

South Dakota Bandmasters Association
Executive Board Meeting
McCrary Gardens Meeting Room
February 8th, 2018 – State In-Service

Members in Attendance: President Larry Petersen; Vice President Jeff Patzlaff; Past President Don Downs; Region Representatives Dan Carlson, Jackie Stacey, Jared Opp, and Jordan Seidel; Representative of Young Bands Mary Cogswell; SDSU Representative David Reynolds; Hall of Fame Chair Phil Carlson; Summer Symposium Representatives Dennis Carlson and Helen Mogen.

The executive board meeting was called to order by President Larry Petersen at 12:36 p.m.

Minutes from the March 25th, 2017 General Membership meeting were dispersed and reviewed, as well as the Treasury Report. They will be presented for approval at the General Membership meeting Friday, February 9th, 2018.

SD In-Service Music Report

Dr. Reynolds reported to the board on conference happenings. This year's clinicians are all wonderful and diverse for the convention. SDSU is planning to contract the entire Boston Brass for next year's convention. Open to requests or ideas of clinicians or performers. SDSU is working to address 4th -8th grade band directors needs and interests. This year's convention is all at PAC, except Phi Beta Mu luncheon. Registration costs have reduced 20% over last 2 years, with SDSU paying 70% of clinician's costs. Hopes are that with no student union rentals required and no van transports needed, the future registration cost may lower to around \$25.

Membership Report

There are 144 current members up to date, 16-18 new since start of year. There is still a number of "lapsed" directors that need contacted at convention. Discussion was held regarding SDBA's approach to student membership from colleges. Concern was expressed regarding a loss of personal contact with online membership system. Also it was mentioned that reminder messages can be sent through our webmaster Jason Groon.

SDBA Hall of Fame

Phil Carlson reported on Hall of Fame Nominees – Mike Coyne, Jim McKinney, Leo Warnke. A supporting vote of 66% of the voting membership present required to be accepted, and if multiple receive over the 66% threshold the highest vote total is inducted into HOF. USD was contacted regarding prior recipient's plaques being hung. There was a delay in the system, but as far as we know they are all up now at the Shrine of Music Museum. Discussion was held regarding the process for complimentary concert tickets for the families of honorees at All State Band.

Notes from SDHSAA

- Susan Porter is the new Music Advisory Committee rep for classes A&B vocal
- Joel Shotwell will be judging saxes for All-State Jazz (replacing CJ Kocher)
- William Flynn will be judging guitar, bass, and piano for ASJ (replacing Paul Dutt)
- We are creating a 5-year rotation of ASJ audition material. Most material will come from method books that schools will need to purchase. This enables the SDHSAA to avoid any copyright violations and provides directors with resources that they can use to teach their students jazz style and technique.

- Video recordings are being made for most of the ASJ audition material as an additional resource for directors and students to use as they prepare for ASJ auditions
- All-State Orchestra audition numbers were down again this year. Over the past 11 years, there has been an average drop of 1.92% in audition numbers every year.
- All-State Jazz auditions numbers have remained fairly consistent
- All State Band has had a general decline in audition numbers over the years.
- Richard Rognstad has retired from judging ASO auditions. I will find a replacement by the end of this year
- Mackenzie McKeithan Jensen is the new ASB State Chairperson
- The NFHS Copyright Compliance course is now available at NFHSLearn.com. This course is now required for ALL high school music directors in South Dakota. It is a free course but is quite long (about 2.5 hours).

Webmaster Report

Email from Jason Groom – website was updated last fall. Photos of bands are being requested to use on the updated pages. The transition to online forms is almost complete, with no complaints made regarding ease of function. Some payment issues outside of PayPal are being addressed. Jason wants to post biographies of Hall of Fame members online. He would also like to start posting submissions from directors of ideas, articles, and other bits of knowledge. There is an idea of archiving programs of convention bands in addition to the already posted all state band programs.

All State Band Report

Rapid City is excited to be hosting the 2018 All State Band. Both the Clark and Lewis Bands will be rehearsing in the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center this year. This will alleviate the travel to Central High School and allow directors to be onsite for all students in the same building.

