

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
Executive Board of Directors Meeting  
McCrary Gardens Education and Visitors Center  
South Dakota State University  
February 7, 2013 Brookings Convention

The executive board meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was called to order at 10:14 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, Reid Johnson and SDHSAA Representative and parliamentarian James Weaver.

Previous Minutes: The minutes of the March 23rd Executive Board and March 24th General Membership meetings at the 2012 All State Band in Brookings were presented by the secretary for the boards perusal. The ASB Executive Board minutes were approved by the board, at the March 24th General Membership meeting at All State Band. The General Membership minutes will be approved tomorrow, February 8th 2013, at the convention General Membership meeting. No action taken. The secretary presented minutes from a special board meeting held on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Chamberlain High School library. Motioned by Kevin McLouth seconded by Sara Olson to approve these minutes. Carried.

Treasury Report: The secretary/treasurer reported that, as of today, there is \$4047.40 in checking and \$2202.25 in savings for a total of \$6249.65. Motioned by Bob Carlson seconded by Helen Mogen to approve the report. Carried.

Board Action Via Electronic Communication: On October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 President Hansen and Secretary Bray received an email from George Dragoo stating that he had chosen Jason Groon as our new webmaster from a slate of applicants. President Hansen directed the secretary to email the board for consent. According to our bylaws, written action via "reasonable electronic communication" is appropriate and binding. The board gave unanimous consent.

Membership Report: Helen Mogen reported that there are currently 185 members in SDBA. She presented comments from paying members regarding issues for SDBA mostly including statements against the combined All State weekend and Middle School All State Band.

Webmaster Report: In Jason Groon's absence Helen Mogen presented a bulleted sheet which included three recommendations from Jason. He recommends that: 1. The website needs to be transferred to a web host account owned by SDBA for about \$60.00 a year. 2. Incorporate CiviCRM which allows members to register online using Paypal at a cost of \$1.02 for every \$25.00 membership. 3. Sell ad space on website to national businesses. Motioned by Bob Carlson second by George Dragoo to accept Jason's three recommendations and recommend to the membership to accept, through a vote, the online membership registration. Carried.

Convention Report: Dr. David Reynolds reported that the SDBA board meeting was moved to McCrary due to construction at the Student Union. He conveyed excitement for this year's convention having Keith Brion, Charles Seipp and Louise Harrison and the Liverpool Legends. He stated that registration is strong at 180 to 195.

All State Band Judges Report: Alan LaFave wanted to publicly thank all the audition site chairs for their superb organization of all the audition sites. The Pierre site was changed to a Methodist church because of internet issues, and it worked out well. There was an issue in Sioux Falls with the online scoring but the back up system worked out well. He praised, once again, the online scoring system. The ballot is consistent, the judges can write more and he expressed the judges desire to make the audition process as comfortable and educational for the students as possible. Discussion ensued about the possibility of combining Pierre, Aberdeen and Watertown into one site. No action taken.

History And Archive Report: George Dragoo reported that this was put on hold due to the transition of webmaster to Jason Groon, however, directors have been sending historical information about band programs. He has programs from all All State Band and Jazz Band since their inception and will scan for presentation on the website and at convention and All State Band. He is working on getting as much historical information as possible.

All State Band Awards And Recording: James Weaver stated that the awards for All State Band are ready to go. There will be no awards presented this year from SDHSAA. SDPB will still be recording a broadcast of the concerts but Todd Carr will not be recording this year for the CD. President Hansen appointed George Dragoo in charge of finding someone to record the concerts in Rapid City.

