

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
Executive Board Of Directors Meeting  
SDSU Student Union - State Room  
February 9, 2012 Brookings Convention

The executive board meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was called to order at 10:02 AM by president Gary Hansen: Board members present; President Gary Hansen, Past President Bob Carlson, President Elect Helen Mogen, Secretary/Treasurer Mark Bray, Region Representatives George Dragoo, Kevin McLouth, Sara Olson and SDHSAA Representative and parliamentarian James Weaver. Board member Reid Johnson was absent because of his band's performance at this convention.

Previous Minutes: The minutes of the March 25th Executive Board and March 26th General Membership meetings at the 2011 All State Band in Yankton were presented by the secretary for the boards perusal. The ASB Executive Board minutes were approved, by the board, at the March 26th General Membership meeting at ASB. The General Membership minutes will be approved tomorrow at the convention General Membership meeting. No action taken.

Information: The secretary asked the board for consensus to include the following into the minutes: Upon receiving our articles of incorporation we were required to apply for tax exempt status and begin filing tax returns. During this past year, the Rapid City accounting firm of DeSmet and Biggs put together the application IRS form 1023 for tax exempt status and filed a 2010 tax return form 990-EZ. The secretary received a determination letter dated October 14th 2011, from the IRS, approving our tax exempt status or 501(c)(3). The accounting firm did all of this free of charge at an in kind contribution of \$945.00. Consensus was given.

Treasurer's Report: The treasury report was presented to the board. There is \$4336.98 in checking and \$1000.60 in savings for fiscal year 2011-2012. Total balance on hand at this meeting is \$5337.58. Motioned by Kevin McLouth, second by George Dragoo to approve the report. Carried.

Webmaster Report: George Dragoo reported that the new web page is up and running. He is in the process of producing an archive of past programs for All State Band and Jazz Band along with continuous updating of the list of retired band directors.

Grade School Contest Report: Steve Solem reported that there is \$6007.24 in checking and \$11,470.98 in Certificates of Deposit for a total asset of \$17,478.22. He then presented a check for \$1500.00 to help support ASJB. Steve announced that he will resign his position as the State Chair for grade school contest after this years events. He has found a replacement in Jeff Patzlaff. The board will take action on this transition at All State Band.

Scholarship Report: The secretary read a letter from Toby Rath, scholarship chairman, stating that he had mailed out application documents to the collegiate directors in South Dakota. Applications are due by March 16th. He gave applicants the option of emailing their entire packet including .wav files in lieu of a CD of the performance portion of the application. Recipients will be selected at All State Band and the presentation will take place at the Intercollegiate Band concert.

All State Band Awards And Recording: James Weaver announced that Bob Carlson and Corliss Johnson will be receiving the SDHSAA awards this year and he has student medals ready to go. Todd Carr of Yankton will again record the ASB concerts and SDPB will take feed from Todd's recordings.

New All State Band Score Tabulation Application: James Weaver demonstrated the new online All State Band scoring tabulation website. He will give a shortened version of this presentation to the general membership on Friday. Certain updates will be done to the application by the time All State Orchestra auditions occur next fall. There seems to be a great deal of data compilation that can be done with this application besides score tabulation.

All State Band Judges Report: None of the panel of All State Band judges could attend this meeting. James Weaver presented letters from each judge thanking the site chairs and praising the new tabulation system. They would not want to go back to the old paper ballot system.

All State Jazz Band Report: Ryan Stahle reported that this year's clinicians are Michael Phillip Mossman from NYC Aaron Copland School of Music, Dave Stanoch of McNally Smith College of Music and Dean Sorenson from the University of Minnesota. He wants to eventually go to four guest artist clinicians. Jeremy Hegg will present the "Jazz Diversity Project" to the All State Jazz Band students which is a performance based format on the history of jazz. Audition ballots will be handed back this year and he wants to go to online audition submission and score tabulation. Motioned by Bob Carlson, second by Helen Mogen to give the \$1500.00 check from grade school contest funds to All State Jazz Band. Carried.

