

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
Executive Board of Directors Meeting  
McCrary Gardens Education and Visitors Center  
South Dakota State University  
February 13, 2014 Brookings Convention

The executive board meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was called to order at 10:24 AM by President Helen Mogen: Board members present; President Helen Mogen, Past President Gary Hansen, President Elect Don Downs, Secretary/Treasurer Mark Bray, Region Representatives Brian Smith, Lyn Alberty, Reid Johnson and SDHSAA Representative and parliamentarian James Weaver. Representative Jeff Patzlaff was absent.

Previous Minutes: The minutes of the March 22nd Executive Board and March 23rd General Membership meetings at the 2013 All State Band in Rapid City were presented by the secretary for the boards perusal. The ASB Executive Board minutes were approved at the March 23th General Membership meeting at All State Band. The General Membership minutes will be approved tomorrow, February 14th 2014 at the convention General Membership meeting. No action taken.

Treasury Report: The secretary/treasurer reported that at the end of FY 2013-2014 there was 3583.36 in checking and \$3403.75 in savings for a total of \$5987.11. Since February 1st there is \$72.45 in the paypal account and mailed membership deposits of \$205.00 in checking. Motioned by Don Downs, second by Brian Smith to accept the report. Carried

Membership Report: Don Downs stated that there are 120 online registered members as of today. There are also a number of paid members who sent the form and payment vial postal mail. Discussion issued as to the discrepancy between online registration and mailed membership as well as problems with the December 15th deadline and the \$5.00 late fee. Motioned: by Lyn Alberty, second by Brian Smith to recommend to the General Membership to rescind the late fee. Carried

Website Registration: Jason explained the “rolling membership” where as once a person registers on the website their membership goes from the day of registration (ex. Sept. 1st) to the day before the following year (ex. Aug. 31). Close to the time the online membership registration would expire, a series of emails will be sent as a reminder to register for the following year. The board strongly urges all members to register online and either pay through “paypal” or download the membership registration form and mail it with a check to the address provided. From now on the only way a member, who does not want to use paypal, can download the form is by registering at the website. If you do not have access to the internet you must make special arrangements with the president elect. Motioned by Don Downs, second by Lyn Alberty to do away with membership cards and use the registration receipt provided on the website as proof of membership. Carried

Convention Bands: Dan Carlson urged directors to apply for performance at the 2015 convention and reminded that recording and applications are due by All State Band in March.

Convention Report: Dr. David Reynolds reported that registration for the 2014 convention is strong. There are great clinics. He informed that the Dakota Winds will not be doing the reading session on Saturday morning but the SDSU Concert Band has agreed to perform in it's place.

All State Jazz Band Report: Ryan Stahle reported that this years guest conductors are Tom Brantley - University of South Florida, Rex Richardson - Virginia Commonwealth University, Gary Smulyan - Amherst College and Laura Cavaini - Carleton and St. Olaf Colleges. Online auditions have been very successful. The 2015 ASJB will be held in Rapid City because of renovations at Northern State University for that year only.

Webmaster Report: Jason Groom stated that his goal is to have all members register online so we have accurate information for each member. President Mogen commended Jason for his quick response to requests from directors as to emailing information about events across the state. He wants to expand the calendar of events on the website. He wants to encourage directors to use the website and may create a “forum” area to encourage directors to use the website as a resource.

History And Archive Report: Dave Haugen presented a document modeled after a Nebraska Bandmaster's historical publication. He recommended that president Mogen appoint Arlen Hofer as chair of the committee, which she did. Arlen accepted. Dave's suggestions for committee members are; Arlen Hofer, chair, Jason Groom, George Dragoo, Mark Bray, Helen Mogen and Don Downs. If directors have not yet sent in the form on the history of their program, please do so. George Dragoo is collecting those forms.

Mentoring Program Report: Dennis Carlson reported on the Summer Symposium held last August in Chamberlain. There were approximately 20 participants. Presenters were Dave Haugen, Brad Berens and Dennis Carlson. Credit was offered for the participants from Northern State University. There were seven mentees that mentors were assigned to. Several issues were

discussed including pay for mentors and symposium presenters along with evaluations possibly done by someone other than a mentor or the committee's chair person.

All State Band Judging Panel Report: Alan Lafave made a point to thank all of the audition site chairmen for the great job they did in organizing the auditions. He praised the online scoring even though there were a few snags this year, nothing major. Alan stated that he wants to continue to maintain high standards keeping the audition experience and the All State Band event unique.