Mentoring Program: Dave Haugen presented material on a mentoring program which has been discussed for a long time by the SDBA board and SDBA membership. Its goals are: 1. "To retain promising young instrumental or instrumental/vocal teachers" 2. "To promote the personal and professional well being of young directors" and 3. "To improve music teaching performance by supporting continuous professional growth for both mentor and mentored". The structure of the program should be to identify an overall chair, create a process to identify teaching positions and first and second year teachers at the regional level, identify active mentors. The retired band directors list and experienced directors still teaching would act as a source of mentors and create a process for two-way communication between young teachers and active mentors. Motioned by Kevin McLouth seconded by Reid Johnson to form a Mentoring Program Committee to develop the aspects presented by Mr. Haugen. Carried. The president then appointed a committee consisting of Dave Haugen, Dennis Carlson, George Dragoo, Bob Carlson, Sara Olson, Reid Johnson, Jason Rygg, Mary Cogswell and Ryan Stahle. It was noted that all new retirees should be forwarded to Jason Groon for inclusion on the website.

Grade School Contest Report: Jeff Patzlaff reported that a transfer was made from the Flandreau account in the amount of \$17,210.69 to First Fidelity Bank in Platte. Expenses to Award Co. of America (ribbons) in the amount of \$4830.80 and current balances of \$8500.71 in savings and \$3879.18 in checking were reported. Jeff asked if All State Jazz Band needed the usual contribution GSC funds for the 2013 event. Ryan Stahle, All State Jazz chair, was present and did make that request. Motioned by George Dragoo second by Reid Johnson to allow Jeff to write a check for \$1500.00 to All State Jazz Band. Carried. Jeff then expressed concern about schools that do not participate in the SDBA Grade School Contest. He proposed that he create a recruiting tool via mail and/or email to attempt to recruit schools to participate. Motioned by Sara Olson seconded by Helen Mogen to allow this request. Carried. Motioned by Reid Johnson second by Sara Olson to approve the Grade School Contest report. Carried.

All State Jazz Band Report: Ryan Stahle reported that All State Jazz Band will be held at NSU May 2nd through the 4th. Auditions are due by March 1st. They will be using online scoring, as last year, but directors can still submit auditions by CDs.

Young Band Director Award Report: In September, 2012, at a special meeting in Chamberlain, the SDBA board approved a change to the title of this award to honor the memory of Dennis Hegg because of his mentoring of young directors. Brian LeMaster, chair of this award, had researched costs of permanent ongoing presentations similar to the John Philip Sousa Band award or Louis Armstrong Jazz awards at an increased cost from current costs. Motioned by George Dragoo seconded by Kevin McLouth to approve the additional cost for the permanent presentation for the award. It will be called the Dennis Hegg Young Band Director Award. Carried. Brian then expressed concerns of the lack of nominations for the award. Discussion ensued.

SDBA Scholarship Report: President Hansen presented a written report for scholarship chair Toby Rath stating that he had emailed information and application information to all of the collegiate directors in South Dakota. This year the audition process can be completely digital, thanks to the additions made to the SDBA web page. Applicants have the option of emailing the entire packet, including .wav files in lieu of CDs of their performance. At this time they can still send CDs and paper applications. Toby will form a committee as stated in the guidelines and will meet at All State Band to select the recipients which will be presented at the Intercollegiate Band concert as usual.

All State Band Site Chair Report: George Dragoo, on behalf of Don Downs and Toby Rath, expressed concerns that, with the change in the state chair's duties of not having to tabulate scores but contacting conductors as to concert program selection and preparing music packets for student folders, site chairs have not had the same contact with the conductors as they have in the past, as to instrumentation, seating etc. Mary Cogswell stated that she had emailed Don and Toby the percussion, harp and Eb clarinet part requirements for the music chosen. James Weaver said that there had been no discussion between he and the conductors as to seating. Helen Mogen has emailed contact info to Don and Toby for the conductors.

Members Deceased On In Distress: Mike Nepodal of Corsica and Stickney has cancer and Kandy Hastings went through extensive back surgery recovery from November through February.

Recessed for lunch at 12:32 PM  
Reconvened at 1:04 PM

SDBA Retirees: Bob Carlson is retiring from Sioux Falls Lincoln High School this year. President Hansen congratulated Bob for his service to SDBA, Lincoln High School as well as his entire career as a music educator.