Membership Report: Helen Mogen reported that there are 178 paid members in SDBA. Discussion in sued about membership cards in that in 2002 the board voted to do away with them. Even though they were never done away with. Motioned by George Dragoo, second by Sara Olson to reinstate membership cards. Carried. Helen suggested that a deadline of some kind be considered for membership dues. After discussion, Motioned by Helen Mogen, second by Kevin McLouth to recommend to the general membership that a two tiered dues system be created in that dues postmarked on or before December 1st be \$25.00 and \$30.00 after December 1st. Carried.

Young Band Director Award: Brian LeMaster reported that he had three nominees so far for this award. He wanted to clarify that any teaching member of SDBA at any level that meets the criteria could be nominated. He asked to solicit nominations from the general membership and submit a letter of recommendation with the nomination. The board decided to put award recipients on our website.

Hall Of Fame Report: Ted Powell reported that he has three nominations so far, Lon Sweet, Dennis Hegg and Jim Smith. He then turned his report over to Dave Haugen who proposed that if no one is inducted in a given year, the next year two people could be inducted. Right now criteria states that only one person can be inducted per year. He also noted that criteria that a nominee must have been retired for at least five years, which was on this years nomination form, is no longer a criteria. Motioned by Kevin McLouth, second by Sara Olson that “When no honorees have been selected in a previous year, SDBA membership may vote to induct two the current year”. Carried.

History And Archives: Dave Haugen reported that he is happy to see a new SDBA archive and updated retirement list being instituted under George Dragoo’s and others efforts. He suggested that a History of Public and Private School Band Programs be produced and eventually be presented as a picture power point at the convention and at All State Band. President Hansen suggested that each region appoint a historian to work on this. George Dragoo volunteered to come up with a form that the regions can use, in this regard, to be considered at the board meeting at All State Band in Brookings.

All State Band Site Chair Report: Ron Stary presented two revised schedules for All State Band because the Navy band insists on a three hour set up for their concert on Friday. After discussion a revised schedule was agreed upon and Ron will present it on Saturday at the All State Band announcement. Two of Captain Waldon’s pieces have not yet arrived. The board decided to drop one of them and get the other one out to students in the best way possible. There will be clinics, for directors, on Smart Music and clarinet at the event.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:27 PM.  
Reconvened at 1:10 PM

Convention Bands Report: In Keven Kessler’s absence president Hansen reported that there are no applicants at this time but anticipates applications between now and All State Band.

All State Band State Chair Report: Mary Cogswell thanked James Weaver and SDHSAA for the new score tabulation system. She stated that it took a great deal of stress away from the job. James Weaver and Mary Cogswell suggested that the board take the responsibility of contacting the All State Band conductors to get the program and make up student parts folders etc. away from the site chairs and turn this over to the state chair for consistency year to year. Motioned by Bob Carlson, second by Sara Olson to appoint Mary Cogswell All State Band State Chair under James Weaver’s proposal. Carried. James and Mary asked for rationale for why we add 3 points to the sight reading score (three categories) and 1 point to the written test score (one category) on the All State Band ballot. Rationale was that since 1 is a perfect score that those categories had to start out at a point of 1. After discussion, Motioned by Helen Mogen, second by Sarah Olson to eliminate the 3 and 1 point addition on the All State Band ballot. Carried. James Weaver announced that in the future students will be able to access an online data base to practice for the terms test. Sample test can be selected at random.

Members In Distress: It was asked that Wayne Dempster who was in a tree trimming accident but recovering nicely, Marlin Petersen and Don Paul and Dennis Hegg be in our thoughts and prayers.

Members Recently Retired: President Hansen asked if there was any knowledge of recently retired SDBA members. None mentioned except president Hansen’s pending retirement. We will ask for any information from the general membership.

Convention Report: Dr. David Reynolds, SDSU Music Department Head, reported that registration is very strong. They have great clinicians and a good exhibits. A question was asked, from the board, as to the feasibility of having the convention all in one building. Dr. Reynolds said depending on the state legislature there may be a two year window to be able to have the entire convention at the performing arts center. One board member suggested an interest session on instrument repair in the future.

