

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
Executive Board of Directors Meeting  
Student Union State Room  
South Dakota State University  
February 12, 2015 Brookings Convention

The executive board meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was called to order at 10:01 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, Jeff Patzlaff and SDHSAA Representative and parliamentarian James Weaver. Representative Reid Johnson was absent.

Previous Minutes: The minutes of the March 28th Executive Board and March 29th General Membership meetings at the 2014 All State Band in Pierre were presented by the secretary for the boards perusal. The ASB Executive Board minutes were approved at the March 29th General Membership meeting at All State Band. The General Membership minutes will be approved tomorrow, February 13th 2015 at the convention General Membership meeting. No action taken.

Treasury Report: The secretary/treasurer reported that at the end of FY 2014-2015 there was \$3912.61 in checking and \$2231.30 in savings for a total of \$6143.91. Since February 1st there is a balance in the PayPal account of \$120.75 and four transactions in checking and savings leaving a total balance of \$6319.66. Motioned by Gary Hansen, second by Brian Smith to approve the report. Carried.

Convention Bands: Dan Carlson reported that there are no applications so far for the 2016 convention. He will urge the General Membership to apply by the Thursday rehearsal at All State Band. James Weaver stated that he can remind all directors in the state not just SDBA members. There was discussion as to how to inform middle school directors as well of this opportunity.

Membership Report: Don Downs reported that there are 176 “current” members on the website. Discussion in sued as to the confusion of the “rolling renewal” as apposed to a set renewal and expiration date. The webmaster indicated that he could set it up either way. The board will continue to encourage members to sign up or renew membership through the website wheather or not they pay their dues through PayPal or the older snail mail method.

Webmaster Report: The topic of the forum section of the website was discussed. Jason Groon, webmaster, mentioned that the forum was not very active. He told about a band director page on Facebook which has thousands of members. Feedback on questions that are submitted, to this site, have almost instantaneous feedback. It was suggested that we put information on our website as to how to access this page on Facebook. Discussion continued as to the “rolling membership” format vs a set renewal and expiration date. Consensus was to make no changes.

Retired Or Deceased Band Director Report: Dave Haugen asked that the existing archive of retired or deceased SDBA members be given access, through our website and for a venue to update this list in the future. Consensus was that the webmaster keep up with this through our annual minutes where this information is recorded.

History And Archive Report: Arlen Hofer reported a discovery from a 1958 publication of the “South Dakota Bandmaster’s Journal” by Elden Samp, about a Grade School Contest held in 1948 sponsored by the University Of South Dakota that grew from 135 students to 3,000 students in 1958. With this success the then SDHSMA endorsed that SDBA take it over in 1959. The same journal reported that the first Intercollegiate Band was held in 1962 in Sioux Falls . The second was held in 1963 in Mitchell. The 5th was held in Aberdeen in 1965 featuring William Bell, tuba, as guest soloist. In 1966 it was held in Madison with John Paynter, Northwestern University as guest conductor, but the event was canceled because a severe snow storm. Mr. Hofer also mentioned an article from the “South Dakota Music Educator” from 1965 about the American Bandmasters Association Research Center from the University of Maryland’s research on the “South Dakota Story”. The research center was founded by Paul Yoder.

Scholarship Report: Toby Rath, scholarship committee chair, sent a written report in his absence. He stated that information was sent to the collegiate directors in South Dakota. “Now that the audition process is completely digital. the applicants have the option of e-mailing their entire packet, including .wav files in lieu of sending a DC of their performance”. The chair is still accepting applications sent with 20th century technology. Materials are due on March 19th. He will form a committee and meet the Thursday evening of All State Band. The presentation will be made at the Intercollegiate Band concert as usual.

All State Band Audition Process And Info Report: James Weaver of SDHSAA provided this report. “Eight Hundred Thirty Six (836) students were registered to audition, this includes those that registered late and were added to the audition schedule. This is an increase of 11.9% from 2014. Overall, we had 558 non-percussion students audition, which is a decrease of 3.5% from 2014, and we had 63 percussionists audition, which is an increase of .1% from 2014, and still within the normal range over the past 10 years. Overall, we had an 18.8% decline in actual auditions compared to those who registered. This is a decrease of 9% of scratches when compared to 2014”.

All State Band Site Report: Ben Koch reported that things are progressing well. The rehearsal rooms are a bit away from each other but will be expected to work out well. They, at O’Gorman are very proud of the facility. He asked that if any students have a mobile disability that he be informed, prior to the event, so he can make the proper arrangements.

Hall Of Fame Report: Phil Carlson, chair, reported that there are two nominations for the SDBA Hall Of Fame. James McKinney, Professor-Emeritus SDSU, third year carryover nomination for the Hall Of Fame and Jack Knowles, Director-Emeritus Rapid City Central High School, first time nomination for the Hall Of Fame. Applications, bio’s and letters will be presented at the general membership meeting on Friday along with voting. Inductees must get at least 60% of the votes and if both get over 60% the one with the most votes will be inducted.

All State Jazz Band Report: Ryan Stahle reported on the guest clinicians for this years event. Their bio’s can be found on a link at the SDHSAA website. The event is in Rapid City this year because of renovations at NSU. He asked about changing the three big band format and eliminate the third band for quality control reasons. Any opinion from SDBA would go to the SDHSAA music advisory committee. This will be further discussed at All State Band and SDBA will make a recommendation.

Grade School Contest Report: Jeff Patzlaff, chair, reported that there is \$16,396.68 in the Grade School Contest account. He reported that half of the contest centers are doing well but the other half are shrinking. He stated that we need to better inform the grade school directors of the benefits of this event.

Dennis Hegg Young Band Director’s Award Report: Brian LeMaster, chair, reported that there is one nomination so far. This is the 5th year of this award. Nominations are due my March 13th. He encouraged the membership to make nominations. The nomination form will be put online on the website.

Convention Report: Dr. David Reynolds reported that this will be a fine convention featuring Richard Saucedo and an abundance of professional clarinetists. Pre-registration is a little bit down from past years. He asked for input for future clinics. He was concerned about the fall in the number of pre-registrations that have been paid by school districts vs out of pocket paid by attendees. He inquired if there are available grants etc.

All State Band Judges Report: Alan Lafave sent this email in his absence. “I am in Toronto, Canada and won’t be returning to SD until late tomorrow (Thursday) evening. If weather permits, I will plan to drive down to Brookings on Friday morning. James Weaver can provide any answers to questions or concerns from my perspective on the judging panel. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all of the site hosts and directors/students who auditioned this past cycle. It was a good year of auditions. Thanks and best wishes. Al”

Members In Distress, Deceased Members: Mark Bray reported that Jack Knowles passed away this past October. The board decided to send a \$50.00 contribution to a memorial for the Black Hills Symphony Orchestra in Jack’s name.

Members Recently Retired Or Retiring This Year: It was reported that Jim Coull, assistant professor of bands at SDSU, will be retiring this year. Also David Martinson of Sturgis and Daryl Ling of Harrisburg will be retiring.

Meeting Recessed For Lunch At 11:55 AM

Meeting Reconvened At 12.40 PM

#### Old Business:

Mentorship Program: Helen Mogen presented a letter from Dennis Carlson on the Mentorship Program for 2014-2015. The board discussed the need for region representatives to contact new teachers in their regions and inform them about the mentoring program. The South Dakota Rock And Roll Music Association gave a \$1000 grant to SDBA last year as well as \$1000 to five schools through an application process. The association will be giving \$10,000 this year, \$1000 to SDBA and \$1000 to nine schools through the same kind of application process. Gary Hansen stated that there is a possibility for matching grants through the South Dakota Arts Council. Helen will pursue this.

Summer Symposium: Helen Mogen mention some suggestions from people who attended the symposium last summer. Northern State University gave credit for the past two years. Helen asked the board if we want to continue the symposium. Consensus was to continue the program.

SDBA Booth At All State Chorus And Orchestra: SDMEA offered SDBA a booth at this year’s All State Chorus and Orchestra. Taylor music donated a “Band Director’s Survival Kit” to be raffled off at the event. An SDBA poster was created along with pens and an information sheet about what SDBA does. There was the opportunity for directors to sign up for membership in SDBA. Consensus was to continue the booth at this event at a cost of \$250.00. Motioned by Lyn Alberty, second by Gary Hansen to recommend to the membership to authorize payment for the booth if needed. Carried.

ASB Patches: ASB patches have been ordered and delivered to SDHSAA.

Young Bands Representative To The SDBA Board: Last year the board approved a recommendation to the general membership to include a young bands representative on the SDBA board. This vote was to be done online but it never happened. The nominees are Mary Cogswell from Brookings and Gary Nelson from Sturgis, The vote will be done at the Friday GM meeting tomorrow.

2015 Board Elections: Nominees for regions 3 & 4 are Jeremy Schutter from Aberdeen and Jackie Stacey from Watertown. From regions 5 & 6 Sam Glantzow from Selby and Jared Opp from Gregory. The nominees for president elect are Larry Perersen from Huron and Ryan Stahle from Mitchell.

Promo Video: Last year the board voted to create a promo video for recruiting purposes. Helen Mogen obtained permission from Barnhouse to use its publications as long as they were performed by South Dakota students. Several SD student groups are working on performances for this video. Helen will make a presentation to the GM.

Request From The Secretary: The secretary requested a motion to authorize payment to Jason Groon for the webmaster stipend. Motioned by Gary Hansen, second by Jeff Patzlaff to approve. Carried.

New Business:

College Student Membership: Motioned by Lyn Alberty, second by Brian Smith to recommend to the GM to offer a non-voting associate SDBA membership.

Online Timeline For New Teachers: James Weaver of SDHSAA would like to create a timeline calendar listing when preparation steps should take place for SDHSAA music events. The board gave it's blessing.

Future Format For Convention GM Meeting: Discussion in sued as to the effect of the early ASB results announcement on the Saturday morning GM meeting at the convention. One comment was that the membership should be able to "digest/discuss issues presented on Friday so they can make an informed decision the next day. Consensus was to see what happens at this year's Saturday meeting.

Adjournment: Motioned by Lyn Alberty, second by Brian Smith to adjourn at 2:30 PM. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted  
Marklen H. Bray  
Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
General Membership Meeting at the Convention  
Friday February 13th and Saturday February 14th 2015  
SDSU Larson Memorial Concert Hall

The general membership meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association, at the convention, was called to order by president Helen Mogen at 4:46 PM.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the general membership meeting from All State Band in Pierre and the executive board minutes from yesterday's meeting were distributed. The president asked for additions or corrections from the GM minutes. Motioned by Bob Carlson, second by Dave Martinson to accept the GM minutes. Carried.

Discussion in sued over the executive board minutes from yesterday's meeting. Ben Koch stated that NSU will be offering credit for clinic(s) at this year's All State Band event. Several members made corrections to the minutes. Motioned by Jeff Patzlaff, second by Gary Hansen to accept the executive board meeting minutes. Carried.

Financial Report: The secretary treasurer asked the membership to take note of the balances from checking and savings reported in the executive board minutes from yesterday's meeting.

Hall Of Fame: Voting for the 2015 Hall Of Fame occurred. The nominees are Jack Knowles from Rapid City, deceased and James McKinney from Brookings.

SDBA Board Election: Voting for two region representatives and president elect and young bands representative occurred. The nominees are from regions 3 & 4, Jeremy Schutter and Jackie Stacey, from regions 5 & 6, Sam Glantzow and Jared Opp. The nominee for young bands representative are Mary Cogswell and Gary Nelson. The nominee for president elect are Larry Petersen and Ryan Stahle.

Grade School Contest: Jeff Patzlaff announced that the ribbons for the grade school contest are in the lobby. He urged that site chairs of someone from each site pick them up to save money on mailing.

All State Jazz Band: Ryan Stahle talked briefly about this years All State Jazz Band event.

Young Band Director's Award: Brian LeMaster discussed the Dennis Hegg Young Band Director's Award. Nominees must have taught at lease 3 years but no more than 10. They must also be a member of SDBA.

The meeting was recessed at 5:10 PM

The meeting was reconvened on Saturday at 12:13 PM

Summer Symposium: President Mogen stated that this year's symposium is tentatively set for August 8th in Chamberlain. She talked about past successes and the value of the symposium.

SDBA Booth At All State Chorus And Orchestra: President Mogen told the membership that SDBA had a booth at this past year's All State Chorus And Orchestra from an invite from the SDMEA. Taylor music provided a "Band Director's survival kit" that was raffled off. The opportunity for join or renew membership to SDBA was provided. Motioned by Phil Carlson, second by Dan Carlson to continue doing the booth and authorize payment if needed. Carried

All State Band Patches: The president asked for a volunteer to take over the duty of procuring the All State Band patches. No one came forward at this time.

Promo Video: President Mogen talked about the new promo recruiting video that is in progress. Should be done by ASB.

College Membership To SDBA: The board recommended to the general membership to create an "associate non-voting membership to SDBA for college students. Motioned by James Werner, second by Ron Stary to approve. Carried.

2016 Convention: Dr. David Reynolds invited the association to return to SDSU for the 2016 convention. Motioned by Toby Rath, second by Jerome Letcher to accept. Carried.

Board Election Results: The results of the 2015 SDBA board elections are; president elect - Larry Petersen, Young Bands rep. - Mary Cogswell, regions 3 & 4 rep. Jackie Stacey and regions 5 & 6 rep. Jared Opp.

Hall OF Fame Results: Jack Knowles was voted into the 2015 Hall Of Fame.

Members In Distress Or Deceased: President Mogen asked for a moment of silence for Lon Sweet who passed this past year.

Adjournment: Motioned by Gary Hansen, second by Jerome Letcher to adjourn. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marklen H. Bray  
Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
Executive Board Meeting at All State Band  
Friday March 27, 2015  
O’Gorman High School Conference Room

The executive board meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was called to order at 10:03 AM by President Don Downs: Board members present; President Don Downs, Past President Helen Mogen, President Elect Larry Petersen, Secretary/Treasurer Mark Bray, Region Representatives Brian Smith, Lyn Alberty, Jackie Stacey, Jarred Opp, Young Bands Representative Mary Cogswell and SDHSAA Representative and parliamentarian James Weaver.

Previous Minutes: The minutes of the February 12th Executive Board meeting along with the February 13th and 14th general membership meeting at the 2015 Convention in Brookings were presented by the secretary for the boards perusal. The Executive Board minutes were approved at the February 13th General Membership meeting at the convention. The General Membership minutes from the convention will be approved at the March 28th 2015 GM meeting. No action taken.

Treasurer’s Report: The secretary/treasurer reported that there is currently \$3290.81 in checking. There is a balance of \$2431.35 in savings for total assets of \$5722.16. Motioned by Brian Smith, second by Jared Opp to accept the report. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposed Amendments To The SDBA Bylaws: The secretary presented proposed amendments to the SDBA ByLaws on a separate document. These amendments deal with the addition of a 5th director as a representative of young bands grades K-8. This director was elected at the general membership meeting in Brookings at the convention. After lengthy discussion and some editing, Motioned by Lyn Alberty, second by Helen Mogen to present the proposed and edited amendments to the general membership for approval. Carried.

Awards: James Weaver went over the logistics of the awards ceremony for the All State Band concert. At 6:50 the SDBA, Phi Beta Mu and SDHSAA awards will be presented. During the intermission the four Year Medals will be presented. SDHSAA will also recognize the site host chair.

