



NEW ENGLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date: September 6, 2025,
Location: Gilford High School
 88 Alvah Wilson Rd.
 Gilford, NH 03249
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Facilitator: John Deeb

NEMFA Executive Board Members/Attendance

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Deeb, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Gattie, S & Ensemble Festival	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eddie Wilkin, Social Media
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Chambers, President Elect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steffen Parker, S & Ensemble Festival	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pamela Rodgers, Dean of Students
<input type="checkbox"/> Marjorie Rooen, Immediate Past President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Reynolds, Bulletin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Molly Desrochers, Chorus Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Sittard, Exec. Secretary-Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Ranta, Interim Co-Chair Membership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lauren Churchill, Interim Co-Chair Membership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Brackett, Orchestra Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wayne Spletstoeszer, Jazz Band Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lyvie Beyrent, Recording Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Whitcomb, Librarian	<input type="checkbox"/> Angelica Jackson, Band Manager

Others in attendance:

Topic	Discussion	Next Steps
Welcome/Call to Order/Roll Call - JD & LB	Call to order at 10:02am	



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Secretary's Report/Acceptance of 6/7/2025 EB Minutes - LB (see below)	Steffen makes a motion to accept the minutes. Tom seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.	
<i>Board Acceptance of the Membership Vote on By-Laws and Constitution</i>	The membership accepted the changes to the Bylaws and Constitution by a 2/3rds majority, Yay vote on both documents. 2 were non-members and their votes were removed. - Eddie. Steffen makes a motion to accept. Rob seconds. Discussion on clarification on who can vote. Everyone. All in favor. Motion passes.	
Association Member Comments	N/A	
Board Member Reports:		
Exec Sec/Treasurer - BS	The investment account is at \$73,202.62. Steffen makes a motion to accept. Tom seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.	
Past President - MR	N/A	
President Elect - JC	Exploring Mechanics Hall, need to lock down a site for 2027. Discussion about conflicts with Easter and using another space/hotels.	Have managers reach out to their conductors to see if they are available the weekend before.
Bulletin - TR	9/20/25 is the next one, send stuff before then. Possibility of having the President-elect doing this duty.	Send to tomr@mit.edu and not Umass email.
Solo & Ensemble Festival - RG & SP	Sent out requests for adjudicators this week. In need of a trombone/low brass adjudicator (Lyvie found Dr. Chesebrough to do it). Spaulding HS in Barre, VT. Rob makes a motion that we purchase the pedals for the keyboards that need them in the North. Steffen adds that we use additional funds above what remains from	Pedals will get moved to Hartford HS after 2025 Northern S&E.



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	<p>the \$5,000 to purchase whatever is necessary to replace the keyboards in the south. Tom seconds. Discussion on how \$5,000 was already allocated for the southern site for keyboards. Rob will take care of the purchase of up to 17 keyboard pedals. Rob will get prices for Bill. Call to question. All in favor. Motion passes. Lebanon MS will host Northern S&E if we need them next year.</p>	
Librarian - FW	<p>The band is all set with music. 2 pieces in the library, 1 ordered, and the 4th is from the composer.</p> <p>The orchestra ordered the Stravinsky at \$235.</p> <p>The chorus music is all ordered.</p>	
Membership - LC & AR	Marriott planning on doing breakfast in Gilford.	
Social Media - EW	Options for PD	Eddie will forward something for the bulletin.
Ensemble Managers - MC, AJ, TB, WS	<p>Discussion on size of groups for hotel and rehearsal spaces at Gilford.</p> <p>Molly/Chorus - Approved second program via email.</p> <p>Tony/Orchestra - Makes a motion to approve option 3 program:</p> <p>OPTION 3 @23:30</p>	



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	<p>Copland – <i>Fanfare for the Common Man</i> @3:30 PURCHASE \$24.99</p> <p>Chadwick – Symphonic Sketches @8:00 IMSLP FREE I - Jubilee</p> <p>Stravinsky – Firebird Suite 1919 @12:00 VT ALL-STATE LIBRARY FREE V - Infernal Dance VI - Berceuse VII – Finale</p> <p>Tom seconds. All in favor. Motion passes. We need a harp and a piano. Angelica/Band - N/A Wayne/Jazz Band - Will do online approval for the program. Discussion about picking pieces from a large amount as they rehearse.</p>	
Festival Host - LB	All is good, will reach out to individuals for questions.	
President's Report - JD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution Update • Strategic Plan 	Thrilled to be back at Gilford ten years later. Jenny and John will report back on some ideas for the 100th anniversary at the Dec meeting.	



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Old (Unfinished) Business JD	Tom found files from the 2007 Historical Book and would like to use them for the 100th anniversary. 250 anniversary grant for NEMFA? Fundraising chair for the 100th Anniversary. Reminder to please use NEMFA email address.	Suggestion to create a document with all the NEMFA emails and also add the co-managers.
New Business		
Other Business		
Future Sites (2025 and beyond)	2026 - Gilford HS (NH) 2027 - Mechanics Hall, Worcester, MA? 2028 - ??? Maine??? 2029 - ???	
Adjournment	Steffen motion to adjourn. Tom seconds. At 11:06am.	

Additional Questions/Concerns/Meeting Highlights:

[EB Minutes 6-5-25 - Google Docs](#)

Facility Tour to Follow the Meeting

Next Meeting – December 12th, 2025 - Griswold, CT

2025-26 EB Meeting Schedule	Future Concert Dates
September 6, 2025 - Gilford, NH	2026 - March 19-21 (Gilford, NH)



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December 12, 2025 - Griswold, CT	2027 - March 18-20?
March 20, 2026 - Gilford, NH	2028 - March 16-18
June 6, 2026 - Remote Online Meeting	2029 - March 15-17