Chair Stipends: Motioned by Helen Mogen, second by Sara Olson to direct the secretary/treasurer to pay the following stipends. Webmaster George Dragoo - \$200.00 stipend and \$25.00 web fee, Toby Rath \$100.00 for All State Band sight reading publishing. Mary Cogswell relinquished her stipend for this year for All State Band State Chair.

SDBA Logo: Helen Mogen brought up the fact that SDBA does not have a “logo” while many other music organizations do. President Hansen appointed Bob Carlson to ask Dan Carlson to come up with some samples for the board to consider.

Future Of All State Band: President Hansen expressed concern, after seeing some of the data presented by James Weaver, about the quality of future All State Bands. He suggested we monitor the quality each year and maybe consider an adjustment of the number of students participating in the future. James Weaver will present some of this data at the general membership meeting on Friday.

Involvement in SDBA: President Hansen also expressed that he thought we should encourage younger members of SDBA to get involved in the different functions of the organization. We are happy that our two newest board members fall into that category. We need to form a nominating committee for elections for 2013. Kevin McLouth from regions I & 2 and George Dragoo from regions VII and VIII will be going off the board next year and we need a nominee for president elect.

Adjournment: Motioned by Sarah Olsen, second by Bob Carlson to adjourn at 2:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Marklen H. Bray  
Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
General Membership Meeting at the Convention  
Friday and Saturday February 10th and 11th 2012  
SDSU Larson Memorial Concert Hall

The February general membership meeting at the 2012 convention in Brookings of the South Dakota Bandmasters was called to order by President Gary Hansen at 4:15 PM.

Previous Minutes: The secretary/treasurer read the minutes of the general membership held on March 26th in Yankton at ASB, followed by the minutes of the executive board meeting from the previous day at the 2012 convention in Brookings. Motioned by Jerome Letcher, 2nd by Dan Carlson to approve the March 26th 2011 ASB general membership minutes. Carried. Motioned by Helen Mogen, 2nd by Reid Johnson to approve the February 9th, 2012 convention executive board minutes. Carried.

Dues Deadline Adjustment: President Hansen asked for discussion on the boards recommendation to go to a two tiered dues schedule in that dues paid on or before December 1st are \$25.00 and \$30.00 after December 1st. From the floor, it was suggested that December 15th would be a better date. Motioned by Toby Rath, second by Al Palzma to accept the two tiered dues payment schedule but using December 15th as the cut off date. Carried.

Hall Of Fame: President Hansen asked for discussion on board action to allow 2 individuals to be inducted into the Hall Of Fame, in a given year, when there was no one inducted the previous year. From the floor, it was suggested that all three of the nominees for this year were very deserving. Several members spoke on their behalf. Motioned by Brian LeMaster, second by Jeremy Schutter to allow all three nominees to be inducted if they all get the required 2/3 majority of membership vote. Carried.

Grade School Contest: President Hansen announced, at Steve Solem's request, to please pick up grade school contest ribbons located on the tables in the PAC lobby.

Distressed, Deceased or Retired Members: The president asked the membership if there were any additional distressed, deceased or retired members other than those mention form the executive board. No response from the membership.

All State Band Schedule: President Hansen pointed out that because of the Navy band concert at this years ASB, rehearsal time will be cut. He urged that directors make sure that students are well prepared on the music before the event.

Young Band Director Award: Brian LeMaster wanted to emphasize criteria that any SDBA member at any level of teaching could be considered for the award. A nominee must have taught at least three years and not more than ten years.

New All State Band Score Tabulation System: James Weaver gave a short presentation on the new online ASB score tabulation and data system.

All State Jazz Band: Ryan Stahle emphasized that ASJB audition material is due by March 1st

recessed at 5:04 PM 2/10  
reconvened at 12:55 PM 2/11

Hall Of Fame: In Tedd Powel's absence president Hansen announced that all three of the nominees; Jim Smith, Dennis Hegg and Lon Sweet received a 2/3 vote of the membership on Friday's meeting. All three will be inducted into the Hall Of Fame.

