



President's Committee Meeting

January 12th, 2026 - 8:00 pm

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- Call To Order - Hart Wells, President

- Roll Call

William Hart Wells -	Present
Matt Dunlap	P
Kathy Robinson	P
Chris Cunningham	
Kevin Vigil	P
Aaron Kunk	P
Schuyler Kieley	P
Matt Trkula	P
Michael Havens	P
Nathan Belch	P
Chaz Aguado	P
Zach Wood	P



-Approval of the October Minutes - [VGDA Minutes 11/10/25 LINK!!](#) - minutes pass

-Treasurer's Report (Kathy) - **\$16,077.89** - Conference bill came in and updates from Kathy...

-25/26 Meeting Schedule - all meeting times are 8:00 p.m.

-February 9th

-March 9th

-April 13th

-May 11th

-June 1st (Monday after VMEA Executive Council Meeting)

-AVGE/Conference

- Congratulations to all! 21 registrations (most ever), 28 secondary registrations - steady progress! Thank you to all who attended! We need to be consistent and continue to grow.
- Great feedback from teachers there... Social Hour after the business meeting. Livestream was a great addition! AVGE was very good! Darin Au did incredible work! Huge Thank You to Matt Dunlap, Aaron Kunk, and Darin Au for presenting in place of Alan Hirsh. The Mentorship Forum had four attendees (three more than last year!
- Student Feedback - see results... - Overall really positive feedback, especially social component. About ¼ of students responded
- Parent Feedback - see results... 7 responses, all 9's and 10's
- Glen McCarthy was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award - the first award for VGDA
- We are back to Richmond for next year. More space so possibly more opportunities for performance ensembles. March 1 - performance applications go live on the website. Applications will close May 1st.
- Reservations will go active February 1st. Jotform for individuals we are providing rooms for that are NOT AVGE students and chaperones. Guest conductors would be on this list.
- Session proposals submissions will be open February 1 to May 1
- Matt Dunlap has a proposed conductor for 2026. Take it away Matt... Alan Hirsh got next year. Build a pool for the following years. Hart motioned to vote, Kevin seconded. Motion passed. Alan Hirsh will conduct 2026 AVGE
- **Elections** - we need nominations for the offices of President-elect and Secretary. Chris, are you willing to continue to serve? Nominations should be emailed to Hart by February 15th. Vote would be late March ahead of the spring break window.

-Representative Reports/Updates

- North Region: **Matt Trkula** - Middle ACG and HS ADG combined
- North Central Region: **Schuyler Kieley** - NE and NC Assessment combined. Chaz is killing it hosting/charing
- North East Region: **Chaz Aguado** - Schuyler nailed it, paperwork is being

submitted for things that need paperwork

- South East Region: **Nathan Belch** - Everything is good. Orchestra went well
- Central Region: **Zach Wood** - Getting set for Assessment in March, things are good
- South Central Region: **Michael Havens** - Increased participation in holiday concert.
- Middle School: **Aaron Kunk** - All State Middle School ensemble is progressing. Middle school assessment is gearing up, Alan Hirsh is directing All County

-Website

-[LINKED HERE!!](#)

-A Look Ahead - things to consider

- VMEA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion may have Aaron, me, or someone else serving on its committee, once I give them the run down.
- Do we want to consider instituting a school participation fee for VGDA? I need to talk with Steve Turner. Let's discuss. Vote in February? This fee is helping provide more economic stability for VCDA.
- Gameplan for 2026 MS All-Virginia Guitar Ensemble - two days - Friday and Saturday of conference. The committee needs to meet in January to gameplan. Administration wants a formal proposal (budget, schedule, plan of action). We need to send to conference admin by Thursday, January 29th.
- VDoE Performance dates -
 - April 23rd
 - June 25th - maybe HMS Guitar Quartet, but still open!
 - August 27th
 - September 24th
 - October 29th
 - December 3rd

-Resources - feel free to add/suggest any new ones you have come across...

- Contra-bass Substitute - <https://www.franknstrings.com/>

-Good of the Cause

Parking Lot:

Please add items here for comments, concerns or things to discuss in a future meeting: