

South Dakota Band Masters Association  
SDBA Board Of Directors Meeting  
SDSU Student Union - State Room  
February 12, 2009

The executive board meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was called to order at 10:47 AM by president Patty Baule: Board members present; President Patty Baule, Past President Toby Rath, President Elect Bob Carlson, Secretary/Treasurer Mark Bray, Region Representatives Duane Niles, Dave Martinson, Ted Powell, and SDHSAA Representative and Parliamentarian - Ken Pickering. Absent, Jeff Patzloff.

Motion: The secretary/treasurer presented the minutes from the general membership meeting in Sioux Falls at the 2008 All State Band. Moved by Bob Carlson, second by Ted Powell to approve. Carried

Motion: The secretary/treasurer presented the fiscal 2008-2009 financial report. Motioned by Toby Rath, second by Dave Martinson to approve with one correction - entry on 1/20/09 should read "Deposit from SDHSAA for scale rewrite for ASB judges". Carried

Motion: Moved by Bob Carlson, second by Duane Niles to pay the stipends for Mary Cogswell, as supplement to SDHSAA payment (\$500.00), for the All State Band chair (\$250.00), Toby Rath for publishing the 2009 sight reading (\$200.00) and George Drago as webmaster (\$200.00). Carried

Discussion: There was discussion about the All State Band regulations stating there will be 2 string bass players in each band and the fact that there were only one in each band in 2008. Consensus was to follow the stated regulation for 2 bass players in each band at the judge's discretion.

All State Band Judge's report: In attendance were Alan LaFave and Corliss Johnson. Both judges stated that they felt things went very well. There was some discussion about site changes. No action taken. They expressed concern about students, especially flute and clarinet players, who try to play scales too fast rather than with regard to more evenness and accuracy along with good characteristic tone especially the chromatic scale. It was suggested that a publication already prepared by the judges be posted on the SDBA website which contains suggestions on how to prepare for an All State Band audition. There was discussion about the judges schedules. Ken Pickering will get information on the number of auditions from each site on each instrument from the past couple of years to look at maybe redistributing sections to help even out the judge's schedules.

Motion: Grade School Contest Report: Steve Solem presented the finances for the grade school contest. Account balance \$2988.22, CDs \$5567.73 and 5586.78. Total assets \$14,142.73. Motioned by Toby Rath, second by Ted Powell to approve. Carried.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:55 AM - reconvened at 12:57 PM

Membership report: Bob Carlson reported that as of 2/12/2009 there are 157 members of SDBA.

Scholarship report: Toby Rath reported that all colleges and universities were emailed an application and encourage to have students apply.

Information: Dr. Reynolds of SDSU talked about next year's convention in that SDMEA is moving to the fall in conjunction with All State Chorus and Orchestra. We would loose sponsorship of the keynote speaker and the Children's Chorus. There was discussion about doing more master classes and bringing in a composer/conductor to do a lab session with a band not chosen for performance.

Motion: There was discussion about raising the All State Band judges pay. Motioned by Bob Carlson, second by Ted Powell to request that SDHSAA increase the pay from \$1050.00 to \$1500.00 (\$450.00 per judge). In the event that SDHSAA denies any or all of this increase, SDBA will cover the difference. The Total increase being \$1800.00. Carried.

Nominating committee report: Patty Baule presented the nominees from the committee for this year's election. They are: President elect - Gary Hansen and Brian LeMaster, Secretary Treasurer - Mark Bray, Region 1/2 Brain Smith and Kevin McLouth and Region 7/8 George Drago and John Weidenbach. Election to be held at the Friday general membership meeting.

Information: Secretary/Treasurer Mark Bray requested to be excused from the Saturday session of the general membership meeting to get home for a personal obligation. The board consented and appointed Toby Rath acting secretary for that meeting.

Discussion: Bob Carlson reported on the progress of incorporation of SDBA. Three proposals were submitted by John Sogn attorney from Lynn, Jackson, Shultz & Lebrun. The proposals suggested some changes in SDBA's by laws and practices. After much discussion it was the consensus of the board to maintain our current practices as closely as possible through the incorporation process with the exception that the office of secretary/treasurer be an appointed position by the SDBA board rather than an elected position. This would be for information continuity purposes.

