

South Dakota Bandmasters Association
Executive Board of Directors Meeting
Student Union State Room
South Dakota State University
February 11, 2016 Brookings Convention

The executive board meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was called to order at 10:01 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 Lyn Alberty, Jackie Stacey, Jared Opp and SDHSAA Representative Brooks Bowman.

Previous Minutes: The minutes of the March 27th Executive Board and March 28th General Membership meetings at the 2015 All State Band in Sioux Falls were presented by the secretary for the boards perusal. The ASB Executive Board minutes were approved at the March 28th General Membership meeting at All State Band. The General Membership minutes will be approved tomorrow, February 12th 2016 at the convention General Membership meeting. No action taken.

Treasury Report: The secretary/treasurer reported that at the end of FY 2015-2016 there is \$3001.06 in checking and \$731.83 in savings for a total of \$3732.89. Motioned by Larry Petersen second by Mary Cogswell to approve. Carried.

Grade School Contest: Jeff Patzlaff presented a financial report for the 2015 Grade School Contest which showed an ending balance of \$14570.86. Jeff stated that the contest is loosing financial ground and proposed two options for the future of the contest which are; Option A, raise the fees to \$6.00 for solos and \$7.00 for pianos and ensembles to maintain the financial status. Or, Option B, raise the fees to \$7.00 for solos and \$8.00 for pianos and ensembles to fund help fund the SDBA mentoring program and a one time expense to commission a piece for the Middle School All State Band. Motioned by Jared Opp second by Jackie Stacey to present these options to the General Membership for a vote. Carried. Discussion in sued as to the issue of moving the Redfield contest to Aberdeen. Consensus was that these decisions be left to the contest chair with the help of a committee to be formed representative of different parts of the state. After discussion, Motioned by Jared Opp second by Lyn Alberty to amend the previous action to include \$8.00 for pianos and ensembles in Option A. Carried.

In Service Update: Dr. David Reynolds reported that the new building project had just been approved. He showed some photographs of the various layouts for the project. He reported that registration for the convention was down a little bit. We do have one more band performance than in the past. One member suggested that the reading band be made up of SDBA members supplemented by college students if needed.

Board Member Resignation: The secretary had received a resignation letter from the director from Regions I/II. As per our Bylaws board members brought nominations from those region who were Dan Carlson from Sioux Falls, Kristen Dunlap from Canton, Aaron Schmeling from Elk-Point-Jefferson and Stephanie Wranek from Tea Area. The board members voted and elected Dan Carlson to fill the rest of the Region I/II term.

All State Band Report: Brooks Bowman reported that there was a calculation error in the All State Band scoring because of a misinterpretation by the "Music Festival.com software programer. When the scoring was corrected 17 students were added to the bands but some had scores higher that some students who had not made the bands with the incorrect scoring. The students were identified as "Gap Kids". Discussion in sued that these "Gap Kids" who were not in the band may perceive that they should be included because students who actually scored lower were included. Brooks Bowman stated that they should not siting language in the handbook. The SDBA board recommended to Mr. Bowman to ask the Music Advisory committee to vote to allow the "Gap Kids" to participate. The board will inform the General Membership at the Saturday meeting. Motioned by Larry Petersen second by Lyn Alberty to ask the music advisory committee to allow the "Gap Kids" to participate. Carried. Jackie Stacey reported the preparation for All State Band is going well but it will be tight on stage with the extra students.

The meeting was recessed for lunch @ 12:14 PM
The meeting was reconvened @ 1:04 PM

Membership And Webmaster Report: Larry Petersen reported that there is a total of 137 current, new and pending members as of today. There are no college student registrations. Jason Groon sent an email report which stated suggesting that because the website is so slow we upgrade the hosting fee from \$6.99 per month to \$9.99 per month. The website looks dated and will receive a major aesthetic overhaul. He will add a "Members Area" that has a membership directory and a few other items available only to SDBA members. Motioned by Helen Mogen second by Mary Cogswell to approve the upgrade for the website. Carried. The secretary expressed concern about some "current" members who's

address does not appear on there website for the South Dakota Musician mailing. This will be brought up to the membership.

Mentoring and Summer Symposium Report: Dennis Carlson reported that he had six (6) requests for mentoring for this school year. He went on to state some positives and negatives about the mentoring program stating that the most positive outcome is the Summer Symposium because of it's collegiality. He need presenters and ideas for presentations. It was suggested that two important topics would be dealing with young bands and literature and solo literature at all levels.

Promotional DVD: Helen Mogen reported that the South Dakota Rock And Roll Association is once again awarding \$10000.00 in grants in South Dakota, \$1000.00 going toward the SDBA mentoring program and nine (9) \$1000.00 grants going to schools in South Dakota through an application process. Many school have received the promotional DVD. PLEASE use it. Motioned by Lyn Alberty second by Mary Cogswell to approve payment for supplies for more DVD production. Carried.