Elementary Contest

Jeff Patzlaff presented the current financial report for the elementary contests. The overall balance is remaining steady and consistent. A \$500 transfer of money to SDBA General Account to be made for Midwest Scholarship. The idea of a Grade 1 commission piece to come from this account for younger bands was discussed. Directors from Region 4 brought forward concern about the rise of fees Elementary Contest fees. This increase was presented and voted on in a past general membership meeting. Clarifications will be made through individuals and Elementary Contest Director Jeff Patzlaff.

Summer Symposium

Helen Mogen and Dennis Carlson shared that about 40 people attended symposium last year. Last year's sessions included a flag class, relationships with admin, and recording. The 2018 Summer Symposium is tentatively set for Saturday, July 21st, 2018 in Chamberlain, SD. Northern State University has agreed to offer credit options. Some of the current ideas for this year include A "Spin Class" with flags, technology (including apps), beginning band display ideas, traveling with bands, a presentation from the Midwest Scholarship Recipient, networking time, and free admission (with a request to bring literature to share with colleagues).

Rock and Roll Music Association

Helen Mogen share details regarding the Rock and Roll Music Association AGAIN offering nine \$1000 grants for music programs across South Dakota. To date they have given over \$45,000 worth of grants to schools across the state.

Don Downs proposed to recommend to the membership to put in a \$500 add in the 2018 program to recognize the past years recipients of grants, with future adds at \$250 to recognize

recipients in future years. Mary Cogswell seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the board.

The meeting was recessed at 12:58 p.m. in order to participate in a tour of the new facilities at the Performing Arts Building at SDSU, and reconvened at 3:06 p.m.

Young Bands Report

Mary Cogswell is working to be Facebook visual as much as possible. She has been working with Richard Cantor a lot in preparation for the convention. The Midwest Scholarship recipient, Ali Hoffman, was VERY appreciative and happy with her experience. Some updates to the application for the Midwest Convention Scholarship will be made as the process evolves.

New Business Discussion

Discuss was held regarding the Aaron Perrine 60th Anniversary Commission Phi Beta Mu Project for 2021. Discussion was held regarding the idea of recommending him come in as a guest conductor for the 2018 All State Band. A recommendation from the board to Phi Beta Mu will be that Aaron Perrine be asked to be an All State conductor in 2021 in order to premiere his piece with the band he is conducting. An effort will be made for the other conductor to be a composer as well that year.

The board went into Executive Session to discuss confidential matters at 3:31 p.m.

The executive session ended at 4:14 p.m.

Membership in Distress

Jerry Letcher is recovering wonderfully from surgery and looking and feeling great.

Members Retiring

No board members are aware of any members retiring this year.

The motion was made by Dan Carlson and seconded by Mary Cogswell to adjourn the Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters. Approval of the motion was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

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

**South Dakota Bandmasters Association
General Membership Meeting
Performing Arts Center
February 8th & 9th, 2018 – State In-Service**

The meeting of the South Dakota Bandmaster General Membership was called to order at 4:22 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of South Dakota State University.

Secretary/Treasurer George Dragoo handed out the minutes of the March 25th, 2017 General Membership Meeting as well as the March 24th, 2017 and February 7th, 2018 Executive Board Meetings. These minutes were reviewed by the membership and Dennis Carlson moved to approve the minutes as written. Ben Koch seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

The 2017 Treasurers Report was then dispersed and reviewed by the membership. Patty Baule moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Duane Niles seconded the motion. The 2017 Financial Report was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

President Larry Petersen then reviewed the minutes from the SDBA Executive Board Meeting that took place February 7th, 2018.

President-Elect Jeff Patzlaff reported that as of Wednesday, February 6th, 2018, the SDBA membership stood at 144 members. People were encouraged to keep their membership current and to contact Jeff Patzlaff with any questions regarding status.

President Larry Petersen shared the details being discussed regarding the Phi Beta Mu commission project and its potential partnership with the South Dakota All State Band.