Old Business: The subject of reimbursement for mileage for the special meeting in Chamberlain was brought up. Motioned by Reid Johnson seconded by Bob Carlson to reimburse those who drove to Chamberlain at \$.30 per mile, less than the state rate of \$.37 cents per mile. Gary Hansen received \$125.40, George Dragoo \$125.40, Helen Mogen \$85.20, Sara Olson \$13.20 Kevin McLouth \$73.80. Reid Johnson and Bob Carlson were not present. Carried.

All State Band Chair Report: Mary Cogswell reported that preparing the music was much easier than tabulating scores as in the past. She would like to have the programs from the conductors by October 1st instead of November 1st as stated in the current guidelines for conductors. She stated that in this years music the piano parts are quite difficult and there are extensive percussion parts along with harp. The board decided that James Weaver should ask the All State Orchestra harpist to play the harp part(s) for All State Band. James Weaver interjected statistics as to numbers of registered auditions in each section vs actual auditions and a percentage of declines from 1999. Mary voiced concern, as a specialist in starting kids as beginners in band, about the declining number of students auditioning for All State Band but also the trend that band program numbers are declining state wide. She voiced that we should develop a program of recruiting in the earlier years of elementary school before 4th grade. Motioned by George Dragoo seconded by Kevin McLouth to change guidelines for conductors to state that they should submit programs by October 1st. Carried. Motioned by Helen Mogen seconded by Bob Carlson to include piano as an audition category beginning in 2014, if needed, and change the guidelines to the conductors to recommend that they pick some literature that includes piano parts.

Middle School All State Band: Through membership recruitment, some members stated that SDBA should start our own Middle School All State Band. After much discussion the SDBA board came to consensus that starting our own middle school all state band would prove to be to divisive and not productive for our state. The SDBA board supports the Middle School All State Band and has only the best interest of the students of South Dakota in mind.

Hall Of Fame: Phil Carlson was asked to take over the duties of Hall Of Fame chair and has done a great job at this last minute request. He revealed three nominations including Dennis Carlson, James McKinney and Bob Goheen. The board has questions about

the voting rules and called Ted Powell to clarify. Following discussion it was motioned by George Dragoo and seconded by Helen Mogen that membership can vote for one, two, all or none of the nominees and the inductee must have a vote of 66% of the membership vote. Carried

Motioned by Kevin McLouth seconded by Sara Olson for the secretary/treasurer to pay the stipends for All State Band state chair, All State Band sight reading publication and webmaster duties as established by the SDBA board: Mary Cogswell - \$200.00, Toby Rath - \$100.00 and Jason Groom - \$200.00 plus expenses. Carried.

Information: The SDHSAA will be sending a survey to all high school music teachers at the end of March or early April regarding the proposed All State combined weekend. As of now the proposal does not include All State Jazz Band.

Convention Bands Report: Kevin Kessler is out on sabbatical but has given four names to President Hansen and President-elect Mogen for replacement for his chair position. They will appoint his replacement.

Executive Session: At 3:50 PM President Hansen declared the board in executive session to discuss a personnel matter. At 3:57 the President declared the board out of executive session,

New Business: Motioned by George Dragoo second by Kevin McLouth that due to the evolution of percussion literature and rudiments and the number of percussion students auditioning for All State Band along with numerous requests from directors across the state the board will advertise an opening for a percussion specialist to serve as judge for this category. Following selection judging assignments will be looked at and will possibly be restructured. Carried.

2014 All State Band: Bethany Amundson, director in Pierre, will be on leave next year during the All State Band event. Larry Johnson has agreed to take the site chairmanship for the event.

Adjournment: The President declared the meeting adjourned at 4:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Marklen H. Bray  
Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
General Membership Meeting at the Convention  
Friday, February 8th & Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
SDSU Larson Memorial Concert Hall

The February 2013 general membership meeting of South Dakota Bandmasters, at the convention, was called to order at 4:11 PM by President Gary Hansen.

