

TMEA Region XXV
Minutes from the TMEA Convention
February 10, 2011

President Evelio Villarreal called the meeting to order.

- The minutes from the fall meeting were approved as presented.
- State Farm Insurance has teamed up with TMEA to create the Original Score Contest. \$100,000 in prize money will be donated to the organization that creates the winning composition that captures the “Spirit of Texas”. Information is available online. The entry deadline is May 1, 2011.

The meeting was turned over to Region Executive Secretary, Randy Bartlett for the UIL Report

- The Vocal Div. UIL Solo/Ensemble has been scheduled for Feb. 26 at Plano East Sr. High
- UIL online entry process
 - There is a place to enter multiple directors for a performing ensemble.
 - New profiles may also be created that include multiple directors.
 - Please double-check all entries carefully for accuracy.
- Special scheduling requests for performances should be made in writing by the entry deadline date.
- There is a high probability of changes to the current contest calendar due to the increase in testing dates required by the state. We will all have to adjust.
- The spring calendar meeting is scheduled for March 23, 6:00 p.m. Allen H.S. band hall.
- Ballots for selecting next year’s judges will be sent following TMEA. Everyone is strongly encouraged to submit and include as many names as possible.
- The membership is encouraged to read ALL information regarding contests including performance requirements, standards, rubrics, etc.
- The Music Advisory Committee is still in discussions regarding the current sightreading rules and procedures. No changes are in place for this year.
- The Prescribed Music List has gone completely electronic. The new one will be released in the summer of 2011.
 - All additions or submissions will be done electronically using MP3’s and PDF formats.
 - The PML will be reviewed and revised every year rather than every four years.
 - The membership may submit suggestions online.
- *The Leaguer* is now available online at www.uiltexas.org/leaguer
- There will be no increase in state fees for 2011-2012.
- Convention Report:
 - In spite of the weather challenges it was reported that all of the all-state students were in attendance.
 - TMEA memberships were cited as follows: active – 9,100, college – 1,300, retired - 300
 - The exhibit hall is sold out with over 1,100 vendors represented. Everyone is encouraged to visit and thank the exhibit hall vendors for attending.
 - The Second General Session will feature keynote speakers Robert Scott-Commissioner of Education and Larry Livingston-noted conductor and speaker.
 - Free convention parking is available at the Alamo Dome. Shuttle service will be provided all three days from 7:30am-11:00pm.
 - The 5,000+ rooms allocated for the convention were sold out.
 - TMEA needs feedback regarding the online all-state housing process.
 - TMEA has contracted with San Antonio to host the convention through 2016.
 - Thanks to Andrew Denman for the development of the TMEA portion of the Convention App.
- TMEA is currently in great financial shape.
- The TEKS rewrite is currently on schedule for T.E.A. They are looking for “experts” to serve on the rewrite committee.
- The membership is encouraged to visit and join GoArts.com.
- Senate Bill 140 (TAKS Pullout Bill) has been resubmitted by Senator Shapiro.
- Arts Education at the capitol will be March 7 & 8.
- In its last allocation the TMEA scholarship fund awarded \$135,000.
- The TMEA report was presented by President Villarreal

The meeting was returned to President Villarreal

The meeting was adjourned to division meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

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