



REGION 26 SPRING MEETING  
MAY 20, 2006  
GEORGETOWN HIGH SCHOOL

MINUTES

- 1 Charles Aguillon (Georgetown HS) called the meeting to order. Membership was led in singing of the Doxology by Morris Stevens (Westwood HS).
- 2 The following officers were elected by the membership to serve a two-year term of office: President Charles Aguillon of Georgetown High School, Vice-President Morris Stevens of Westwood High School and Secretary Brian Sedatole of Stony Point High School.
- 3 President Charles Aguillon presented news from the state office:
  - 3.1 TMEA continues to offer **job placement assistance**. Many vacancies can be found on the TMEA Website (tmea.org) in the Job Vacancy database. The site is updated daily.
  - 3.2 Remember, if not renewed, your **TMEA membership** expires on June 30, 2006. Membership dues will remain at \$50.00 for 2006-2007. Pre-registration for the convention will remain at \$50.00 as well. On-site registration will remain at \$70.00. You are highly encouraged to join TMEA or renew your membership online by using MasterCard, Visa or American Express. You will get a return email receipt and will be able to print your own membership card using the link provided in the email. The TMEA office does not mail membership cards. (Please include a working email address on you membership form.) Please do not wait until the Region entry deadline to renew your membership!
  - 3.3 **Liability Insurance** will remain at \$30.00 for next year. Attorney's fees are reimbursed up to \$10,000. This amount applies to criminal cases, win or lose, and for civil/contractual disputes which ultimately are settled in favor of the defendant. Liability per insured per occurrence will remain at \$1,000,000 and the consultation fee paid without regard for final judgment will remain at \$500. Current liability coverage expires August 20, 2006.
  - 3.4 The **2007 Clinic Convention** date is February 14 – 17, 2007. Future Area audition dates for winds/percussion and vocal are January 6, 2007 and January 5, 2008.
  - 3.5 **Legislative Update:** The April and May issues of the *Southwestern Musician* have legislative updates written by Executive Director Robert Floyd. It is too early to determine the impact the most recent special session could have on your program because while all districts will receive more money, much of it will be earmarked for educational reform programs for high school. If those funds do not

cover the mandated reforms, districts will be forced to cut programs and positions. We had hoped the four-by-four graduation plan would not be included in the final legislation, but the push by the business and corporate communities was too great. TMEA has pretty much single-handedly fought off the fourth year of math and science since the summer of 1993, but the support over time has become too overwhelming to tackle without political fallout that could hurt us later. The TMEA office plans to produce a June newsletter to address the outcome of the special session more definitively and what the future holds for music education in Texas.

- 3.6 The **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Fine Arts Summit** will be held June 8 – 9, 2006 at the Hilton Airport Hotel in Austin. Summit VII aims to serve as a venue for participants to become CEDFA-trained presenters for the various state arts education association conferences. The primary purpose is to support implementation of SB815 and subsequent revisions to Chapter 74 of the Texas Administrative Code. You may register online via the new CEDFA website, [cedfa.org](http://cedfa.org).
- 3.7 **SBOE and TEA Update:** On April 28, the SBOE passed its required physical activity rule for junior high/middle school students on the first reading. Go to the TMEA website, [tmea.org](http://tmea.org), for a full explanation. Basically, it requires each school district to adopt a policy on junior high/middle school physical activity, but does not include any statewide requirements. It will be left up to the local districts to determine policy. You will want to monitor this process carefully in your district to assure your students can continue to enroll in electives that meet their individual needs. Also, Commissioner Shirley Neeley has announced her recommendations on what expenditures should be counted in meeting the state mandate to school districts that 65% of their budget must be spent on instruction. Fine arts instruction will be included as well as funds for extracurricular activities. Commissioner Neeley is a friend to music education and our hope is that she will ensure that related costs of fine arts programs continue to be included as these rules progress.
- 3.8 TMEA is continually working to expand the **Mentoring Network**, which pairs new teachers (or teachers new to Texas) with experienced, seasoned teachers. Please consider serving as a mentor. You may enroll online at [tmea.org](http://tmea.org).
- 3.9 **New Region/Area Alignment:** In order to provide start-up funds for our new region, the Executive Board approved the following financial plan: Region 18 will send a minimum of 50% of their existing funds to Region 26. The transfer of funds will be completed by July 15, 2006 and will be based on account balances as of June 30, 2006. Region 18 shall share funds from every account as per the statement above. In addition, TMEA will provide \$500.00 for each new region on April 15 in order to assist in the convening of spring and summer meetings.
- 3.10 **New Website Services:** Online membership/renewal continues to serve us well. The [tmea.org](http://tmea.org) website will offer the following services to members:
- Print a duplicate paid dues receipts and membership cards.
  - Search the Membership Directory database. (If you wish to not be included in the directory, please email Susan in the TMEA office.)
  - Job Placement assistance as well as advocacy materials are available.

- Advertisement in the *Southwestern Musician* may be submitted online using the Media Kit link.
- View your Region calendar or calendars from regions across the state, updated by the Region Presidents.
- Search a database of All-State students from the 1980s to the present – find past rosters by school, city or instrument/voice part.
- An online exhibit hall is available to locate exhibitor’s information.
- Elementary members may volunteer for convention positions online.
- Convention clinician and performing groups’ audio/visual requirements and room set-up can be requested online.
- The Texas Music Education Research online now includes papers from 1994 – 2004, which can be accessed through a searchable database.
- Other popular pages include licensed vendor information, scholarship information, shopping, the Music Scholar program and many others.

3.11 Eleven high schools or districts now have active chapters of **Texas Future Music Educators**. Activities focus on providing service to the school’s music organizations and helping students explore music education as an occupation. There were 102 students from across the state that attended the TMEA Convention, which offered special events for TFME members. Please consider starting a chapter in your school or district for the 2006 -2007 school year.

3.12 Four **Task Force Reports** were printed in the April *Southwestern Musician* and are also posted on the website, [tmea.org](http://tmea.org). Peruse these reports for ideas on how to address issues at the local level. The TMEA Executive Board will be reviewing these reports next month to determine what action may be taken by the Executive Board and staff to address these issues deemed important by the membership. Topics include mentoring, impacting decision-makers about the importance of fine arts, the negative impact of TAKS remediation, and addressing student dropout from music programs.

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

4.1 The **Region 26 UIL website** will be up and running soon. The address is [uilmusicregion26.net](http://uilmusicregion26.net). It will be a source of important information for all directors in Region 26. Please email Mr. Ware if you have any suggestions for website content.

4.2 **Thank you** to those who served as interim officers in helping to plan and set calendar dates for the new Region 26. Also, thanks to everyone who returned the email questionnaires – your responses were very helpful.

4.3 The question of **combining contests with Region 18** resulted in the following decisions:

- A, AA, and AAA Marching Contest will be combined – enter through Region 18
- Orchestra Solo & Ensemble will be combined – enter through Region 18
- Full Orchestra C & SR will be combined – enter through Region 18
- C, CC Band C & SR will be combined – enter through Region 26
- A, AA, and 3A Band C & SR will be combined – enter through Region 26
- HS String Orchestra C & SR will be combined – enter through Region 18

- 4.4 The **Region 26 Executive Committee** consists of the following members:
- Joe Dan Lee, Superintendent, Georgetown ISD, Chair
  - Mike Kuhrt, Superintendent, Giddings ISD
  - Toni Garcia, Superintendent, Round Rock ISD
  - Tom Glenn, Superintendent, Leander ISD
  - Chuck Holt, Superintendent, Lexington ISD
  - Walter Pond, Superintendent, Rockdale ISD
  - Bill Graves, Superintendent, Elgin ISD
- 4.5 Due to the fact that this is your Region, Mr. Ware would like your input on **judge selection** for the various contests. Please be diligent and return emails and questionnaires so that you can have a say in your adjudicators.
- 4.6 Executive Secretary Mike Ware can be contacted through email at **mikeware@cox.net**.
- 5** New Business: The membership elected Perry Morris (Giddings ISD) as the Region 26 UIL Music Advisory Committee representative. He presented the following topics for discussion:
- 5.1 Should UIL review and standardize the language of the judges in the sightreading room? *Region 26 voted in favor.*
- 5.2 In vocal sightreading, should the conductor have the option to forego the second reading? *Region 26 Vocal Division will address this in their meeting.*
- 5.3 Should UIL allow texband.com to host videos from marching contests on their website? *Region 26 Band Division was in favor of using video clips only.*
- 5.4 Region 20 has asked for the formation of a committee to assess the current band sightreading process to address concerns and suggest improvements. *Region 26 Band Division voted in favor.*
- 6** The Fall Region Meeting date selected by a vote from the membership was Saturday, August 12, 2006. Georgetown High School graciously volunteered their school to host. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am (breakfast will be provided at 9:30 am).
- 7** President Charles Aguillon adjourned the meeting at 11:16 am and dismissed the membership to their divisional meetings.

Minutes from this meeting were taken and are respectfully submitted by Secretary Brian Sedatole.  
Thursday, June 29, 2006