Booth At All State Chorus And Orchestra: There was discussion about the ongoing SDBA booth at All State Chorus and Orchestra. Consensus was to continue. This years fee was \$300.00.

Hall Of Fame Report: Phil Carlson reported on three new nominations for the Hall Of Fame including the carry over nomination of Jim McKinney. They are Robert Carlson, Mike Coyne and Arlen Hofer. Voting will be done at Saturday's meeting. Phil pointed out that one can vote for one up to all four.

Members In Distress Or Deceased: Non mentioned. Will ask the General Membership.

Retirements: Don Downs from Rapid City and Jerome Letcher from Aberdeen will retire at the end of the year.

Motioned by Lyn Alberty second by Jackie Stacey to adjourn @ 3:23PM. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Marklen H. Bray
Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Bandmasters Association
General Membership Meeting at the Convention
Friday February 12th and Saturday February 13th 2016
SDSU Larson Memorial Concert Hall

The general membership meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association, at the convention, was called to order by president Don Downs at 4:32 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 Jared Opp, second by Jackie Stacey to accept the Executive Board minutes. Carried. Motioned by Toby Rath, second by Ron Stary to accept the General Membership 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.

Resignation: President Don Downs announced the resignation of Brian Smith from the SDBA board. He also reported that the board had elected Dan Carlson to fill out the Region 1 and 2 term.

Grade School Contest: Jeff Patzlaff reported on the boards proposals to raise fees for Grade School Contest. The membership will vote on the options at Saturday's meeting.

All State Band: Brooks Bowman from the SDHSAA explained the problem with the scoring of the All State Band auditions including a proposal from the SDBA board to the Music Advisory Committee. Motioned by Toby Rath, second by Jerome Letcher to draft a letter to the committee; "February 12, 2016 The South Dakota Bandmasters Association respectfully requests that the Music Advisory Committee do the following: Based upon the correct recalculation of the scores, admit to the South Dakota All State Band all of those students who scored lower or equal to the highest cut-off score".

Mentoring Program: Dennis Carlson talked about the mentoring program and summer symposium. He asked for help from the membership for ideas for the symposium such as beginning band and literature. He suggested that members be committed to the symposium and bring someone with them.

Membership: Larry Petersen reported that there are now 140 members. He has reached out to middle and elementary directors and no college students have joined. Members were urged to register online and be sure to give their address so they can get the South Dakota Musician.

Hall Of Fame: Phil Carlson announced four nominees to the Hall Of Fame - Jim McKinney, Bob Carlson, Arlen Hofer and Mike Coyne. Several members urged everyone to vote for all four candidates. Voting ensued.

SDBA Scholarships: Toby Rath reported on the 2016 SDBA scholarships to be given out at All State Band during the intercollegiate concert. All colleges and universities were contacted. Application can be done online or mailed. Selections will be made during the Thursday evening rehearsal of All State Band. Toby asked if anyone has any suggestions for improvement of the process please let him know.

Convention Bands: Dan Carlson stated that applications are "wide open". They need at least two contrasting pieces from any level or medium. Please send applications to his personal email.

Young Band Director Award: Brian LeMaster asked for membership to send nominees to his personal email.

All State Band: Jackie Stacey announced that T-shirt order forms are on the SDHSAA website. She will provide hot spots for internet access.

Announcements: All State Jazz Band is May 5th-7th. Auditions are due by March 1st. A first ever drumline competition will be in Brookings on February 20th and a brass clinic will be held Monday February 22nd.

Retirements and members in distress: No mention of members in distress. Don Downs, Jerry Letcher, Al Palsma and Dean Rettedal are retiring this year.

Meeting recessed at 5:16 PM
Reconvened Saturday at 12:50 PM

Grade Contest Vote: The membership voted to accept Option B for raising fees for the Contest (see executive minutes).

Hall Of Fame Vote: Bob Carlson will be inducted into the Hall Of Fame this year.

2017 Convention: Dr. David Reynolds asked the membership to return to SDSU for the 2017 convention. Motioned by Ron Stary, second by Jerry Letcher to accept the request. Carried.

It was announced that there has been no response from the music advisory committee regarding SDBA's request regarding All State Band.

Motioned by Tim Eckard, second by Jamie Werner to adjourn. Carried at 12:57 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Marklen H. Bray
Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Bandmasters Association
Executive Board Meeting at All State Band
Friday April 1st, 2016
Watertown High School Conference Room

The executive board meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was called to order at 1:59 PM by President Don Downs: Board members present; President Don Downs, Past President Helen Mogen, President Elect Larry Petersen, Secretary/Treasurer Mark Bray, Region Representatives Dan Carlson, Lyn Alberty, Jackie Stacey, Jared Opp, Young Bands Representative Mary Cogswell.