Convention Bands: Kevin Kessler once again encouraged the membership to apply to play at next year's convention and reminded them to get recordings in by the third day of ASB.

All State Band Site Chair: Ron Stary described information that is included in directors packets. He said the missing piece for the Lewis band will be delivered online as a pdf. He reminded directors to make sure students are well prepared.

2013 Convention: President Hansen thanked the SDSU staff and Dr. David Reynolds for the fine convention this year. Dr. Reynolds invited SDBA back for next year's convention. Motioned by Jeremy Schutter, second by Jerome Letcher to accept Dr. Reynolds invitation. Carried.

Motioned by Brian LeMaster, second by Gwen Wenisch to adjourn at 1:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marklen H. Bray  
Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Band Masters Association  
Executive Board Meeting at All State Band  
Friday March 23, 2012  
SDSU Performing Arts Center, Brookings

The 2012 Executive Board meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association, at All State Band, was called to order at 9:00 AM by president Gary Hansen: Board members present; President Gary Hansen, Past President Bob Carlson, President Elect Helen Mogen, Secretary/Treasurer Mark Bray, Region Representatives Reid Johnson, George Dragoo, Kevin McLouth, Sara Olson.

Previous Minutes: The minutes of the February 9th Executive Board and February 10th and 11th 2010 General Membership meetings at the convention in Brookings were presented by the secretary for the boards perusal. The Executive Board minutes were approved, by the board, at the February 11th General Membership meeting at the convention. The General Membership minutes, from the convention, will be approved Saturday 2/24 at the ASB GM meeting. No action taken.

Treasury Report: The secretary/treasurer reported that, as of today, there is \$4495.49 in checking and \$1200.68 in savings for a total of \$5696.17

New Policy: The secretary asked for the possibility of soliciting funds from the membership to help cover expenses for cards and flowers etc. requested by any member of SDBA for sickness or memorial services of members and/or members relatives. Motioned by George Dragoo second by Bob Carlson to put a line in the membership application soliciting a voluntary contribution to a separate fund for this purpose. Carried

Membership Report: Helen Mogen reported that there are currently 187 paid members in SDBA.

All State Band Report: Ron Stary reported that things are going well so far. There were some glitches with sound effects in one of Walden's pieces. George Dragoo will try to work something out. Ron mentioned a reminder that students must have a ticket to get into the Navy Band concert. The All State Band rehearsals will break at 11:30 for the Intercollegiate concert which will begin at 11:45. Ron explained some problems with percussion assignments. Bob Carlson said that Luke Sursley has volunteered to help with this working with Mary Cogswell as All State Band State Chairperson. Thanks to Aaron Ragsdale for his considerable help with the percussion equipment. Also thanks to Mollet Music, K & M Music, Schmitt Music, Taylor Music, the SDSU Music Department and the Brookings HS band parents for treats etc.

Webmaster Report: George Dragoo announced that he would like to find someone to take over as webmaster as he would like to concentrate his efforts on the History/Archive project. Please contact George if interested.

Scholarship Report: Toby Rath reported that there were four applicants for the \$500 SDBA scholarships. The committee selected Tyler Schwan and John Patzlaff from NSU. The awards will be presented at the Intercollegiate concert. The students and their director will be given contact information for Secretary Bray in order to claim the award next fall.

Convention Bands: President Hansen announced that there are 5 applicants for performance at the 2013 convention. Selection will take place this weekend at All State Band.

2013 All State Band: President Hansen reminded the board about the back to back performances with an intermission between the bands for the 2013 ASB in Rapid City at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Theater. The concert time will be determined with SDHSAA.

Deceased: Marlin Petersen, and Ruth Winter wife of Milo Winter passed away since our last meeting.

Retired: Ted Powell and Gary Hansen will be retiring at the end of this school year.

