicians. Hosted by pianist Christopher O'Riley, and featuring a guest appearance by violinist Mark O'Connor, this concert event will definitely be a wonderful evening of musical entertainment. Tickets may be purchased online for \$10.00 or at a discounted \$8.00 for groups of ten or more.
- d. **Convention housing forms** will be included in the October issue of *The Southwestern Musician*, or you can reserve your hotel room through the TMEA website beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>. You should try to do this as soon as possible. Please remember to reserve your room and pay the rate for the number of people staying there. If you book for Saturday night, please don't check out early. Several of the hotels are charging a penalty in you book Saturday and do not stay.
- e. The TMEA office will closely monitor the blocks of **rooms reserved for All-State students** and designated chaperones. Details will appear in the October magazine. Band and choir directors should be prepared to fill out All-State housing forms at Area auditions in Jan. 6, 2007 and send them by overnight delivery to the TMEA office. Any exceptions must be cleared through the TMEA office.
- f. Please consider **volunteering** a couple of hours at the convention to either work in the registration area or in one of several other ways. Simply contact the TMEA office or the appropriate State Vice President to volunteer.
- g. The **TMEA Appeals Process** remains the same as last year. Information is available on the website ([www.tmea.org](http://www.tmea.org)).
- h. The **TMEA Eligibility Requirements** remain unchanged from last year, except for § II, Article 2, which allows a TMEA member/sponsor to remove a student from the audition process. This information is available on the website.
- i. Remember that **penalties for rules and policies infractions** are still in effect. This document is available on the website. Any TMEA member who violates published documents and policies of TMEA may be subject to private or public reprimand. Situations involving repeated or severe infractions may result in loss of TMEA membership.
- j. The **TMEA scholarship program** continues to help both undergraduate and graduate students attend college. Please have your students apply for these scholarships in they plan to major in music education. \$65,500 will be awarded this year. Also, please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to this fund. In addition to individual donations, the fund also receives royalties from vendors that use the TMEA logo on products. Please patronize the companies on the approved vendor list found on the website under "Music Industry."

- k. The **TMEA website** is proving very popular. Job listings as well as advocacy tools and services are available as well as links to other music organizations and state agencies. The All-State audition material, along with many forms are available on the website.
- l. TMEA will award **Region Grants** in the amount of \$300.00 for clinician honorarium and \$200.00 for clinician expenses (receipts required) for one region workshop each year in each division.
- m. Deputy Director Frank Coachman updated the Region Chairs on the **new and improved entry process and standardized scoring program** for region auditions during the summer conventions. Region computer training will be done via a live internet meeting for each performance division.
- n. This past year, as part of the **Music Scholars** program, TMEA awarded a beautiful patch and certificate to over 1,100 high school students in recognition of their musicianship, academic standing, and citizenship. It is hoped that this recognition will encourage these students to become future music educators. Encourage your best students to work towards becoming a TMEA Music Scholar.
- o. **Legislative Update:** As you read in the August magazine, TMEA has contracted with John Bender, a public affairs and communications expert, to help us develop an effective communications plan to influence the legislative process. Bender, who offices nest door to the Capitol press corps across the street from the Capitol, will help us develop a detailed plan and timeline for communication activities before and during the 2007 legislative session. This is a new direction for the Executive Board but should pay us numerous dividends in the future in terms of promoting our message and influencing the legislature and general public about the importance of fine arts and music education for children.
- p. **The State Board of Education**
- The SBOE is in the process of developing the new Recommended Program graduation plan that will include a fourth credit of mathematics and a fourth credit of science. Hopefully you read of those developments in the TMEA Notes mailed in June as well and the August *Southwestern Musician*. TMEA is asking the SBOE to increase graduation credits from 24 to 26 in order for electives opportunities for students to remain at 3½. Reception by the Board has been positive so far but there are some efforts afoot to cut enrichment courses rather than add credits; however, there has been no open discussion to remove the fine arts credit from the plan. The Board meets for its first vote on this issue September 15<sup>th</sup>. Watch the September *Southwestern Musician* for further developments and contact your SBOE member if you have a concern.
  - As a reminder, all school districts by state board rule must now adopt a policy relating to middle school physical activity. That policy may be anything from PE every year in middle school to no physical activity requirement at all. It is totally a local decision. It is prudent that you monitor your school board agendas the next several months to make

sure a policy is not adopted that would negatively impact electives opportunities for you middle school students.

