

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
Executive Board of Directors Meeting  
Student Union State Board Room  
South Dakota State University  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Brookings Convention

A special executive board meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was called to order via email by President Don Downs: All Board Members were contacted.

Early Submission January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Secretary Treasurer Position (Via Electronic Communication; Bylaws - Article IV, Section 4): On January 11<sup>th</sup> upon the resignation of Secretary/Treasurer Mark Bray, the nominating committee presented two names, George Dragoo and Phil Carlson, to be voted on by the board for secretary/treasurer. President Don Downs asked the board if there were any other nominations. Motioned by Lyn Alberty, second by Helen Mogen that nominations cease. President Don Downs then called for a vote. Eight board members voted. The vote was unanimous. George Dragoo is the new SDBA Secretary/Treasurer.

Submitted by Marklen H. Bray, outgoing SDBA Secretary/Treasurer

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The executive board meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by President Don Downs. Board members present: President Don Downs, President Elect Larry Petersen, Past President Helen Mogen, Secretary/Treasurer George Dragoo, Region Representatives Dan Carlson, Lyn Alberty, Jackie Stacey, Jared Opp, Young Bands Representative Mary Cogswell, SDHSAA Representative Brooks Bowman

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Previous Minutes: Motioned by Jared Opp to accept the minutes, Second by Jackie Stacey, Unanimous Approval

Treasurer's Report: Motioned by Helen Mogen to accept the report, Second by Dan Carlson, Unanimous Approval

Music Inservice Update and Facilities Report – Dave Reynolds: Schedule and opportunities for the state music inservice were reviewed. PAC will begin construction starting April 1<sup>st</sup>. Adjustments will be made for next year and will use the Field House for many events. After next year, all events will be able to be under one roof. Richard Canter is booked for the 2018 convention, and other exciting opportunities are being contacted regarding 2019. Discussion was held regarding factors affecting attendance at the convention.

Membership/Website Report – Larry Petersen: 98 Members Current, 22 Listed as Pending...18 of the total current members are listed as new. Discrepancies on database-some names doubled or mislabeled. Website upgrades have helped speed things up. Discussion was held regarding better and more complete information being sent to retirees. All collegiate band programs were contacted this year regarding collegiate memberships. Larry has received no reply regarding college memberships since.

Nomination Committee Report – Helen Mogen: Nominees for the open positions are as follows: Regions 1 and 2 – Dan Carlson and Brian LeMaster, and Regions 7 and 8 – Scott Muirhead and Jordan Seidel, President Elect - Ryan Stahle and Jeff Patzlaff. Voting will take place at the Friday General Meeting, with the announcement of the new board members being announced at the Saturday General Meeting.

All State Band Update – Brooks Bowman: ASB auditions went great. Online ballot system this year went very smooth. Numbers of auditions: Last Year 775 signed up, This Year 780 signed up (670 actual auditions). Site Numbers by sites (2016/2017): Watertown 99/66, Sioux Falls 397/379, Pierre 64/78, Aberdeen 48/64, RC 167/193. Third SF site was added this year, but consensus was that doing Pierre and Aberdeen the same day right before Rapid City was not very good. Watertown/SF then SF one weekend is an idea to ease audition schedule. All will be discussed at the Music Advisory Meeting. ASJB – Same system as last year will be used again. Email will be sent when ready for uploads. Everything for ASB in Sioux Falls is good to go.

Region Representative Updates/Concerns: Dan Carlson 1&2 – All is good, with discussion over judge's consistency in scoring between centers. Jackie Stacey 3&4 – All is good. Jared Opp 5&6 – All is good, but overall entries in band solo and ensemble contest is down (same in vocal). Lyn Alberty 7&8 – All is good.