All State Band Chair report: Mary Cogswell reported some concerns about the language in the ASB regulations as written in the

SDHSAA handbook. The language on instrumentation needs to be updated for consistency if we stay with the two band system. The language for point deduction for sight reading needs to be reworded. She suggested modernization of the scoring and wants input. Mary will also inform the membership of some scoring issues.

All State Jazz Band report: Dennis McDermott discussed some issues regarding All State Jazz Band as to expenses, number of bands and number of students participating.

Motion: Motioned by Bob Carlson, second by Dave Martinson to supplement the ASJB in the amount of \$600.00 above the \$400.00 amount provided by SDHSAA for the 2009 ASJB. Carried

Hall Of Fame report: Ted Powell reported on the nomination by Rolf Olson for Larry Mitchell for the Hall Of Fame election. Ted also presented some suggestions from others and asked for nominations of persons who were deserving of this distinction that had not yet been nominated.

Discussion: The board discussed the scheduled vote of the general membership to retain the two band All State Band format or to go back to the one band format. President Baule asked for a roll call vote for a recommendation from the board. The board unanimously voted to recommend to the general membership to keep the two band format.

Motion: Motioned by Bob Carlson, second by Duane Niles to approve Todd Carr's request to continue to make the audio recording of All State Band. Carried

Webmaster report: George Drago reported some issues on member access, membership list updates and the quality of the All State Jazz Band audition material posted on the website. The membership access issue has been resolved and he is working on the ASJB issue. He would also like input for ideas for the website.

President Baule declared the meeting adjourned at 4:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marklen H. Bray  
Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
General Membership Meeting  
Friday February 13th, 2009  
SDSU Volstorff Ball Room

Meeting called to order by president Patty Baule at 4:15 PM

The minutes from the February 28th, 2008 general membership meeting at All State Band were presented to the membership. Motion by Steve Solem, second by Helen Mogen to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The fiscal 2008-2009 SDBA financial report was presented to the membership, noting one correction from an entry on January 20th, 2009 found in the Executive Board minutes from the previous day. Motioned by Sam Glantzow, second by Jerome Letcher to approve the financial report. Carried

President Baule began to review the issues from the minutes of the executive board meeting of the previous day.

President Baule mentioned the authorization by the board to pay stipends for Mary Cogswell All State Band chair a \$250 supplement above SDHSAA's \$500. To Toby Rath \$200 for publishing the 2009 All State Band audition sight-reading. To George Dragoo \$200 for webmaster service.

President Baule mentioned the All State Band judge's report to the SDBA board the previous day. Dr. Olson mentioned the issue of taking the slurs out of the string bass scales. No discussion.

Steve Solem announced that grade school contest ribbons were available to be picked up before the contest managers left the convention.

Bob Carlson reported on the membership. He asked that all membership forms be completed and turned in to him for record purposes.

Voting on a slate of officers was completed. Nomination committee chair Steve Solem complimented the professionalism and attitude of all the candidates. Results will be announce at the Saturday GM meeting.

Ted Powell talked about the Dr. Larry Mitchell, nominee for the hall of fame. He read a recommendation letter for Dennis Carlson. Dr. Rolf Olson, Jim Smith and Dave Haugen spoke on Larry's behalf. The membership then voted to induct Dr. Mitchell into the hall of fame. The result will be announced at the Saturday GM meeting.

Dr. Dave Reynolds spoke about future changes in the convention and proposals about guest clinicians and keynote speakers because of SDMEA's pullout.

Discussion of mandatory vote to retain the two band All State Band format. Bob Carlson spoke in favor of the system reflecting the boards stand and then asked for discussion. No response. Motioned by Kevin McLouth, second by Dan Carlson to keep the two band format. President Baule called for a show of hands. Carried.

Todd Carr spoke about the CD recording of the All State Band concerts.

George Dragoo spoke about the website with regard to issues of the members only section. He said that problems had been resolved but if members have problems to let him know.