Previous Minutes: No minutes presented.

Treasurer's Report: No report presented.

SDBA Scholarship: Toby Rath reported that applications were up and feels there is no need to find ways to increase interest. They are going to change from wav files to mp3s because mp3s take up less room for the online process. This years recipients are John Gorr from NSU and Michael Hoffman from USD.

Webmaster's Report: Jason Groon reported that he updated the server today as per the vote at the convention. His goal is to overhaul the website and add more functionality. He wants to create a guest post for all members to generate content for directors to use, create a members directory and a calendar for members to post and access events etc. He wants to "ramp up" our connection to the "Band Director's" face book page.

Convention and SDBA Membership: Mary Cogswell suggested that we need to get people more involved in getting to know each other through social activities at the convention. We need ideas to get more directors to join SDBA. WE need ideas to get middle school directors to join SDBA. A committee will work on this for middle school All State Band.

Summer Symposium: Helen Mogen presented a letter from Dennis Carlson that he had secured the date for the 2016 summer symposium for July 23rd at Chamberlain High School. Presenters will be Mary Cogswell, Larry Petersen and individuals to present solo literature.

Young Band Director Award: Motioned by Helen Mogen, second by Lyn Alberty to recommend to the membership to vote to remove the 2013 recipient's name from the Young Band Director Award plaque due to language in our bylaws from Article 1, Section 2 subsection f. "To encourage a genuine spirit of professional ethics". Carried.

Music Advisory Committee: Don Downs presented the agenda for the April 12th,2016 Music Advisory Committee asking for input from the board. The ASB audition etude was discussed. It was the consensus of the board to recommend a standard etude for all sections. Venues for All State Band were discussed. No recommendations mentioned. Dan Carlson brought up the conflict between All State Jazz Band and AP testing. He asked if there was any way to resolve this. As to using Smart Music in conjunction with preparing ASB scales if approved Mary Cogswell will obtain the scales and send them to Smart Music. An agenda item in the minutes was preparing scales for piano auditions. Helen Mogen said she would be happy to prepared them, if approved, with some guidance. The proposed state marching contest was discussed. Consensus from the board was negative.

Motioned by Dan Carlson, second by Mary Cogswell to adjourn at 3:52. Carried

Respectfully Submitted
Marklen H. Bray
Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Bandmasters Association
General Membership Meeting at All State Band
Saturday April 2nd, 2016
Watertown High School Commons

The general membership meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association, at All State Band, was called to order by president Don Downs at 9:00 AM.

Previous Minutes: Minutes from the general membership meeting, at the convention, were presented by the secretary/treasurer. Motioned by Tim Eckard, second by Phi Carlson to approve with corrections. Carried. President Downs went through the minutes from the executive board meeting from yesterday. After discussion, motioned by Toby Rath, second by Jerome Letcher to approve with corrections. Carried.

Financial Report: No report presented.

Young Band Director Award: Motioned by George Dragoo, second by Kevin Waller to accept the boards recommendation from yesterday's action with the correction made in the executive minutes. It states "Motioned by Helen Mogen, second by Lyn Alberty to recommend to the membership to vote to remove the 2013 recipient's name from the Young Band Director Award plaque due to language in our bylaws from Article 1, Section 2 subsection f. "To encourage a genuine spirit of professional ethics". Carried.

All State Band Auditions: Brooks Bowman stated that the judges agreed the etudes need to be standardized or conceived according to some criteria. Discussion ensued. The Music Advisory Committee will meet and make recommendations. Brooks asked that input be emailed to him before the Music Advisory Committee meeting on April 12th, 2016.

Proposed State Marching Competition: Mike Hench reported on what the committee is discussing regarding a new proposal for a state marching competition. (See the minutes of the committee meeting on the SDHSAA website.) Discussion ensued. Mike asked for members to email questions and/or input to him.

All State Band Site Chair: Don Downs and Boyd Perkins recognized Jackie Stacey for all the hard work in hosting All State Band and the Intercollegiate Band. Rousing applause! Recognition for all the business donations was also mentioned. Rousing applause!

All State Band Pictures: Brooks Bowman announced that the directors will not be included in the photos this year to be consistent with the other state music events. Directors were against because of historical reasons. Compromise was that two photos will be taken one with directors and one without.

Adjournment: Motioned by Cassandra Bechard, second by Helen Mogen to adjourn at 10:05 AM. Carried

Respectfully Submitted
Marklen H. Bray
Secretary/Treasurer