- q. The **Mentoring Program** is beginning its eighth year. New teachers to the Region were recognized and were given information prior to breaking into divisional meetings.

5. Mr. Mike Ware, UIL Region 26 Executive Secretary addressed the membership:

- a. **Information packets** are available – be sure you pick up one before you leave. Mr. Ware would prefer that you use email for questions or concerns. They will be answered each day or asap. Mr. Ware’s contact information is available in the packet or at the Region 26 UIL website: [UILMusicRegion26.net](http://UILMusicRegion26.net)
- b. The packet contains the **2006 – 2007 contest dates and sites**. Any inaccurate data must be resolved by the end of today’s meeting. Please put all dates on your school calendar asap. Be sure that administrators and coaches are aware of your music dates.
- c. High schools do not have to file **UIL Music Acceptance forms** for 2006 – 2007. Conferences will remain the same as last year. Middle schools must inform Mr. Ware if there is a change in their conference prior to November 15.
- d. Please reregister your information at **www.uilforms.com**. Everyone must register their user name and password for the 2006-2007 contests. You may use the same one as last year, but please only register once, unless you are registering from two different divisions. If, after you have reregistered, you forget your user name or password, please use the contact on the opening page to retrieve them. (Note: The only names that remain on the list are the names of directors whose schools use the “CHARMS” Music Office Assistant. Those directors may submit their entries online.)
- e. Please submit your **contest entry** fee check with each entry.
  - Entries & payments should be postmarked 37 days prior to the contest, the “Contest Entry Deadline,” and sent in with your hard copies of the contest forms.
  - Check must be postmarked 30 days prior to the contest. If not, a \$50.00 late fee will be assessed and must accompany your entries.
  - If all fees have not been received 15 days prior to the contest, that group (or groups) will not be allowed to participate.
- f. Purchase a new 2006 – 2007 **Constitution and Contest Rules** book (or print it off the UIL website once it is posted).
  - **UIL C & CR changes** effective 2005 – 2006: § 1108(h)(9)(B) – ensembles of 11 or more may be conducted (page 150); Varsity Organization Fee (Marching and Concert) is increased to \$15.00 (page 143); and a proposed wording change for the Vocal rule

regarding duplication of personnel is attached to your information packet.

- **PML changes:** virtuoso solos for winds, percussion and strings need not be memorized (this list will appear on the UIL website); Full Orchestra Performance Requirement and Instrument substitution change for ensemble contest selections are attached to your information packet.
- g. Please read **TEA-UIL Side-by-Side** information concerning student eligibility requirements (No Pass/No Play) available from the UIL website.
  - h. The Region 26 Executive Committee has set the following guideline for directors who wish to **withdraw their groups from contest participation** after having entered their respective contests: you are required to submit the written request on school letterhead signed by your school principal.
  - i. **Meeting for all Contest Chairs** set for Tuesday, September 19, 2006, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Georgetown band hall.
  - j. UIL Twirling Solo & Ensemble entry deadline is Thursday, August 24, 2006. Information about this contest is in your packet.
6. UIL Music Advisory Committee News
  7. New Business for General Membership
  8. The Spring Region Meeting date selected by a vote from the membership was Saturday, May 19, 2007. Georgetown High School graciously volunteered their school to host. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am (breakfast provided at 9:30 am).
  9. President Charles Aguillon adjourned the meeting at 11:34 am and dismissed the membership to their divisional meetings.

Minutes from this meeting were taken and are respectfully submitted by Secretary Brian Sedatole.  
Thursday, August 24, 2006