Minutes: The membership was given hard copies for the minutes from the general membership meeting at the 2012 All State Band, the special board meeting in September and the executive board meeting yesterday February 7th. Secretary Bray went through these minutes with the membership. Motioned by Ben Latham seconded by Jerome Letcher to accept the minutes from the general membership meeting at the 2012 All State Band. Carried. The special board meeting minutes required no action. Motioned by Reid Johnson seconded by George Dragoo to accept the executive board minutes from February 7th. Carried

Nominations For Board Positions: Jerome Letcher revealed nominees for regions I & II Tyler Nettetstad and Brian Smith and for regions VII & VIII Lyn Alberty and Steve Aalbu. He also revealed nominees for president elect Don Downs and Dr. Larry Peterson. Jerome asked for nominees from the floor. There were none. A vote was called for. Results will be revealed at tomorrow's meeting.

Hall Of Fame: Phil Carlson announced to the membership that there are three nominees for Hall Of Fame. They are Dennis Carlson, James McKinney and Bob Goheen. Phil asked for testimonials from the floor. There were none. The board gave additional explanation on the voting process. A vote was called for. Results will be revealed at tomorrow's meeting.

Mentoring Program: Helen Mogen encouraged the membership to attend the mentoring session on Saturday morning.

Recessed at 4:11 PM 2/8/2013

Reconvened at 12:49 PM 2/9/2013

Online Membership Registration: President Hansen called for a vote of the membership to approve Jason Groom's request to incorporate online registration into the website. Motioned by Ben Latham seconded by Jerome Letcher to accept. Carried

Scholarship Report: Toby Rath reported that things are going well.

All State Jazz Band: Ryan Stahle reported auditions are due by March 1st. They will be using online scoring, as last year, but directors can still submit auditions by CDs.

Grade School Contest: Jeff Patzlaff encouraged schools to participate in their local contest. Contest managers were reminded to get ribbons from him.

Moment Of Silence: President Hansen asked the membership for a moment of silence for Dennis Hegg.

New Retirees: It was announced that Bob Carlson, Renita Dose and Jolene Krause are retiring.

Combined All State Weekend: President Hansen asked for a show of hands in favor and then against. The result was overwhelmingly against. Jerome Letcher spoke up and said we need to get parents and administrators involved.

Hall Of Fame Voting Results: Bob Goheen will be inducted into the Hall Of Fame this year.

Board Members Voting Results: Don Downs was voted President Elect. Brian Smith will be the new director from region 1 & 2. Lyn Alberty will be the new director from regions 7 & 8. President Hansen then turned duties over to Helen Mogen. Helen then thanked Gary Hanson, George Dragoo and Kevin McLouth for their service.

2014 Conention: Dr. David Reynolds invited SDBA back to Brookings for the 2014 convention. Motioned by George Dragoo seconded by Bob Carlson to accept Dr. Reynolds invitation. Carried.

2013 All State Band: Toby Rath gave a short report on All State Band in Rapid City. The bands will once again rehearse on the theater stage at the Civic Center and at Central HS. He described what was included in the music packets.

President Mogen declared the meeting adjourned at 1:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marklen H. Bray  
Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
Executive Board Meeting at All State Band  
Friday March 22, 2013  
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center

Board Members Present: President Helen Mogen, President-elect Don Downs, Region Representatives Reid Johnson, Sara Olson, Brian Smith, and Lyn Alberty.

Guests Present: Bob Carlson, Wayne Carney (SDHSAA), James Weaver (SDHSAA), Mary Ann Downs substituting as Secretary for Mark Bray.

