

South Dakota Band Masters Association
Executive Board Meeting @ All State Band
Friday March 25, 2011
Yankton High School - Orchestra Room

The executive board meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was called to order at 9:05 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 and SDHSAA Representative and Parliamentarian - Ken Pickering.

Executive Board previous minutes: The secretary presented the minutes from the executive board meeting of February 10, 2011 in Brookings. Motioned by Bob Carlson, 2nd by George Dragoo to approve. Carried

Treasury Report: The secretary/treasurer reported that there is \$4817.73 in the account at this time. He also reported that a new business account had been opened at the suggestion of one of the bankers at Wells Fargo. A stipulation for free checking for this account was that we have a savings account with an automatic transfer of \$100.00 to be made each month.

Membership Report: It was reported that there are now 160 members in SDBA. A few checks for membership still need to be deposited.

Webmaster Report: George Dragoo reported that he is looking at using "iweb" as our web development tool. The conversion will be done some time this summer.

Incorporation Report: The secretary reported that he had contacted his accountant to inquire as to tax ID, tax exempt status and filing federal returns. The accountant said that we must apply for tax exempt status in order to file the simplest required form which is Form 990. Jon Sogn is in the process of applying for 501(c)3.

Convention Bands Report: Kevin Kessler reported that there are seven applicants for the 2012 convention. The committee will meet this afternoon at 1:30 to select the bands.

Members in Distress: It was announced that Orville Evenson and Lori Rousch have passed away.

Scholarship Report: Toby Rath reported that the winners of the two SDBA scholarships are Brandi Stueckrath from USD and Amy Weitzgreffe from NSU. The certificates will be presented at the Intercollegiate concert.

Letter From Jennifer Hawkinson: President Hansen presented a document from Jennifer Hawkinson from Sioux Falls Washington which contained short resumes of various female directors asking that SDBA consider hiring more female conductors for the All State Band event. It was the consensus of the board that our first priority is to get the best qualified conductors for the student's experience and that of course that could very well include women conductors. i.e. Mallory Thompson who has been a conductor in the past. Thanks to Jennifer for the information.

AP Testing: Ken Pickering presented a letter from Jeff Lukens, AP coordinator at Roosevelt High School, asking that SDBA and SDHSAA consider changing the All State Jazz Band weekend as it has been conflicting with the first week of AP exams "causing undue stress on the kids who are selected for Jazz Band and are registered to take AP exams that week." It was the consensus of the board that nothing could be done because of the already tight schedule.

All State Band Report: Ted Powell reported that all is going well so far. He asked about how to best communicate with the conductors as to the music selection guidelines SDBA adopted at the convention. Ken Pickering said the guidelines would be included in the contract to the conductors and that the local chair should be the primary contact person.

2013 All State Band: Don Downs proposed that in 2013 in Rapid City, both All State Bands perform on the same concert. The civic center has 1500 seats and would accommodate a large audience. He said the audience for a one band concert looks and feels very small in that large theater. He also proposed that the concert time be set at 7:30 PM. During this discussion, the board learned that the SDHSAA took Sioux Falls out of the ASB rotation and added Brandon Valley. Motioned by George Dragoo, 2nd by Bob Carlson to accept the proposal. Carried

2012 All State Band: President Hansen announced that the conductors for the 2012 ASB in Brookings are Jack Stamp and the US Navy Washington DC Navy Band conductor Capt. Brian Walden. Capt. Walden must get his promotion to retain director ship of the band and if not the new director will be asked to ASB. Ken Pickering presented 2 rehearsal schedules for 2012 which accommodate a concert by the Navy Band for the ASB students, directors and the public. Motioned by Kevin McLouth, 2nd by Helen Mogen to accept the schedule designated as number 2.

All State Band Judges: The board reviewed letters and resumes of the college professors who applied for the position of Flute, Alto and Baritone Saxophone judge for ASB. The are Randy Royer from BHSU, Sandy Champion form DSU, Fred Hemke from NSU, Nathan Jorgensen form SDSU and Christopher Kocker form USD. After much discussion the board made a selection. Motioned by Kevin McLouth, 2nd by George Dragoo to rehire Alan LaFave, Rolf Olson and Paul Schilf and to offer the open position to out selectee. Carried

ASB Judge Alternates: It is the practice of the board to retain two alternate judges one for woodwinds and one for brass in case one or more of the regular judges is unable to fulfill the duties. Motioned by Helen Mogen, 2nd by Bob Carlson to offer these positions to persons that were designated by the board through consensus.

Explanation: When these positions are accepted and the other candidates are notified of the board's decisions the webmaster will send an email to the membership revealing the new personnel for these positions.

SDBA on Facebook: President Hansen made the suggestion that SDBA possibly create a secure face book page for another avenue for communication. No action taken.

Adjournment: Motioned by Bob Carlson, 2nd by Reid Johnson to adjourn at 11:04 AM. Carried

Respectfully Submitted
Marklen H. Bray
Secretary/Treasurer SDBA

South Dakota Bandmasters Association
General Membership Meeting @ All State Band
Saturday February 26th, 2011
Yankton College Alumni Theater

The General Membership of the South Dakota Bandmasters meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by president Gary Hansen.

Previous Minutes: The secretary/treasurer read the minutes of the general membership held on February 11th and 12th in Brookings at the convention followed by the minutes of the executive board meeting at the 2011 ASB from March 25th, 2011. Motioned by Bob Carlson, 2nd by George Dragoo to approve the executive board minutes. Carried. Motioned by Jennifer Hawkinson, 2nd by Jeff Patzlaff to approve the general membership minutes. Carried

Convention Bands: Kevin Kessler reported that seven bands applied for performance at the 2012 convention. He stated that four groups were chosen representing a wide range of sizes of schools and geographic areas. They are, Rapid City Stevens, Alcester-Hudson, Groton and Sioux Falls Washington.

All State Band Report: Ted Powell thanked everyone for being here. He talked about area restaurants, some logistics for the concerts and thanked Todd Carr, Renee Jackson and the band boosters for all their help. The membership gave a round of applause.

Moment of Silence: The President asked for a moment of silence for Orville Evenson and Lori Rousch who recently passed away.

Past President: President Hansen apologized for not doing so at the convention but thanked Patty Baule for her service as president and past president.

Change Of All State Band Rotation: Ken Pickering explained the expense problem in using the Pavilion in Sioux Falls. Brandon Valley has been added to the rotation. He endorsed using Sioux Falls public schools to host All State Band in Brandon Valley.

Letter To Legislature: Kevin Kessler reported on the response of the SD Legislators regarding the letter he wrote on SDBA's position on the Governor's tax cut to education. He said there were many positive responses disagreeing with these cuts. Some just said thanks for the input. Others said nothing could be done about it.

Convention Performances: Toby Rath of the convention bands selection committee urged the membership to support the performances at the convention in Brookings. President Hansen said we should talk to the SDSU planners to try to avoid conflicts with these performances.

Motioned by Duane Niles, 2nd by Jerome Letcher to adjourn @ 10:45 AM. Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Marklen H. Bray
Secretary/Treasurer - SDBA