Motioned by Dale Fiedler, second by Jerome Letcher to approve the 2009 convention executive board minutes, Carried.

The meeting was recessed at 4:35 until Saturday at 12:30 PM.

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
General Membership Meeting  
Saturday February 14th, 2009  
SDSU Performing Arts Center Theater

The 2009 general membership convention meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was reconvened at 12:58 PM.

President Patty Baule thanked the outgoing board members and announced the results of the 2/13/2009 election. President elect - Gary Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer - Mark Bray, region representatives Kevin McClouth and George Dragoo.

Outgoing president Patty Baule then handed the organization over to Bob Carlson. Bob thanked Patty for her service as president of SDBA. Patty will remain on the board for two years as past president.

Dr. David Reynolds extended an invitation to host the 2010 SD Music Teachers In-Service Conference at SDSU. Motioned by Dale Feidler, second by Brian LeMaster for SDBA to approve Dr. Reynolds request. Carried.

Toby Rath spoke about the All State Band music section part division, especially for the Clark Band as well as some logistics as to registration and seating for the first rehearsal. Dr. Boonshaft issued part divisions more heavily on lower parts as best could be done with the number of players in each section.

Bob Carlson spoke on the All State Band packets and their contents.

Mary Fritz described her approach to the All State Band selection process and talked about a sight reading error at the beginning of the audition process in percussion that was quickly corrected.

Ted Powell announced the Hall of Fame election results. Larry Mitchell will be inducted by unanimous ballot.

President Carlson asked if there were any announcements. Dan Mortimer well be retiring.

Jim Smith urged the membership to apply for a convention band slot and to have recordings by All State Band time.

Dennis Hegg was thanked for all his work over the years for the All State Band.

President Carlson declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marklen H. Bray  
Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Band Masters Association  
SDBA Board Of Directors Meeting  
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Board Room  
Friday March 27, 2009

The executive board meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was called to order at 9:04 AM by president Bob Carlson: Board members present; President Bob Carlson, Past President Patty Baule, President Elect Gary Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer Mark Bray, Region Representatives George Dragoo, Kevin McLouth, Jeff Patzlaff and SDHSAA representative and parliamentarian - Ken Pickering.

Previous Minutes: The minutes from the February 2009 In-Service Conference general membership meeting were presented by the secretary/treasurer. After being read by board members with no discussion following president Bob Carlson declared the minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: The secretary/treasurer reported that the is \$3969.55 in the SDBA account with one check outstanding. Moved by Gary Hansen, second by Kevin McLouth to approve the report. Carried.

Membership Report: President Elect Gary Hansen reported the there are currently 163 members. There was some discussion of retirees and as related to the South Dakota magazine.

Webmaster Report: George Dragoo reported that as he was working on the members only section of the website he noticed that there were people that had access that were not paid members. It was the obvious consensus of the board that only paid members should have access to this section. He also discussed revamping the website to make it more modern and professional. It was mention that he would like to put Phi Beta Mu information and maybe suggestions for preparing for all state band on the website.

Motion: Motion by Gary Hansen, second by Jeff Patzlaff to appoint alternate All State Band judges for the 2009-2010 school year and to evaluate this on an annual basis. Carried

Discussion: The hiring of an additional judge for percussion was discussed. Consensus was that there is a need for further research as to the number of auditions in all sections, not just percussion. Further discussion of this will be done at the 2010 Convention.

Motion: Motioned by Kevin McLouth, second by George Dragoo to reinstate the procedure of evaluation and rehiring the All State Band judges on a yearly basis and to rehire the present judges for the 2010 All State Band audition. Carried

Scholarship Report: Petty Baule reported, in Toby Rath's absence that the scholarship recipients that were selected were Kelsey Pickford and Phil Carlson from Northern State University. Later Toby Rath suggested more detailed guidelines be developed as to the subject matter of the essay portion of the selection process.

Convention Band Report: Jim Smith will be leaving the chairmanship of the convention band selection committee. President Bob Carlson appointed Bob Goheen as the new chairman of this committee. Bob has accepted this position.

Discussion: Discussion of moving the O'gorman audition site to Lincoln. Bob Carlson will speak with Bob Goheen and bring suggestions back to the board.