Young Bands Representative Update – Mary Cogswell: Mary proposed a “Midwest Clinic Young Band Scholarship” that would give preference to those in their first to fifth year of teaching young bands in SD (K-12 music, 5-12 band, 5-8 band) and able to attend the Midwest Conference in Chicago. A concern was raised regarding cost and where funds could come from. Perhaps a “grant” proposal system could be used, with no guarantee of a yearly award. Consensus was to table the proposal so that the board could come up with a more concise proposal of how the details would work before presenting to the general membership. A committee consisting of Mary Cogswell, Jared Opp, and Larry Petersen will present an update of their progress at the All State Band Executive Board Meeting.

Mentoring Program Update – Dennis Carlson & Dave Haugen: State Department of Education has started a mentorship program/department, which has resulted in a significant drop in mentorship participation. Cooperation between the state system, and the SD Bandmasters system was discussed by Dennis with officials from the state. Dennis’ idea consists of forming a core of directors (primarily retired), have them take the state training together, then offer them as highly effective mentors for band directors in the state. Lyn Alberty made a motion for Dennis Carlson to pursue the SDBA’s participation with the SDDOE Mentorship Program. Jackie Stacey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Summer Symposium Update – Dennis Carlson: Summer Symposium had over 30 participants and has continued to grow each year. Moving to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July, in combination with excellent presenters, helped the growth. Northern State University’s participation with the offering of credit has also been a great boost. Mary Cogswell motioned to continue the SDBA Summer Symposium in Chamberlain for July 2017. Helen Mogen seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously. Dennis Carlson requested that any suggestions for symposium sessions should be forwarded to him.

Hall of Fame Report/Elections – Phil Carlson: The three nominees for the South Dakota Bandmasters Hall of Fame this year are Jim McKinney, Michael Coyne, and Arlen Hofer. Voting will take place at the general membership meeting Friday, with the announcement of results at the Saturday general membership meeting.

Grade School Contest Report – Jeff Patzlaff: Piano Contests-10 sites with 650 students, Band Contests-3800 instrumental students statewide. Current balance of SDBA State Grade Contest Account is \$16,113.56. Ribbons still need to be purchased. Discussion was held in regards to funds being used for the proposal being researched regarding the “Midwest Clinic Young Band Scholarship”. The decision was made to add Jeff Patzlaff to that committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **New Discussion Items:**

Helen Mogen spoke regarding the SD Rock’n’Roll Hall of Fame grant opportunity that was emailed out to the membership. A reminder that this grant is giving out \$10,000 this year for music programs in South Dakota. Jackie Stacey nominated, and Mary Cogswell seconded, Helen Mogen to be our representative to the SD Rock’n’Roll Hall of Fame Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Cogswell asked if the SDBA would pay/reimburse her for the costs of her session for the convention. Lyn Alberty motioned that SDBA reimburse Mary Cogswell for costs incurred at her morning session on February 10, 2017. Helen Mogen seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Jared Opp asked about SDBA emails being copied to all South Dakota state band directors. Currently our initial contacts (membership, etc.) is sent to all band directors available through lists at our disposal.

Mary Cogswell announced that she is stepping down as the SDHSAA All State Band Chair after this year.

Members in Distress or Deceased: Stuart Christensen from Rapid City passed away in April 2016.

Members who will be retiring at the end of the 2016-2017 school year: Terry Keehn-McCook Central

Motioned to adjourn by Lyn Alberty, seconded by Mary Cogswell. Carried

Respectfully submitted,  
George E. Dragoo  
Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
General Membership Meeting  
Performing Arts Center  
South Dakota State University  
February 10, 2017 Brookings Convention

The general membership meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association, at State Music Inservice, was called to order by president Don Downs at 4:37 p.m.

President Downs announced the retirement of Mark Bray from the position of secretary/treasurer for the SD Bandmasters Association. The membership gave a big round of applause for Mark's years of service. The position of Secretary/Treasurer for the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was filled by George Dragoo, effective immediately.

President Downs highlighted the minutes from the executive board meeting that took place on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Dave Reynolds, from SDSU, was thanked by the board and general membership for his dedication and work again this year on the convention.

Helen Mogen discussed the candidates for the open positions in Regions 1&2 and 7&8, as well as the President-Elect position.