All State Band Auditions Report: James Weaver gave the following report: "797 students were registered to audition, this includes those that registered late and were added to the audition schedule. This is an increase of 13.1% from 2013. Overall we had 578 non-percussion students audition which is an increase of 7.4% from 2013, and we had 62 percussionists audition which is a decrease of 8.6% from 2013, but within the normal range over the past 10 years. Overall we had a 19.7% decline in actual auditions compared to those who registered. This is an increase of 39% of scratches when compared to 2013".

All State Band Site Report: All State Band will be held in Pierre March 27th-29th at Pierre Riggs High School. The site chair is Mackenzie Block. Now SDHSAA is sole sponsor of All State Band. Mackenzie deferred her report to James Weaver. The site is ready to go. SDHSAA has decided to keep the one concert format with an intermission between bands. The one, two and three year medals will be included in directors packets handed out at the convention instead of handing them out at the intermission of the concert. SDHSAA felt this has not given proper recognition to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students and it contributes to a rather confusing intermission according to James Weaver. Also, directors can decide their own venue for honoring these students at their home schools. The four year recipients will still be recognized, at the intermission, and will be presented by James Weaver of SDHSAA. The board agreed.

Hall Of Fame Report: Phil Carlson reported that there are no new nominations for the 2014 Hall Of Fame. The two nominees from last year, Dennis Carlson and Jim McKinney, that were not inducted last year are automatically on the ballot for this year. The secretary asked for clarification and documentation as to the original voting policies. Until we find this we will stick to what has been done recently in that the nominees need to receive 70% of the vote from the membership. Only one will be inducted with 70% of the vote. In the event of a tie (both with 70%) both will be inducted.

Young Band Director Award: Brian LeMaster expressed concern over the very small number of nominations that have been submitted recently. Consensus was that we should go to a nomination form, similar to the Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Band Director Award, and put it on the website. Other suggestions will be welcomed. We need more information on young directors as to who they are and where they teach who meet the criteria for the award. This is under research.

SDBA Scholarship Report: In Toby Rath's absence secretary Mark Bray presented a written report from Toby stating that he had recently contacted all collegiate directors in South Dakota. The applications and performances can be submitted digitally but they still have the option to send applications via "20th century technology". Materials are due on March 20th. A selection committee will be formed at All State Band and the presentations will be made at the Intercollegiate Band concert as usual.

Grade School Contest Financial Report: In Jeff Patzlaff's absence president Mogen presented the financial report for the 2013 Grade School Contest. It was noted that before the 2013 contest there was \$17,260.36 and after the contest the balance is \$14,124.89 a deficit balance of 3,117.47. This raised concern and discussion. Some suggested reasons were budget cuts in school districts and scheduling conflicts which did not allow students to participate. Motioned by Mark Bray, second by Gary Hansen to accept the report. Carried

Request From The Secretary: The secretary asked for a motion to pay the stipend and fees to Jason Groon for webmaster and the website. It was noted that the stipend for All State Band Sight Reading publication (Toby Rath) and the State All State Band chair (Mary Cogswell) are now under the financial control of SDHSAA. It was questioned as to how much should be paid for web services since we have changed the webmaster and the website and added the online registration. Treasurer Bray will have a discussion with Jason Groon in this regard. Motioned by Lyn Albery, second by Reid Johnson to pay the stipend and fees as agreed to by Jason Groon and treasurer Mark Bray.

Adjournment: The President declared the meeting adjourned at 3:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Marklen H. Bray  
Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
General Membership Meeting at the Convention  
Friday, February 14th & Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
SDSU Larson Memorial Concert Hall

The February 2014 general membership meeting of South Dakota Bandmasters, at the convention, was called to order at 4:28 PM by President Helen Mogen.

Minutes: The membership was given hard copies for the minutes from the general membership meeting at the 2013 All State Band and the executive board meeting yesterday February 13th. Secretary Bray went through these minutes with the membership. Motioned by Jerome Letcher seconded by Bob Carlson to accept the minutes from the general membership meeting at the 2013 All State Band. Carried. Motioned by Lyn Alberty seconded by Brian Smith to accept the executive board minutes from February 13th. Carried

Membership: Don Downs commented on issues with the online registration system. The board would like everyone to register online whether they pay through paypal or not. He discussed the boards recommendation to do away with the late fee. Motioned by George Dragoo, second by Dan Carlson to accept the board's recommendation to do away with the late fee. Carried

National Bandmasters Association: Dr. Boyd Perkins of NSU talked about the advantages of joining the NBA. He stated that there are currently only three members in South Dakota. Members can get national recognition for their program and receive the Instrumentalist magazine.

Convention Bands: Dan Carlson urged directors to apply for performance at the 2015 convention. Any level and size would be accepted for application. Application are due at All State Band.