The March 22, 2013 meeting of the Executive Board of South Dakota Bandmasters Association at All State Band was called to order at 8:35 am by President Helen Mogen.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 General Membership meeting were distributed. Reid Johnson moved they approved. Second by Sara Olson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Ann Downs presented the report from Mark Bray: current balance in the checking account is \$2754.40, in the savings account is \$2402.41 for a total of \$5156.81. Since then he has written two checks totaling \$200.00 for expenses for board members for this meeting. Brian Smith moved the Treasurer's report be approved. Reid Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Membership: Helen Mogen reported there are currently 198 members of SDBA.

Webmaster Report: Jason Groon informed Helen Mogen that it costs \$1.02 if a member chooses to use Paypal to pay dues online. After discussion, it was decided the dues should remain the same for now and see how many members will actually use the Paypal option before trying to change the dues to recoup that cost.

Scholarships: Reid Johnson revealed the names of the two college students receiving scholarships from SDBA: Robert Conrad, tuba, Northern State University, and Spencer Wahl, alto sax, South Dakota State University. There were 8 applications from Northern and one from SDSU. Helen Mogen expressed hope that more directors could be encouraged to have their students apply.

Music Convention Performing Bands: According to Bob Carlson, five schools have submitted recordings for consideration for next year's convention.

Outstanding Young Director Award: Helen Mogen displayed the plaque for the award, and presented a bill for \$67.60 from Flyer Engraving for the engraving. Helen asked the board to consider a payment to Shane Fods for his time in designing the top plate which has an etching of Dennis Hegg. After discussion of an appropriate amount, Wayne Carney, SDHSAA, indicated SDHSAA would like to contribute as well. He suggested that SDBA prepare an invoice in the amount of \$150.00 and send it to SDHSAA. They will then pay SDBA the \$150.00, SDBA will pay the bill of \$67.60, and the remainder, \$82.40, could be paid to Shane Fods for the design. The board expressed gratitude to SDHSAA for this contribution.

Other Awards: There will be one Phi Beta Mu award to be presented at 7:20 pm tomorrow night before the concert.

All State Band: Don Downs reported there had only been minor music issues so far.

Members in Distress or Retirements: There were none to report.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Helen Mogen has received a letter from Sara Olson, Region 5-6 Representative on the Board, stating that she is resigning from that position since she will not be teaching next year. Helen asked for names from the board to fill out the remainder of Sara's term, and it was suggested she contact Jeff Patzlaff who was the Region 5-6 representative before Sara.

All State Band 2014 in Pierre: Helen Mogen noted previous minutes had stated that Larry Johnson would be the site chair for 2014 All State Band in Pierre, but that this is incorrect. The new band director in Pierre will be the site chair with Larry Johnson available to give assistance.

All State Band 2015: 1) Whether the 2015 All State Band will be held in Brandon has not been finally determined according to James Weaver. Concerns have been raised about the lack of restaurants in Brandon necessitating travel to Sioux Falls which could pose problems. Negotiations will continue with the Pavilion in Sioux Falls, with another possible venue being Sioux Falls O'Gorman. 2) Helen Mogen noted the decision will have to be made soon as to whether President-elect Don Downs will be hiring one or two conductors for the event, and James Weaver agreed that it is best to get the contracts signed two years out.

SDBA and SDHSAA Co-Sponsorship of All State Band: James Weaver stated the SDHSAA is looking to cease co-sponsorship of All State Band, Jazz Band, Chorus and Orchestra with SDBA and SDMEA, and have SDHSAA be the sole sponsor of these events, which is the way all of their other activities are run. The President of SDBA and the President of SDMEA currently have a seat on the Music Advisory Committee (MAC), and that committee would be expanded to include the individual chairs of All State Band, Jazz Band,

Chorus and Orchestra. SDBA would work with the MAC members, and SDBA proposals would be taken to the MAC for consideration. The MAC would make its proposals to the SDHSAA Board of Directors (BOD) who would have the final vote. Reid Johnson asked when this change would take place, and James stated it would be proposed to the MAC at its April 8 meeting, and the MAC recommendation would be presented to the SDHSAA BOD at its April and June meetings. Reid asked if this would also extend to All State Jazz Band, and James stated that it would.