Brooks Bowman referred to the minutes from the prior day's executive board meeting regarding all state band.

Ben Koch discussed the upcoming All State Band event taking place at Sioux Falls O'Gorman, and encouraged directors to urge students to try out for next year's All State Orchestra.

Mary Cogswell discussed future plans for the state convention. Richard Canter will be here for the 2018 convention, and Sam Pilafian is a potential guest for future conventions.

Don Downs encouraged the membership to bring forward ideas for future conventions, regarding sessions or individuals they would like to see.

Dennis Carlson shared information on the SDBA Mentorship Program and the transition to the South Dakota Department of Education's mentorship program.

Dennis Carlson discussed the SDBA Summer Symposium taking place in Chamberlain on July 22, 2017, and asked for ideas with the programming be considered and experts needed.

Phil Carlson reviewed the SDBA Hall of Fame process and nominees before dispersing ballots for voting to take place. Membership was given, and took advantage of, the opportunity to speak on behalf of nominees. Ballots were collected and will be tallied before the following morning. The announcement of the results to take place at the General Membership meeting on Saturday.

Jeff Patzlaff discussed Elementary Music Contest.

Ballots were dispersed for Region 1&2 Representative, Region 7&8 Representative, and President-Elect. Membership voted and ballots were collected to be tallied before Saturday's General Membership Meeting.

Helen Mogen discussed the South Dakota Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Grants that are being offered to programs across the state. Nine \$1000 grants can be earned by programs by submitting a letter of application by March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. The announcement of grant recipients will take place on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the induction ceremony.

Membership was asked to share information of any deceased or ailing members: Stuart Christensen passed away in Rapid City in April 2017; Barb Newman passed away this fall in Pierre; membership was asked to keep Darwin Walker in your thoughts and prayers – A moment of silence was held by all in attendance.

The board asked for any concerns from the general membership, and none were given.

An announcement was made regarding retiring members: Terry Keehn & Leo Warnke were announced and given a round of applause from the membership for their years of dedication and service to music education in South Dakota.

Ryan Stahly gave an update on the South Dakota All State Jazz Band. Audition recordings are due on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. This year's clinicians are Steve Weist, Dan Miller, Matt Otto. A new tool being offered this year is video and audio that will help guide students through auditions with examples and explanations. This will be available through Ryan Stahle's website for the Mitchell High School Band.

Toby Rath shared information on the SDBA Scholarship Process. The application is available online with multiple audio submission options.

Brian LeMaster spoke regarding SDBA's annual Young Bandmaster Award. An email will be sent out soon with information regarding the nomination process. Qualifications were discussed, as well as the March 10<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Dan Carlson reported on the Convention Bands. The application process to perform at the state convention is available online. The process was discussed, as well as suggestions for a quality audition. Submissions have already started and Dan encouraged membership to feel free to submit more.

The SDBA General Membership meeting was recessed for the evening at 5:17 p.m.

The SDBA General Membership meeting reconvened at 12:57 p.m.

The Hall of Fame election results were announced, and the 2017 Honoree will be Arlen Hofer.

Ron Stary discussed potential processes to help marching band instruction grow in the state.

Before announce the election results for the SDBA Board, Don Downs thanked Helen Mogen for her service as President on the board. The membership gave a large round of applause for Helen. Don then thanked Lyn Alberty's service as the Region 7&8 Representative. Another round of applause was given for Lyn.

The election results were then announced: Region 1&2 Representative - Dan Carlson; Region 7&8 Representative – Jordan Seidel; President Elect – Jeff Patzlaff. Membership applauded as the new board members took their place.

Past President Don Downs thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as president of the SDBA, and then turned over the meeting to President Larry Petersen.

President Larry Petersen thanked Mary Cogswell for her service with SDHSAA and All State Band for the last several years. This will be her last year in that position.

President Petersen again thanked Dave Reynolds. Dave Reynolds welcomed everyone back again next year.