All State Jazz Band: Ryan Stahle stated that All State Jazz Band will be held May 8th-10th at NSU. Auditions are due March 1st.

Webmaster: In Jason Groon's absence Helen Mogen stated that Jason wants to do more with the website besides membership registration. He wants to create a "blogging" area for directors to share ideas as a resource.

History And Archive: George Dragoo reported that he has about 12 or 13 band program history reports in. Helen Mogen urged directors to get those in as soon as possible.

Mentoring Program: Helen Mogen described what SDBA has done so far with the mentoring program and described what occurred at the Summer Symposium this past August. She urged directors to attend the session tomorrow morning at 10:15 at the PAC room 117.

Hall Of Fame: Phil Carlson stated that there were no new nominations for Hall Of Fame this year. The standing nominees from last year are Dennis Carlson and James McKinney. Ballots were passed out as Phil explained the voting procedure. Results will be revealed at Saturday's meeting.

Young Band Director Award: Brian LeMaster talked about a new form to be used for nominations. The forms are due by March 10th.

SDBA Scholarship: Toby Rath has one application so far. Applications are due March 20th. A committee will be formed at All State Band and selections will be presented at the Intercollegiate concert.

Grade Contest: Jeff Patzlaff announced that contest ribbons are out in the lobby.

Request From The Treasurer: Jason Groon took over as webmaster last February and has not yet been paid. Motioned by Mark Bray, second by Reid Johnson to pay a stipend of \$300.00 plus website fees to Jason Groon as webmaster. Carried

Members In Distress: Person who have passed: Ken Lotspeich's wife, John Cacavas and Don Paul.

New Business: Jerome Letcher suggested that directors research local year books to the History and Archive project.

Old Business: Sarah Bakken of SDMEA talked about professional development being offerd at Middle School All State Band provided by SDMEA for credit.

Recessed at 5:05 PM 2/14/2014

Reconvened at 12:45 PM 2/15/2014

2015 Convention: President Mogen 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 Phil Carlson to accept Dr. Reynolds invitation. Carried.

Hall Of Fame: The voting results were announced by Phil Carlson that Dennis Carlson will be inducted into the Hall Of Fame.

Adjournment: Upon no new business the president declared the meeting adjourned at 12:48 PM. The 2014 All State Bands announcements in sued.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marklen H. Bray  
Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
Executive Board Meeting at All State Band  
Friday March 28, 2014  
Pierre Riggs High School Conference Room

The executive board meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was called to order at 8:20 AM by President Helen Mogen: Board members present; President Helen Mogen, Past President Gary Hansen, President Elect Don Downs, Secretary/Treasurer Mark Bray, Region Representatives Brian Smith, Lyn Alberty, Reid Johnson, Jeff Patzlaff and SDHSAA Representative and parliamentarian James Weaver.

Previous Minutes: The minutes of the February 13th Executive Board meeting at the 2014 Convention in Brookings was presented by the secretary for the boards perusal. The ASB Executive Board minutes were approved at the February 14th General Membership meeting at the convention. The General Membership minutes will be approved tonight, March 28th 2014 at All State Band General Membership meeting. No action taken.

Treasurer's Report: The secretary/treasurer reported that there is currently \$2021.88 in checking with a pending check to Dakota Lettering for \$396.00 for All State Band patches and a balance in our paypal account of \$120.75 for a balance of \$1746.63. There is a balance of \$3603.89 in savings for total assets of \$5350.52.

Membership Report: Don Downs reported there are approximately 147 members. Some people reported that the website would not let them register. Jason Groon (webmaster) was not available to answer this.

Webmaster Report: In Jason Groon's absence President Mogen presented a report as follows;

- "Based on suggestions at the February board meeting, the Retired membership without the SD Musician subscription has been changed to a lifetime membership, which will not require those members to renew their membership annually.
- The email list has been transferred to an account that will list "SD Bandmasters" as the sender.
- As per suggestions from the February board meeting, a forum is currently being set up on the SDBA website. The following is needed to complete set up of the forum:
  - A list of categories to be included in the forum
  - A list of people willing to be the "moderator" for each category. A moderator will be emailed anytime a new post is made in a category they moderate. This will ensure that posts don't sit idle for days or weeks without a response. Moderators do not need to possess all the answers, they simply need to insure as answer is received".

Consensus was that the biggest problem with this would be maintenance. Suggestions were made as to who would be best suited to undertake the maintenance issue.

Scholarship Report: Toby Rath reported that they had 11 applicants. They narrowed them down to 4 and the from there picked the 2 recipients. They are Spencer Kruse from Augustana and Sarah Schmidt from USD. He is working on tweaking the application process.

