

**South Dakota Bandmasters Association**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**SDSU Performing Arts Center Conference Room**  
**February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – State In-Service**

**Members in Attendance:** President Larry Petersen; Vice President Jeff Patzlaff; Past President Don Downs; Region Representatives Jared Opp, and Jordan Seidel; Representative of Young Bands Mary Cogswell; SDSU Representatives David Reynolds, Jacob Wallace, and Kevin Kessler; Hall of Fame Chair Phil Carlson

The executive board meeting was called to order by President Larry Petersen at 12:44 p.m.

**Minutes** – George Dragoo presented minutes from the Board Meeting on March 23, 2018 and the General Membership Meeting on March 24, 2018 at All State Band in Rapid City. Jared Opp moved to accept the minutes and Mary Cogswell seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved. These will be presented and voted on at the next General Membership Meeting.

**Treasurers Report** – George Dragoo presented the Financial Report of February 2018 – January 2019. These will be presented and voted on at the next General Membership Meeting.

**Conference Updates** – David Reynolds discussed the reduced In-Service Fee (down about 40%) for convention this year due to endowments and facilities consolidation. In planning for next year, SDSU is open to ideas from membership as to what they'd like to see. They are looking at woodwind guests in the future to balance the recent brass guests. Be sure to support exhibitors and show that they are appreciated and welcomed at the convention. Some of the clinician arrivals have been delayed due to weather. O'Gorman schools won't be attending this year's conference due to administrative decision at their school. Schedule adjustments will be made, if necessary, to allow other groups their performance opportunities. Dr. Reynolds thanked the board, and the board thanked Dr. Reynolds for another great conference.

Discussion was held regarding the number of different events pulling students/teachers from school days, and the impact on professional development opportunities for the band directors in our state.

**Membership Report** – Jeff Patzlaff reported that our current membership is at 166, with 137 standard memberships; 22 retired memberships; and 7 collegiate memberships. Some challenges arose with renewal on the SDBA webpage. This will be addressed with our website administrator, Jason Groom.

**Hall of Fame Report** – Phil Carlson shared that there is a new nominee this year, Corliss Johnson. Mike Coyne and Leo Warnke will be carried over from last year. The board reviewed guidelines to voting. Phil Carlson is continuing to work on making the plaques at the Hall of Fame consistent and up to date.

**SDSU Band Representatives** – Jacob Wallace and Kevin Kessler formally welcomed everyone. As you see the spaces and facility potentials, think of any ideas that conference attendees would like to see. No idea is out of the question, and anything is on the table.

**Summer Symposium Report** – (Dennis Carlson shared information via communication with President Petersen) 7/20/19 is the tentatively scheduled date (to be confirmed by ASB weekend). NSU will continue to offer credit. Discussion was held about providing a variety of sessions that will appeal to directors of all levels. Current session ideas include All State Jazz Band Audition Clinic with Ryan Stahle, Rhythm Section Basics with Jordan Seidel & Jimmy Reed, Young Bands Presentation by 2018 Midwest Scholarship Recipient Tessa Bulgum, and a future Conn Selmer guest speaker possible...procedures discussed in order to do this and whether funds from Bandmasters could be used in the future to support this. Membership can be asked if they have ideas of “what” they would like from a guest clinician.