A motion was made by Phil Carlson to again hold our convention at SDSU in 2018, seconded by Jamie Warner. Unanimous approval by membership.

Motion to adjourn by Helen Mogen, seconded by John Patzlaff. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Dragoo, SDBA Secretary Treasurer

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
Executive Board of Directors Meeting  
Administrative Office Conference Room  
Sioux Falls O’Gorman High School  
March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 All State Band

Called to order by Larry Petersen at 10:15 a.m.

Ben Koch gave a report on ASB. It’s progressing well and any issues are being covered as they come up. Directors are asked to help police keeping the auditorium clean. Non-performing band will be in G100 to watch other band during the concert. If seating is available after ticket sales are complete, students will be moved into the theater.

Minutes from both the executive board and general membership meetings were presented for review.

Jackie Stacey motioned to accept the 2/9/17 executive board minutes, and Jared Opp seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The minutes from the General Membership meeting will be reviewed for approval at the General Membership meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Jason Groom reported on website and social media aspects. Website received a facelift. Ideas to improve: Guest articles from the wealth of expertise in the state. Content on website to encourage more frequent visits. Facebook presence to be strengthened by adding people with editor rights to make account more active and current. Possible “members only” area on the website. Suggestion to eliminate paper membership forms and “pay later” option online, and go strictly to online payment and registration. Contact Jason Groom or Larry Petersen with any ideas for people to serve as a social media editor for the Facebook page.

Toby Rath reported on the SDBA Scholarship Committee. There were 8 applicants with Katie Appl from NSU and Tanna Waltman from SDSU

Brooks Bowman reported from the SDHSAA– ASB going well, ASJB coming up soon, spoke on copyright policies. Database is going to be used for documenting the music that groups are using, with licensing and purchasing information provided. SDHSAA is creating an online copyright class that will be required for all parties involved. The goal is for 17-18 school year. Directors need to be aware of any music they have that is not copyright acceptable. “Personal arrangements” should be destroyed unless proper licensing and permission is obtained. As of now, heat restrictions have not been officially considered for marching bands. They are being reviewed for football currently.

Mary Cogswell reported on the proposed New Teacher Midwest Clinic Grant. A committee has been working on application processes and supporting paperwork for this proposal. \$500 from SDBA (Elementary Contest) and \$300-\$500 from Private Donors. Reimbursements will be paid immediately upon receipts to the SDBA Secretary/Treasurer. Recipients will also be expected a presentation at the Summer Symposium.

Motion was made by Mary Cogswell to present to membership to create– A Midwest Clinic Scholarship for Young Band Directors (preference given to first through fifth year band directors) is created to cover \$1000 of costs with stipulation that all receipts will be submitted to SDBA Secretary/Treasurer, and recipient presenting at the summer symposium. Seconded by Dan Carlson. Unanimously approved.

Larry Recess meeting at 11:13 a.m., to reconvene after Intercollegiate Band Concert and Lunch Break Meeting reconvened at 1:32 p.m.

Larry Petersen talked with Dennis Carlson over the phone and reported regarding the mentorship program. The stand-alone SDBA mentorship program is basically being absorbed by the department of education. Directors are encouraged to get involved in this program. Todd Carr has gone through the process and will speak at the general membership meeting.

Dennis Carlson would also like to promote and encourage people to take part in the Summer Symposium on July 22<sup>nd</sup> in Chamberlain.

The Intercollegiate Band is looking to commission a piece from Brian Balmages in the near future, and would like to coordinate with the conductors selected by SDBA for All State Band that year.

Helen Mogen wanted to share the fact that over 40 applications were submitted for the SD Rock'n'Roll Hall of Fame 2017 Grants.

In regards to the earlier motion that was passed regarding the Midwest Clinic Scholarship for Young Band Directors a motion made to amend the wording to require "applicants must be a member of SDBA to be eligible". Motioned by Don Downs, seconded by Jordan Seidel, Vote was unanimously in support.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of adding an option of "donations for scholarships" on the website when paying for membership renewal.

