SJMEA Spring Meeting
Andrea Brannman, President
Mt. Vernon HS, 4/28/2026

Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes

WMEA: 2026-7, SJMEA will check member status before you enroll your group. If you are not a member, your group will be denied. WMEA is in a pinch, so tightening the bolts

Taxes
Tax is going away! 2024-25 prices

Student Teacher Grant: female WWU student, up to $1000, 12/1/26 deadline

Event coordinators: Let Poul know beforehand, remind him to complete updates.
Figure out dates ahead of time and help him out!

Hoping for *6-year Treasurer rotation* (Jessica Schlichting)
2 years of training
2 years main person
2 years helping the next person

There is a stipend
Nominating and voting in the fall meeting
Can we change PO box? Probably not… has to do with our address
$10,000+ in the bank
Please remember to ask for adjudicators Seattle or north of Seattle. Many can serve in these roles in that mileage distance, and
52,298 registered
Outstanding, $13,000+ ($4000 of that is really for this weekend's Junior Honor Festival, so $9000 is actually outstanding)

Reach out to Pearl Petaia and Kirstin Doud (before end of school year) if you have any questions about what you owe, etc.

Rubrics for middle school aren't aligned, even for the same festival.

Judges not trained well enough / consistently? , and not checked throughout because they might go rogue. 😊

Brandon and Andrea: forming a subcommittee
Survey- what is helpful to us on a rubric, etc.
If anyone wants to help, let one of them know
Send copies of what rubrics are being used

The more we can make things easy to look at and streamline, the better experience for groups

SJMEA Mariachi Festival
Andrea's legacy
Location MVHS
January 25 or March 5

Our region has at least 11 different Mariachi ensembles – we would like to have Mariachi-specific adjudicators and clinicians who are well-versed in Mariachi

WMEA going forward wants more representation, to offer roles that are "officers" for Elementary, Jazz, Band, Choir, Orchestra. People might want to join and be a liaison with WMEA. If you want to talk pedagogy or represent our region as an officer, it would be a Zoom meeting maybe 4ish times per year.

Has there been discussion about All-State? They are now separate from here on out. Reason to separate that teachers had to supervise students

All-State is same in Tacoma next year.
No more All-NW

BREAKOUTS: High School

Kirstin Doud is retiring- woo-hoo! 30 years
Anyone willing to do Orchestra Festival?
Sr. Events Coordinator needed

WWU is giving us a discount but still super high cost

Honor Festival: Mary/ Connie / Kay, at WWU

Jazz Festival: Brandon coordinator, MVHS host

Honor Festival- move, or keep the same? Veterans Day?
Our discussion:

Skagit?

Wed, 11/11 Honor Fest (looking in to this to change the date so that it's not a day off day)
Maybe Mary, Connie and I are able / willing to look for site
Maybe not a Saturday

Childcare
School day?

Flex date to match location
Ferndale?
Sehome?
Wouldn't have to rehearse at same place
11/20? (WIBC)

Skagit community association- grant?
Would need to apply every year
Multi-county, so maybe not

Short week before Thanksgiving?

Connie, Mary and I will meet before the end of the school year and let everyone know.

Sat, 1/30 Sr. S&E Blaine
Sat., 2/6 Junior S&E, Cascade
Conference 2/12-14
2/11 All-State Jazz
3/4 Jazz Festival, MVHS
3/13 (Sat) Elementary, because of Easter
3/22 and 23 Choir is Monday / Tuesday
3/24 Orchestra Wednesday
3/25-26 Band Thursday and Friday
3/30 Junior Large Group Choir?
3/31 Junior large Orch at WMS?
4/1 Junior Large Group Band (Anacortes &?)
4/17 Day of Percussion?
4/23-24 State Solo & Ensemble
4/27 Spring meeting
May 1 junior honor fest
May 28 and 29 All-State? Memorial Day also, so…