All State Band Judges: Since the judging contracts are between the individual judge and the SDHSAA, and in order to follow SDHSAA protocol, no changes in the judging team will be made at this time. Assuming the MAC and SDHSAA BOD affirm the new sponsorship agreement at their upcoming meetings, after that time proposed changes in judging would go to the MAC which would then make a proposal to the SDHSAA BOD for final determination. James suggested using the current All State Orchestra judge evaluation: after auditions, directors with students auditioning are surveyed (anonymously) concerning the quality of the judging, and whether changes need to be made. James stated this could be done after next year's auditions, and the suggestion was made to go ahead and survey directors now. The following course of action was agreed on: 1) James and Helen will draft a letter to the applicants saying all applications received will be placed on hold at this time. 2) James will send a survey to directors within the next two weeks. 3) James will take the results of the survey to the MAC in April for them to determine if changes should be proposed. 4) Any proposal from the MAC will go to the SDHSAA BOD. If any changes in judges need to be made, the application process will be re-opened at that time.

Mentorship Meeting: Helen Mogen announced the mentorship committee meeting would start in the Green Room at 2:15 pm.

General Membership Meeting: This meeting will take place tomorrow morning at 9:00 am at Central High School.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Downs for Mark Bray

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
General Membership Meeting at All State Band  
Saturday March 23, 2013  
Rapid City Central High School

The March 23, 2013 meeting of the General Membership of South Dakota Bandmasters Association at All State Band was called to order at 9:06 am by President Helen Mogen.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 general membership meeting and the March 22, 2013 executive board meeting were distributed. Ben Latham moved the minutes be approved. Phil Carlson seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Ann Downs presented the report from Mark Bray: current balance in the checking account is \$2754.40, in the savings account is \$2402.41 for a total of \$5156.81. Sara Olson moved the Treasurer's report be approved. Jerome Letcher seconded. Motion carried.

Deceased Band Directors: President Helen Mogen asked for a minute of silence for Bob Gorder and Lenny Quail.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Dave Martinson asked for clarification of the proposal for SDHSAA to become the sole sponsor of All State Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, and Chorus.

James Weaver, SDHSAA, explained that this idea has been around for a number of years, but that due to certain recent issues that have come up, it is now time to make music activities align with the other activities in the state, i.e. SDHSAA is the sole sponsor of the events. The SDHSAA feels this will streamline how decisions are made and simplify the process, and James explained the process as outlined in the March 22, 2013 minutes. It is also his hope to have all the music activities have the same entry and participation fees. Helen Mogen clarified that the SDBA Executive Board would not be making decisions on any proposals to take to the Music Advisory Committee (MAC), but rather those decisions would be made by the SDBA general membership. James noted that SDHSAA wants to make sure all directors in the state have a voice in decisions, not just members of SDBA. Helen stated the SDBA executive board wishes to retain artistic control of All State Band, but a number of members expressed concern whether this could be guaranteed under this new arrangement.

On the question of combined music All State events, James stated that the conversation will continue, but there is currently no timetable for a proposal to the MAC.

On the question of one or two All-State Bands, Helen Mogen stated that the discussion is also on-going on this point, and no decision has been made. Any recommendation for a change would have to go to the MAC, which would then send on a recommendation to the SDHSAA Board of Directors. President-elect Don Downs will not be able to finalize conductor choices for 2015 until that decision has been made.

After much discussion of the declining number of students auditioning for All State Band, Ben Latham moved the SDBA draft a letter to send to region meetings encouraging more participation in All State Band auditions, and the discussion could be at the region level. Jerome Letcher seconded. Motion approved. Duane Niles volunteered to write the letter.

Motion to adjourn by Arlen Hofer. Seconded by Ben Latham. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Downs substituting for Mark Bray