**Notes from SDHSAA** – The bulleted items below are direct from Brooks Bowman to the Board:

- ASO audition numbers: 330 total auditions. 2017 = 355, 2016 = 378, 2014 = 386, 2013 = 449. You can see the trend here.
- ASB audition numbers: 646 total auditions. 2018 = 667, 2017 = 670, 2016 = 636, 2015 = 613, 2014 = 640. Our audition numbers are in ASB are also continuing a downward trend in numbers.
- ASB and ASJ have now adopted a 5-year rotation of audition materials. We plan to discuss doing the same with ASO.
- The ASB tabulation error:  
As I explained in the email that was sent out, the error occurred on our end. The program was set with the same perimeters as last year. Last year, all sight reading had 8 or 9 measures, so the program was only looking at up to 9 measures of SR. This year, flute, bassoon, alto, tenor, and bari sax all had 10 measures of SR. Because our program was set for with last year's perimeters, it was not calculating any mistakes from the last measure of the SR in the instruments listed above. One we discovered the error, we fixed it. Flutes, Bassoons, and Bari saxes had no affect. Alto saxes had a couple of kids that swapped seating order. The only issues was in the tenor saxes where chairs 3 and 4 moved down a couple of chairs which caused us to accept 7 tenor saxes instead of 4. The program has been permanently changed so that this error never happens again.

Moved by Jared Opp - An Executive Board recommendation to form an All-State Band Tabulation Committee to assist in reviewing and verifying the All State Band scores prior to being released to all band directors. This committee would be proposed to the music advisory committee to be made available to the SDHSAA. Seconded by Don Downs and unanimously approved.

**Rock and Roll Hall of Fame/Advertisement** – Helen Mogen (via phone) – The South Dakota Rock and Roll Association plans to do same amount of grants, and money towards Bandmasters. Helen Mogen will be sending application materials out next week.

**Elementary Contest Report** – Jeff Patzlaff shared the financial report from the SDBA State Grade Contest. Things are running steady and financially sustainable.

**Young Bands Report/Midwest Scholarship** – Mary Cogswell – The Midwest Scholarship application form will be updated as necessary to make details of the scholarship requirements clear to applicants. Discussion was held to form a committee to help with the Scholarship review and selection process. President Larry Peterson appointed Mary Cogswell to head this committee.

Tessa Bulgum addressed the board via a phone call. She gave a brief review of her trip to the 2018 Midwest Band Clinic. She was very appreciative of the opportunity provided by the SD Bandmasters Association and stated that it's great that South Dakota can offer this kind of opportunity for young band directors.

**Nominations for Election** – Don Downs presented the following candidates for election:

President-Elect Position Nominees – Mary Cogswell and Ben Koch

Region 3 & 4 Representative Nominees – Kelli VanOverbeke and Jeremy Schutter

Region 5 & 6 Representative Nominees – Renee Munsen and Elizabeth Bengs

Young Bands Representative Nominees – Julie Berger and Jared Opp

At the General Membership Meeting we will ask for nominations from floor, approve the ballot, vote on Friday, and announce election results at the Saturday meeting.

**Members in Distress**

Jeff Soukup – Leo Getsgo – Wes Pepper

**Members Retiring**

Toby Rath – Chan Foresman – Kandy Hastings

**Other Items**

It was proposed that in the future we should look at SDBA Membership Rates, timing of membership signup/dues, and membership processing. (Dues have been \$25 since 2007)

It was moved by Jordan Seidel, and seconded by Mary Cogswell, to adjourn the SDBA Executive Board Meeting. Approval was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

**South Dakota Bandmasters Association  
General Membership Meeting  
SDSU Larson Memorial Hall  
February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – State In-Service**

The South Dakota Bandmasters Association General Membership Meeting was called to order by President Larry Petersen at 11:41 a.m. Over sixty members were in attendance for the meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer George Dragoo presented the minutes from the General Membership Meeting in Spring 2018 and the Executive Board Minutes from February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. It was moved by Andrew Belsaas and seconded by Tyler Nettetstad to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved. George Dragoo then presented the Treasurer's Report of 2/18-1/19. As of 2/5/18 the balance in checking was \$3,792.95 and in savings was \$1,029.46, for an overall balance of \$4,822.41. As of 1/28/19 the balance in checking was \$4,405.27 (\$500 scholarship check still outstanding) and in savings was \$1029.77, for an overall balance of \$5,435.05. Moved by Toby Rath and Seconded by Julie Berger to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was unanimously approved.

President Petersen spoke on behalf of the SDBA Board and Membership is sharing the appreciation for the new facilities and welcoming staff at SDSU for the convention.