Awards Report: It was announced that the Dennis Hegg Young Bandmaster, Hall Of Fame, Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Bandmaster and Distinguished Service awards will be presented at the All State Band Concert. Also, James Weaver will present the four year All State Band students and parents.

Convention Bands Report: Dan Carlson reported that as of this meeting he had only one band, a percussion ensemble and a woodwind choir apply to play at the 2015 convention. After discussion, two other bands committed to apply. Dan sent out an email urging for applications.

All State Band Report: Mackenzie Block and James Weaver reported that things were running smoothly so far. The conductors have said that they would run a light schedule on Saturday and talked about reducing the programs. Weaver explained the logistics for the two performances, seating, equipment etc.

Members In Distress/Retirements: It was announced that Arlen Hofer, Canton and Ruth Erickson, Tea are retiring.

Old Business:

- A question was raised as to whether or not bands are sending in historical information.
- One board member suggested we try to be aware in our regions of new directors for our mentoring program.
- James Weaver was asked about the process for evaluating the All State Band judging panel. He explained the survey that is sent to directors with students in All State Band. The music advisory committee makes any decision regarding who will judge All State Band.
- There was much discussion about the computer scoring and glitches that have occurred.

Motioned by Don Downs, second by Jeff Patzlaff to urge SDHSAA to ask the judges to write down a final score as a precaution. Carried

New Business:

- President Mogen obtained a recruitment video made by a teacher in Atlanta GA. She suggested that we make our own South Dakota recruitment video. Motioned by Lyn Alberty, second by Reid Johnson to proceed and urge members to email photos etc. to Helen. Carried
- Some members have asked that there be a young bands representative on the SDBA board. After discussion motioned by Jeff Patzlaff, second by Lyn Alberty to recommend to the general membership to explore changes in the bylaws and make up of the board to include a young band representative. Carried
- President Mogen appointed Renae Jackson and Lyn Alberty to form a nominating committee for the 2015 board elections to include representatives from Regions 3 through 6 and president elect.
- James Weaver stated that the 2015 All State Band will be in Sioux Falls at O’Gorman High School.

The president declared the meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
General Membership Meeting at All State Band  
Saturday March 29, 2014  
Pierre Riggs High School

The general membership meeting at the 2014 All State Band event in Pierre was called to order at 9:38 AM by president Helen Mogen.

The minutes of the general membership meeting at the convention in February and the executive board minutes from yesterday's meeting were distributed. Motioned by George Dragoo, second by Andrea Schneider to approve the general membership meeting in February. Carried. Motioned by Gary Hansen, second by Reid Johnson to approve the executive board meeting minutes from yesterday's meeting. Carried.

Membership Report: Don Downs urged everyone to register online whether you want to pay dues through paypal or choose the "pay later" option. If you choose the "pay later" option please send your payment to Don as soon as possible.

Webmaster Report: President Mogen mentioned the desire to create a "forum" on the website so directors can have access to information to help their programs. Webmaster Jason Groon will be working on this.

Convention Bands: Dan Carlson urged directors to submit application for the 2015 convention. They will extend the deadline to May 7th and make selections at All State Jazz Band.

Retirees and Members in Distress: No other retirees were mentioned. The president mentioned the passing of Oscar Loe and that SDBA had sent flowers for the funeral.

All State Band: The president thanked MacKenzie Block for her hospitality and for organizing a successful All State Band. The membership applauded her.

History And Archive: George Dragoo reported that he has not received any additional history reports from school band programs. Email reminders will be sent out.

Mentoring Program: We would like to continue the mentoring program. If any one knows of any new directors please contact Helen Mogen or Dennis Carlson.

Old Business:

- James Weaver reported that they have a new server for online audition process. This should fix the glitches experienced with the 2014 auditions. He also said that SDHSAA would make sure the audition results are not accessible before the announcement at the convention.
- President Mogen talked about making our own recruitment video modeled after the one she found from Atlanta. She asked that the membership send her pictures and videos. It was suggested that we make commercials for ESPN. SDHSAA has two commercials but wants more from NFHS.
- There was discussion about adding a "young band" representative on the SDBA board. We will probably do an online vote.
- An announcement was made that the 2015 All State Band will be in Sioux Falls at O'Gorman High School.
- Directors in Sioux Falls are working on getting the Crusaders Drum Corps for a workshop on July 9th.
- There will be a jazz camp in Mitchell on July 10th and 11th.
- There will be a leadership clinic at Lincoln High School with Tim Lautzenheiser.

Adjournment: The president declared the meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM

Respectfully Submitted  
Marklen H. Bray  
Secretary/Treasurer