Conductor’s Gifts: After discussion, Motioned by Mark Bray, second by Helen Mogen to establish an annual gift expense of up to \$200.00 and ask for a non-mandatory donation from the students toward these gifts. Carried.

SDBA Symposium: Helen Mogen announced that the 2015 Symposium will be held on July 25th. Some suggestions for topics were use of technology, Marching Band, Grading and Instrument Repair.

SDBA Scholarships: Toby Rath reported that the committee has selected the recipients for the 2015 \$500 scholarships. They are Deleyna LaBelle of NSU and Molly Royals of NSU.

Collegiate Membership To SDBA: The membership voted, last February, to offer a non-voting Associate Membership to college students. However, a dues amount was not voted upon. Motioned by Jared Opp, second by Jackie Stacey to set the dues at \$10. Carried.

Recessed for Intercollegiate Concert at 11:03 PM  
Reconvened at 1:30 PM

All State Band Audition: James Weaver reported that two of the current audition centers were not viable, numbers are low. There is no viable solution at this time. Discussion is on going.

All State Jazz Band: Audition numbers and participation has been the same for at least the past three years. There was discussion on the current three big bands and the combo. Discussion is on going.

Membership: The board discussed and re-hashed the issues with the online registration for membership (see previous minutes).

Nothing was solved.

NEW BUSINESS:

In-Service: Some suggestions were discussed for sessions at the in-service such as a sharing session for successful literature, use of technology at an off site location, sessions geared for younger bands and motivational speakers. An issue was discussed about conflicts between interest sessions and concerts. Attendance seems low. Region reps need to find out why at region meetings. The president will discuss these with SDSU.

Promo Video: Helen Mogen reported the the video will not be done until May 1st. We need to come up with a way to distribute the to schools.

Members In Distress: Roger Hallenbeck had a heart attack but is recovering well.

Retiring Members: Julie VanGorp from Mitchell and Deb Jensen from Groton.

Motioned by Lyn Alberty, second by Brian Smith to adjourn. Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Marklen H. Bray

Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
General Membership Meeting at All State Band  
Saturday March 28, 2015  
O’Gorman High School

The general membership meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association, at All State Band, was called to order by president Don Downs at 1:32 PM.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the executive board meeting held the day before were presented by the secretary/treasurer. Motioned by Jackey Stacey, second by Jared Opp to approve. Carried

Financial Report: The secretary/treasurer presented a verbal report of the status of the association’s finances. This was an informational item only.

Amendment To Bylaws: The board recommended to the membership to approve an amendment to the bylaws to include a fifth (5th) director representing directors of “Young Bands” grades K-8. Motioned by Patty Baule, second by John Alpers to approve the amendment. Carried.

Conductor’s Gifts: It was pointed out that the board passed an action which allows for a stipend up to \$200.00 toward gifts for the All State Band conductors. It was pointed out that donations from students is not mandatory.

ASB Shoulder Patches: Duane Niles has retired as procurer of the All State Band patches. The question was asked if we want to continue with this. Motioned by John Alpers, second by Jeremy Schutter to discontinue the patches. Carried.

Hall Of Fame: Phil Carlson expressed concern as to a historical aspect of the SDBA Hall Of Fame. He was concerned that someone deserving had been missed. President Don Downs appointed Jerome Letcher to research this issue of past directors to see if anyone was missed.

Promo Video: Helen Mogen gave a short report on the summer symposium and the progress of the recruitment video. It will be done shortly and hopefully be displayed at All State Chorus and Orchestra.

Mentoring: Directors will report to region meetings to solicit participation in the mentoring program by new teachers or others.

February In-Service: Suggestions were made for more clinics on beginning method books. The membership that conflicts between clinics and concerts is a big problem. It was suggested that directors send music to SDSU for the reading session with the concert band. Bob Carlson encouraged bands to apply. Discussion in sued suggesting putting all activities and the convention in one place.

Adjournment: Motioned by Tim Eckart, second by Dan Carlson to adjourn at 2:16 PM. Carried

Respectfully Submitted  
Marklen H. Bray  
Secretary/Treasurer