Phil Carlson, Chairperson of the Hall of Fame, shared the 2018 nominees and reminded the membership of the election process. Ballots were dispersed to all members present. Various attendees took time to share their support of various nominees. Ballots were then collected with the announcement of the results to take place the following day at the closing meeting.

Ryan Stahle, SD All State Jazz Band Chairperson, reported on the 2018 event. People were reminded that All State Jazz will take place one week earlier than prior years, but auditions are still due by March 1st. Ryan encouraged directors to have their students audition, as normally there are around 200 overall auditions. Tutorial videos will soon be online for directors and students to use as a resource. As of this year the audition materials will be based out of standard jazz etude books. The same books will be used year to year, so once directors have them in their library they will be applicable each year. Finally, Ryan announced the guest conductors for the 2018 South Dakota All State Jazz Band – John Kizilmarut-Combo, Tommy Poole-Big Band, and Grant Manhart-Big Band

Brian LeMaster, chairperson of the "Denny Hegg Young Director Award", reminded membership that an email went out to encourage nominating outstanding Young Directors from the state of South Dakota. The form is available online through the SD Bandmasters Website. Nominees must have from 2-10 years of experience, and the deadline to submit applications is March 7th.

Dennis Carlson, part of the Summer Symposium coordination team, reported on the planned 2018 event. The date of the 2018 Summer Symposium will be July 21st, and the location is in Chamberlain. As a teaser, Dennis announced some of the planned topics: "Spin Class" for Colorguard, "Traveling with You Band" by Daryl Omundson, "Report from Midwest" by Grant Recipient Ali Hoffman, and "Getting Horns in Their Hands" by Mary Cogswell and Jared Opp. Members were encouraged to come and be a part of this amazing event for directors of all levels and experience.

Helen Mogen spoke regarding the SD Rock and Roll Music Association offering \$1000 grants again for band programs throughout the state. Applications are due March 14th and require a simple essay explaining the need and how the grant can help. Applicants must be a member of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association.

Kim Carda spoke regarding the Elementary Contests that are sponsored by the South Dakota Bandmasters. Kim talked about the fee increase that had been approved by membership two years prior and the negative impact it will have on their contest and the schools involved. Kim proposed the idea of delaying the increases until further study can be done by contest managers across the state. Wendy Thorsen made the motion to return to the "old fee system" in order to study the process further, with piano contest staying at \$8. Sara Weischedel seconded the motion. Discussion was held, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Toby Rath, chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, reminded membership that the SD Bandmasters annually give two \$500 scholarships for college students in SD Universities/Colleges that are majoring in music. The state's universities/colleges have been notified, and the winners will be announced during the Intercollegiate Band Concert at the 2018 All State Band weekend.

President Larry Petersen reminded the membership of 7:30 a.m. Saturday session at Perkins for directors of younger bands.

NEW BUSINESS

It was proposed that the SD Bandmasters association show their appreciation to the SD Rock and Roll Music Association by paying for an advertisement in their 2018 Hall of Fame Program. Bob Carlson made the motion to place a half-page ad in the 2018 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Program at the cost of \$500 this spring. Tim Eckert seconded the motion. After an opportunity for discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

The General Membership Meeting was recessed by President Larry Petersen at 5:09 p.m., to be reconvened the following day.

The General Membership Meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was reconvened on Saturday, February 10th, at 12:45 p.m.

It was announced to membership that the All State Music is available from Mackenzie McKeithan Jensen.

The SDBA Board and Membership offered thanks to SDSU and Dr. David Reynolds for another great South Dakota In-Service Convention. Ron Stary made the motion to have the 2019

meeting of the SDBA at SD In-Service Convention at SDSU. The motion was seconded by Ben Koch and the motion was passed unanimously by the membership.

The announcement was made regarding results of the voting regarding the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame will be honored to induct their newest member, Dr. James McKinney.

Members in Distress were recognized – John Askew from Pierre and Darwin Walker
No members planning to retire were known at the time of the meeting.

Dan Carlson, chairperson of Convention Bands, spoke regarding 2019 convention band applications, which are due by All State Band. Information and Application are on the SD Bandmasters Website.