Incorporation Report: John Sogn, volunteer attorney from Sioux Falls, presented to Bob Carlson proposed articles of incorporation and Bylaws. The only change in the bylaws is the appointment of the secretary/treasurer rather than being elected along with some language changes of logistics of the grade school contest. Bob Carlson read the entire article to the board.

Motion: Motioned by George Dragoo, second by Kevin McLouth to accept both documents. Carried This need to go to the general membership for approval.

Retiree Recognition: Jim Smith, Dennis Carlson, Mark Bray, Carry Sperlich and Jim McKinny.

All State Band Report: Mark Bray reported that things were going well. Bob Carlson wanted to extend a thank you to the college directors who rehearsed the Louis band on Thursday evening in Marcellus Brown's absence.

Discussion: Patty Baule brought up concern from some members over the pullout of SDMEA from the February convention. SDMEA sent a letter to superintendents about their convention in conjunction with All State Chorus and Orchestra. The board decided to daft a letter to the same in conjunction with ACDA and SD string teachers. Ken Pickering mentioned that SDHDAA would not release students to attend convention events ie. concerts. Next fall the Dallas Brass will be performing.

Motion: Motioned by Jeff Patzlaff, second by Patty Baule to adjourn. Carried

Respectfully Submitted  
Marklen Bray, Secretary Treasurer

South Dakota Band Masters Association  
General Membership Meeting  
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Theater Lobby  
Saturday March 28, 2009

The general membership meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was called to order at 9:03 AM by president Bob Carlson.

Previous Minutes: The minutes from the February 2009 In-Service Conference general membership meeting were presented by the secretary/treasurer. After being read by board members with no discussion following president Bob Carlson declared the minutes approved. Also the minutes from the 2009 All State Band executive board meeting were read by the secretary/treasurer. After no discussion motion by Dan Carlson, second by Toby Rath to approve the reading. Carried

Treasurer's Report: The secretary/treasurer reported that there is \$3969.55 in the SDBA account with one check outstanding. Moved by Dale Fiedler, second by Brian Lemaster to approve the report. Carried.

Membership Report: President Elect Gary Hansen reported there are currently 163 members. He asked for dues from those who had not yet paid.

Convention Bands: Bob Goheen will be the new convention band selection committee chair. He asked to get audition CDs to him by the 2010 All State Band. Jim Smith outgoing chair reported that the 2010 convention bands have been selected.

2009 All State Band: President Bob Carlson thanked Mark Bray, Toby Rath, Don and Mary Ann Downs and George Dragoo for their work in hosting the 2009 All State Band event.

Incorporation: President Bob Carlson reported on the progress of incorporation and asked the membership's opinion on approval. The membership questioned the approval procedure according to the bylaws. This should be researched. Motion by Kevin Kessler, second by Jennifer Hawkinson to approve the incorporation proposal. Carried. It was suggested that the proposal be put online and then voted by the membership at the 2010 convention.

Moment of silence: President Bob Carlson asked if there were any members in distress from the membership. Those mentioned were Shawn McDonald, Eric Larson, Al Stewart and Merle Larson. There was a moment of silence.

Retirees: President Bob Carlson asked for a round of applause for the retirees mentioned in the executive board minutes.

ASB 2010: It was announced that the 2010 All State Band conductors are Timothy Mar from Minnesota and Scott Jons from Concordia.

From the membership: The membership called for the secretary/treasurer to write thank you letters to Dean Rettedal, Rolf Olson, Boyd Perkins and Bruce Aamann for covering the Lewis band rehearsal on Thursday evening during the absence of Marcellus Brown due to flight problems.

Discussion: Ken Pickering apologized to the membership for the hacking by students into the 2009 All State Band results list prior to when it was supposed to be available. He explained how it happened and assured that the procedure would be corrected for the future.

Question: The membership questioned the discussion of All State Band judges. Bob Carlson explained the board's position. (refer to previous executive board minutes)

Motioned by Jim Smith, second by Dennis Carlson to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted  
Marklen Bray  
Secretary Treasurer