History/Archive Project: George Dragoo presented a letter that he would like to send to all High School band programs soliciting historical information about their programs. He will mail this letter along with a form asking for basic to extensive information.

SDBA Logo: Helen Mogen presented some sample logos from graphic designer Becky Ochsner. The board picked four samples to present to the membership through the website for a vote.

Nominating Committee: Kevin McLouth and George Dragoo are going off the board next year and will pick nominees from their regions to be presented at the 2013 Convention. President Hansen appointed George Dragoo, Jerome Letcher and Arlen Hofer to a committee to nominate candidates for president elect.

Future All State Bands: President Hansen brought for some ideas and concerns about future All State Bands. Ten years ago over one thousand students were auditioning for All State Band. This year there were just over five hundred. Cut off scores are rising. Consideration needs to be given as to cost, size, comparison of the two bands by the students, venues and large and small school participation. He will address this at the general membership meeting on Saturday.

Sioux Falls Drumline Conflict: Helen Mogen brought up the fact that there are conflicts of events between the Sioux Falls Drumline "Grove" and schools in her regions including All State Band and large group contest events. Bob Carlson will talk to Pete Hansen, the director of the drumline, and try to resolve this situation.

Motioned: by George Dragoo second by Sara Olsen to adjourn at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Marklen H. Bray  
Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
General Membership Meeting at All State Band  
Saturday March 24th, 2012  
SDSU Performing Arts Center, Brookings

The General Membership meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association at the 2012 All State Band was called to order at 10:01 AM by president Gary Hansen.

Previous Minutes: The secretary/treasurer read the minutes of the general membership held on February 10th and 11th at the convention in Brookings, followed by the minutes of the executive board meeting from the previous day at the 2012 All State Band in Brookings.

Motioned by Jennifer Hawkinson, 2nd by Kevin Kessler to approve the February 10th and 11th general membership minutes. Carried.

Motioned by George Drago , 2nd by Sara Olson to approve the March 23rd executive board minutes at All State Band. Carried.

Webmaster Request: The president mentioned that George Drago has requested to be relieved from the SDBA webmaster duties so he can concentrate on the History and Archive project. He asked for a volunteer to take over the webmaster duties. No response.

Convention Bands: Kevin Kessler was asked to report on the outcome of the convention bands applications. He responded that he would like to notify the ones that were not selected before he reveals those that were.

All State Band: Ron Stary reported that things were going very well and the sound effect glitch in one of Capt. Walden's pieces was well worked out by George Drago. Pictures are at 3:30 and 7:30. Shoulder patches are now available. Pictures and CD orders can be done in the theater lobby before and during the concerts.

2013 All State Band: Don Downs reported that the Lewis and Clark band concerts, at next years All State Band, would be an evening event back to back with an intermission between performances. The main purpose for this is to attempt to get a larger audience for both concerts in the large Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Theater. This proposal was approved by the board at the 2011 ASB in Yankton.

Decease/Distressed: It was revealed that Shane Macklin's father passed away.

Grade School Contest: Upon Steve Solem's resignation as state chair of the SDBA Grade School Contest, president Hansen appointed Jeff Patzlaff the new state chairman. Patzlaff has accepted the position.

Survey: Don Crowe talked about his music education survey and revealed some statistics. He will repeat the survey next year in order to document any changes across the state.

All State Band: President Hansen discussed some of the data that James Weaver presented at the February convention. He raised concerns over the cost of auditions, the quality of the bands and school participation in the audition process. He discussed the possibility of considering going back to one smaller All State Band of around 97 students. Discussion in sued. No action taken.

History And Archive: George Drago presented a letter that he will send to every school in the state requesting basic historical information about the band programs. He wants to start with basic information and eventually expand and publish.

All State Jazz Band: James Weaver announced that All State Jazz Band audition ballots will be available on the SDHSAA website in a drop box.

Adjournment: Motioned by Ryan Stahle, second by Jerome Letcher to adjourn at 11:28 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marklen H. Bray  
Secretary/Treasurer