### **New Business**

Music Advisory Committee Meeting agenda was discussed. This agenda is on the SDHSAA website, and any input on behalf of the SDBA will be shared by President Petersen. Feel free to share any thoughts or concerns you may have with him prior to the meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mary has, in her possession, an archive of past programs from All State Band. She plans to scan them for archival purposes, and then wonders where the programs would best be stored. Perhaps a SD Museum would be a suitable place for archival storage. Also, she has the scoring records from nearly every past year of All State Band Auditions and wonders the best place for them to go.

The value of the SD Musician, and the presence of the SDBA, was discussed.

Discussion was held regarding ideas to help build and improve the annual SD Music Inservice.

Motioned to adjourn by Mary Cogswell, and seconded by Jeff Patzlaff, unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Dragoo, SDBA Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
General Membership Meeting  
Choir Room  
Sioux Falls O’Gorman High School  
March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 All State Band

Meeting called to order, by President Larry Petersen, at 10:31 a.m.

Minutes from the General Membership Meeting in February, and Executive Board Meetings in February and March, were dispersed. Helen Mogen moved Jason Groon second to approve as written. Vote was unanimous in favor.

**WEBSITE**

Updates to the website were discussed, and Jason Groon was thanked for his work on the website.

The SDBA’s presence on social media is going to be expanded. Our Facebook page will become more active. A call for interested parties to be editors was presented.

**SDHSAA INFORMATION**

SDHSAA representative, Brooks Bowman, presented information on an online copyright rules course, that is coming soon, for staff. Also, a copyright compliance database being going to be used for proactive copyright documentation.

**SD ROCK AND ROLL MUSIC ASSOCIATION**

Helen Mogen shared that the South Dakota Rock and Roll Music Association had over 40 applications for their nine \$1000 grants being given out this spring to programs in the state.

**MIDWEST GRANT PROPOSAL**

President Petersen shared with the general membership the New Teacher Midwest Clinic Grant proposal. This grant would give up to \$1000 (\$500 through the Elementary Contest Fund and \$500 through a private donation) to a teacher to attend the Midwest Band Clinic in Chicago; preference given to those in their 1-5 year of teaching, as well as those who have not gone before. A stipulation of accepting the grant would be doing a presentation at the SDBA Summer Symposium. This would go in effect for conference in December 2017. motion Mackenzie McKeithan and seconded by Tassondra Huyck....Unanimous approval Information to be made available online soon.

**SUMMER SYMPOSIUM**

Information regarding the SDBA Summer Symposium on July 22<sup>nd</sup> in Chamberlain. Renewal credit will be offered through Northern State University. Members are encouraged to take part in the free opportunity for professional development and social networking.

**MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

Larry Petersen shared the information from Dennis Carlson regarding the SDBA mentorship program. The program that was started by SDBA is being replaced by the Department of Education Mentorship program. Todd Carr, who is currently participating in the state program, shared personal information and experiences.

**ALL STATE BAND AUDITIONS**

Discussion was held regarding ASB audition process. Terry Beckler shared the challenges for a judge to find a nine-measure etude that meets the goals of multiple technique aspects. Membership discussed all the aspects of the audition process. As the process continues, we will review the process and see what is best for students and the judges. We should share this information with the music advisory board as the final decisions will be made at the state level.

**CONVENTION SURVEY**

Larry Petersen will be sending out a survey in the near future, regarding the February convention, to ask opinions of what can be suggested to help improve and grow the event. SDSU would also like to hear any information or opinions people have.

**ALL STATE BAND INFORMATION**

Ben Koch was officially thanked for his great work of hosting the All State Event this year, and final instructions were given for the afternoon concert.

**MUSIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Music Advisory Committee is meeting April 6<sup>th</sup>, and any information membership wants shared should be given to Larry Petersen.

Jeff Patzlaff moved to adjourn the meeting, Mary Cogswell seconded the motion, unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
George E. Dragoo  
Secretary/Treasurer  
South Dakota Bandmasters Association