Future ideas for convention can be directed to Dr. Reynolds and SDSU staff.

Dan Carlson made a motion to adjourn the General Membership Meeting. Andrew Belsaas seconded the motion. Membership unanimously approved the motion, and the meeting was officially adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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

**South Dakota Bandmasters Association
Executive Board Meeting
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center
March 23rd, 2018 – All State Band**

President Larry Petersen called the Executive Board Meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association to order at 9:31 a.m.

Members Present at Meeting

Brooks Bowman-SDHSAA Representative, Dan Carlson-Region 1/2 Representative, Larry Petersen-President, Mary Cogswell-Young Bands Representative, Jackie Stacey-Region 3/4 Representative, Phil Carlson-HOF Chairperson, Jake Wallace-SDSU Representative, Jared Opp-Region 5/6 Representative, Jordan Seidel-Region 7/8 Representative, Don Downs-Past President, Jeff Patzlaff-President Elect, Helen Mogen-R&R Music Association Envoy, George Drago-Secretary/Treasurer

Hall of Fame Process

Phil Carlson – HOF voting process currently 66%, and tie means 2 people. Idea of possibly switching to old system of 1 person per year elected and qualification of being retired at least 5 years before nomination. The topic will be presented to the general membership at the meeting tomorrow.

SD In-Service Convention

Jake Wallace from SDSU came to the board meeting to discuss the annual convention that takes place in February at the SDSU campus. He asked for thoughts to improve and advance the convention. The idea of not putting concerts and clinics at the same time to avoid the conflict of wanting to be at both spots. Multiple clinics can be scheduled at the same time and it's okay. If membership has ideas for people or topics, or they themselves would like to present, they can contact SDSU. Perhaps a peer-reviewed application process can be put online to help attract other presenters.

SDHSAA Topics

It was suggested that we reduce the number of "contact points" to the All State Band Conductors to avoid confusion or miscommunication. The SDBA would still select/recommend conductors, but the SDHSAA would take over being the contact.

Gifts for conductors will be purchased through SDBA (\$50 per conductor) and presented by the 4-Year students at the final rehearsal. The SDHSAA plaques will be presented during the concerts.

Music Advisory topic that will be coming up. The dissolution of the State Show Choir event after this year. The proposal preparation process has begun to have an All State Show Choir that will involve an audition process.

Scholarship Committe

This year's winners are MaryEllen Kennedy-SDSU (Beresford) and Sarah Rathert-BHSU(Sturgis) Toby Rath announced that he will be stepping down from his position as Chairperson of the SDBA Scholarship Committee. He recommended Stephanie Wranek to take over his positions. Don Downs made the motion to have Stephanie Wranek assume the role of Chairperson of the

SDBA Scholarship Committee. The motion was seconded by Jackie Stacey and approved unanimously by the board.

SDMEA

Bethany Amundsen is president-elect of the SDMEA and would like to open a pathway of conversation to address the multiple conventions held by music organizations in South Dakota.

Rock and Roll Music Association

37 Applicants for the Rock & Roll Music Association \$1000 Grants this year. Membership in the South Dakota Bandmasters is a requirement, and those applicants who do not have a current membership will have their applications disqualified. Helen Mogen offered to continue in her role as envoy to the R&R Music Association and their Scholarship Program.

Elementary Music Contest

Jeff Patzlaff reported on the status of the review of the Elementary Music Contest fee structure and the review of procedures.

Midwest Scholarship Program

President Larry Petersen spoke to the great outcome of the Midwest Scholarship Program, and the encouraging look at the future of the great path we are on.

New Business

The idea was brought up to possibly “Buy a Seat” at the expansion of the SDSU Performing Arts Center as a form of a “thank you” for their help with the annual SD Music In-Service and SD Bandmasters Convention. President Larry Petersen will bring this up with the general membership at tomorrow’s meeting.

An idea was brought up to find a way to coordinate our scheduling of ideas and events at things like the Summer Symposium, recommendations for SD Music In-Service, and potential All State Band clinics and breakout sessions.

