

Region 25 Orchestra Division Meeting
February 16, 2006, 5:30 p.m.
TMEA Convention

The meeting began with the unanimous election of David DeVoto as interim Orchestra Division Chair for our newly formed Region 25.

Randy Bartlett estimated the number of groups performing in UIL contest in the new region as 22 High School and 26 Middle School groups. A discussion followed concerning how many days our contest would need to be to accommodate the number of groups entering. It was decided most likely 2 very full days, possibly more.

Proposed UIL dates were discussed and set. Date proposed for Middle School UIL are March 28 and 29 and for High School, Feb. 28, and March 1st.

Jeff Turner was unanimously elected as our orchestra representative to the Music Advisory Committee.

Margaret Johnson was unanimously elected as our Middle School Region Chair.

UIL Solo and Ensemble was discussed and two districts currently participate: Allen and Sherman. It was decided that they would hold their contest concurrent with either UIL Band or Choir Solo and Ensemble.

The discussion then turned to financial matters. Randy Bartlett had stated earlier in the general meeting that 25% of Region 3 and 24's orchestra funds would be transferred to our new Region 25 to help with start up costs. A comparison of student fee from Region 3 and 24 was discussed. (Region 24 has been charging \$8 and Region 3 has been charging \$10.)

The number of entries for Region will have to be studied. Angie Cimbalo made a motion to establish a committee of the 3 newly elected orchestra positions to study the situation for our new region concerning All-Region Orchestra. Gary Needham seconded the motion. Motion passed. David DeVoto, Margaret Johnson and Jeff Turner have agreed to serve on this committee to study the numbers from both Region 3 and 24 and come up with several recommendations on how many All Region orchestras would be needed to best serve our new region. They will present these recommendations to the directors to vote on in the Spring Region Meeting, May 20th at 10:a.m. at Plano East Senior High School.

Facilities for events were discussed. Stage sizes at school locations were also discussed. Also discussed was the need of setting up a rotation schedule between ISD's, at the Spring meeting, involving hosting Region and UIL events.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.
A. Cimbalo