

Biennial Meeting
Area 8 ~ Handbell Musicians of America
Friday, June 21, 2024 – 11:50 a.m.
2024 Area 8 Festival - Columbia, MO Holiday Inn Executive Center

Chris Peck, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. and welcomed everyone. 180+ Festival registrants and Area 8 Board members were in attendance. Chris thanked the Executive Board, State and Appointed Officers and Local Liaisons, Noah Hartsfield and Nancy Drier for helping put together this Festival Conference.

Motion to accept the Minutes of the 2022 Biennial Meeting

Patrick Gagnon moved to accept the minutes as submitted
Carolyn Jensen seconded
Motion carried

State Reports - there are no State reports, please find your State Chair and talk with them.

Treasurer Report (Lori Fenton)

Lori reported income of \$60,000 from registration and extras for the 2024 Festival. Funding for the festival will come out of this balance.

Election Results for 2024-2026 Executive Board

Chris introduced the next slate of officers to serve starting October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2026.

Lori Fenton will move to Chair
Nancy Blackwell will serve as Chair Elect
Laura Kastens will serve as Secretary
Tami Kofron will serve as Treasurer

Chris thanked the nominating committee and all who ran on the ballot..

Incoming Chair - Lori Fenton

As incoming Chair, Lori thanked Chris and Sharon Schmidt for organizing the 2024 Area 8 Festival. Lori asked all festival participants to please fill out evaluations to help the board plan future events.

Lori thanked Sharon Schmidt, Past-Chair, and Sara Washington, Secretary, for their years of service as they complete their Executive Board duties this year. Lori welcomed the new slate of officers and is looking forward to working with them.

Lori will be exploring new ways of thinking of Area Events and of the great clinicians available to work with us. There are no definite plans yet for a 2026 Area 8 Festival. Please stay tuned!
Lori asked that participants let her know how the Area 8 Board can serve you individually and in your community.

National Handbell Musicians of America

President, Greig Ashurst from the National Board talked about getting more bells into worship and schools and asked that if you know of any bell sets sitting silent in closets, help get them back out into the community.

Community Events -

Pinnacle 2025 will be in our Area 8 in Wichita, KS, July 8-12, 2025.

Concert performances will be in the Mary Jane Teall Theater in Century II Performing Arts and Convention Center. Pinnacle is a performance-focused event with concerts, classes, and more! Ten concerts presented in a professional, 652-seat theater, class sessions offering training in ensemble management, ringing techniques, artistic programming, etc.

Ringing tracks will include Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced, and All-Star Choir.

Exhibits in Handbell Commons and a Celebration lunch banquet.

National Seminar 2024 is July 9-13, 2024 in Hartford, CT

Into the Forest Bell Tree event in Cincinnati, OH, August 1-3, 2024

Adjournment

Chris again gave a BIG thank you to Sharon Schmidt for her many years of service to Area 8.

Motion to Adjourn

Kathy Leonard moved to adjourn

Nancy Blackwell seconded

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.

Submitted by Sara Washington

Secretary, Area 8