Vice President Jeff Patzlaff share the current membership – 167 standard members, 7 college members, and 12 retired members.

Dennis Carlson shared information regarding the 2019 Summer Symposium. Currently 7/20/19 is the tentative date. Helen Mogen discussed her work toward getting a Conn/Selmer Guest Clinician for the Summer Symposium. Membership discussed funding for Summer Symposium offerings. A motion was made by Phil Carlson, and seconded by Jerry Letcher to use up to \$750 from the money received from the South Dakota Rock and Roll Music Association to help pay for Summer Symposium costs. The motion was approved unanimously. Dennis Carlson discussed the Symposium and potential offerings in 2019. Information will be on SDBA website once finalized.

SDHSAA Notes (as presented in the Executive Board Minutes) were presented and discussed. Dennis Carlson moved and Larry Johnson seconded that the SDBA make a formal recommendation to the Music Advisory Board and the SDHSAA to form a panel of directors to help review All State scoring prior to the results being sent out to all directors. Discussion was held that this can be done without sharing names with the review board. Also, the intention of this would be to help provide another review of the scoring to help alleviate potential oversights or errors. The motion was unanimously approved. Discussion was held regarding the length of the sightreading and the etude used for All State auditions. A motion was made by Ben Koch, and seconded by Phil Carlson to take recommendation to SDHSAA Music Advisory that all All State Band sightreading and audition etudes be a standardized length among all instruments. The motion was unanimously approved. Ben/Phil – Unanimous

Jeff Patzlaff shared that the Elementary Contest Ribbons are in hallway. Please pick them up before leaving the conference..

Midwest Young Bands Director Scholarship was discussed. Applications will be available on the SDBA website soon.

Hall of Fame Ballots were reviewed and dispersed. Candidates were Leo Warnke, Mike Coyne, and Corliss Johnson. Membership was reminded that 1 person per year will be inducted. 66% is required for induction. Membership spoke in support of the candidates. Ballots were dispersed and voting took place.

Don Downs presented the nominees for board positions: President-Elect – Mary Cogswell and Ben Koch; Region 3&4 Representative – Kelli VanOverbeke and Jeremy Schutter; Region 5&6 Representative – Renee Munsen and Elizabeth Bengs; Young Bands Representative – Julie Berger and Jared Opp. Membership voted with results to be announced at Saturday meeting.

Members in Distress – Jeff Soukup, Leo Warnke, Wes Peppers, Darwin Walker, and Rolf Olson's wife. A moment of silence was also held for Dr Peters and Dr Lillehaug.

Retirees were recognized – Rhonda Stroukel, Toby Rath, Chan Foresman, and Kandy Hastings

Dr. Kevin Kessler talked to membership about the National Band Association young conductor mentorship program for directors 29 and younger.

The 2019 All State Jazz Band was discussed, and a reminder was given that auditions are due March 1<sup>st</sup> (later found out the due date is March 8<sup>th</sup>).

Brian LeMaster discussed Dennis Hegg Young Director Award for directors with 3-10 years of experience. March 8<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for nominating candidates. Nominations need to be resubmitted each year.

President Petersen recessed at 12:33 p.m.

President Petersen reconvened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

The executive board recognized Dr Reynolds and SDSU for being a great host and coordinating an amazing event. Dr. Reynolds invited us back for 2020 (February 13-15). Membership agreed to continue our participation next year.

Jared Opp, Jackie Stacey, Don Downs, and Mary Cogswell were thanked for their service to the board over the previous years. Election results were announced: Jared Opp - Young Bands, Region 5&6 - Renee Munsen. Region 3&4 - Kelly Van Overbeke, and President-Elect - Mary Cogswell.

Jeff Patlaff took over as president and again thanked the outgoing board members.

Phil Carlson announced that in 2019 the SDBA Hall of Fame will be inducting Corliss Johnson.

Motioned by Ron Stary and seconded by Tim Eckert to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously and adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
George Dragoo  
SDBA Secretary/Treasurer