Nominees will need to be found for Region Representatives for 3&4 and 7&8, Young Bands Representative, and President-Elect. Don Downs was appointed head of the nomination committee.

Dan Carlson reported that he has 6 schools that applied to perform at the 2019 Convention. A committee was locked in and a time for review was set.

Can automated membership be set up with some sort of standardized system to help people know if their membership is current or not. Ideas were discussed to encourage membership as well as participation in the state convention.

Motion was made by Jeff Patzlaff to adjourn to the Executive Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mary Cogswell and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**South Dakota Bandmasters Association
General Membership Meeting
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center – Alpine Room
March 24th, 2018 – All State Band**

The General Membership Meeting of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association was called to order at 10:31 a.m. by President Larry Petersen.

The membership sang happy birthday for Donna Ries and others with birthdays around the All State Band weekend.

Hall of Fame Report – Phil Carlson shared discussion from board meeting. It was proposed to limit the induction to just one person per year, and making it be required that nominee be retired for at least 5 years. Bob Carlson made the motion that effective immediately the Hall of Fame Induction be limited to one inductee per year with ties to be broken by the executive board. Dan Carlson seconded the motion and the membership unanimously approved it.

President Petersen shared Jake Wallace’s discussion with the executive board regarding the intent to continue an open line of communication with SDSU for SD In-Service and the membership they are serving.

Brooks Bowman and MacKenzie McKeithan from the SDHSAA shared the continued goals to streamline the point of contact between SDHSAA and ASB Guest Conductors.

It was shared that any discussions taking place between the various professional music organizations in the state are at their early-stages and are occurring to help find a way to allow us to work together for a stronger state of music education.

South Dakota Rock and Roll Music Association Grant Application reminders were shared by Helen Mogen.

Elementary Music Contest Chair, Jeff Patzlaff, shared that a review of fee structures at elementary/middle school contests is currently under way.

Midwest Scholarship was again promoted to the membership. Those who qualify are strongly encouraged to consider applying for the 2018 Midwest Band Convention in Chicago, IL.

President Petersen shared with the membership that the Scholarship Committee Chair, Toby Rath, is hereby stepping down from his position. He will be assisting the change of guard by helping to train new chairperson, Stephanie Wranek.

The idea of “buying a seat” in the new SDSU performance facility was discussed with the general membership. This action would serve as a “thank you” for over 80 years of hosting the SD Bandmasters annual convention in Brookings at the SDSU Campus.

John Alpers made the motion that the South Dakota Bandmasters collect donations from their membership to purchase a \$500 seat(s) in the new performance facility at SDSU. Collections would be taken until the end of April, with any required balance being covered from the SDBA

General Fund. Chris Unger seconded the motion and the membership unanimously approved it.

Membership in Distress - Ray Borgen suffering from Alzheimers and will be stepping away from his business as needed in the future. Ray has been a familiar face from World's Finest in many schools across the state.

Brooks Bowman, SDHSAA, reminded directors to exchange their complimentary passes for actual tickets before the concert.

Membership took turns sharing events coming up in their communities in the coming months: Yankton (Todd Carr) and SF Roosevelt (Mike Hench) promoted fall events; SF Lincoln (Dan Carlson) shared leadership camp with Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser; Chamberlain (Phil Carlson) Summer Symposium, Ryan Stahle (Mitchell) Jazz Camp, SDSU (Kevin Kessler) National Band Association plug.

Brooks Bowman, SDHSAA, announced that the 2018 SD All State Jazz Band Results would be emailed out on the Monday following All State Band.

All State Band coordinators shared the afternoon procedures as well as any other All State Band Concert items.

It was shared that Ben Henry, former BHSU teacher, had recently passed away. A moment of silence was given in his honor.

Retirements - John Alpers and Steve Aalbu shared that they would be retiring at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. A very large round of applause was given for their years of experience and dedication to band students in South Dakota.

At 11:22 a.m. Mary Cogswell moved to adjourn the meeting. Ben Koch seconded the motion and the membership unanimously approved.

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