

**South Dakota Bandmasters Association**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**SDSU Performing Arts Center Conference Room**  
**February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – State In-Service**

**Members in Attendance:** President Jeff Patzlaff; Vice President Mary Cogswell; Region Representatives Dan Carlson, Kelly Van Overbeke, and Jordan Seidel; Representative of Young Bands Jared Opp; Secretary/Treasurer George Dragoo

The executive board meeting was called to order by President Jeff Patzlaff at 1:11 p.m.

**Minutes** – The minutes from the March 2019 Executive Board and General Membership Meetings were presented to the board by George Dragoo. Mary Cogswell motioned for the minutes to be approved and the General Membership Minutes be presented to the General Membership Meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Jared Opp seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Treasurers Report** – The financial report of February 2019 through January 2020 was presented to the board by George Dragoo. Jordan Seidel motioned to approve the financial report to be presented to the General Membership Meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Mary Cogswell seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Conference Updates** – David Reynolds took time to welcome the South Dakota Bandmasters to the In-Service Music Conference 2020. The exciting schedule for this year was shared with a special mention to all the great guests. Planning is already underway for 2021 with Virginia Allen who currently teaches conducting at Julliard, and an opportunity to perform one of John Mackey's newest compositions that will have a guest vocalist. This will also allow for the potential to have a session on bringing together bands with vocal performers. The display of the SDBA Hall of Fame Plaques is temporarily in the lobby but will soon be moved to its new permanent location here at South Dakota State University.

**Proposal to add a person to Board for Communication** – Mary Cogswell presented the idea of a new member of the executive board to be a dedicated person to handle promotion and communications for the SDBA and the bands of South Dakota. This position would be a central point of contact for statewide communication. Mary Cogswell motioned to create a new, non-elected, position of Communications Liaison to sit on the SDBA Executive Board. Dan Carlson seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously by the board.

**Hall of Fame Report** – Phil Carlson reported that this year there are 5 nominees for the SDBA Hall of Fame ballot. Names carried over from last year include Michael Coyne and Leo Warnke, while new nominees include John Colson, Joseph Pekas, and Marklen Bray. Original Nomination Forms were included in packet, but the letters of support were too numerous to include. It was requested that in the future members use the nomination forms when submitting names. Next year's process will likely be earlier with more information included with nominations and those expressing support being listed. As is the policy only nominees with at

least 60% of the total membership vote are eligible and whoever has the highest vote will be inducted. In case of a tie at the top of the votes, multiple nominees can be inducted.

**SDBA History Update and Report** – Arlen Hofer reported on his work since 2014 to collect the history of the South Dakota Bandmasters. This involved collecting historical information from multiple sources and obtaining available information from the National Music Museum in Vermillion. Details were found regarding the early years of SDBA and its predecessor the South Dakota Association of Band and Orchestra Directors, and the SD HS Music Association. Information has been compiled into binders of printed information, including all of the available minutes of all SDBA Meetings. This information, and so much more, will be presented Saturday morning at 8:30 in “A History of the South Dakota Bandmasters” by Arlen Hofer.

**Membership Report** – Mary Cogswell reported that there are currently 186 members of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association and that the SDBA Facebook Page has 254 likes.

**Discussion on Membership Fees** – Mary Cogswell reported that there are currently only 4 college students as paid members of SDBA. Jared Opp motioned that the board recommend to the general membership that the SDBA offer a free, non-voting college membership option from this point forward. Kelly Van Overbeke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding “corporate memberships” in the future. No action at this time.

**Rock and Roll Association Report** – Helen Mogen reported that as of this morning it was decided that 10 grants will again be offered this year. Once information is finalized communications will be sent out by Helen.

**Summer Symposium Report** – Helen Mogen reported that Dennis Carlson is ready to pass on the primary responsibility of the Symposium to someone else. Helen Mogen will take over as the primary coordinator starting this year. It was discussed to reach out to Conn Selmer about possible future involvement similar to the 2019 Symposium. Membership is asked to email ideas for sessions and clinics at the Summer Symposium to Helen Mogen.

**Midwest Clinic Recipient** – The board called the 2019 Midwest Clinic Award Recipient Nick Ries for a report. He shared his appreciation of the magnitude of the Midwest Convention and thanked the board for the opportunity. He discussed the opportunity to see a multitude of concerts, sessions that focused on classroom management, middle school specific methodology, and how to teach students to practice. The board feels that the current application process is working well and look forward to this year’s applicants. Recipient Nick Ries will be recognized at the general membership meeting.

**Elementary Contest Report** – Jeff Patzlaff shared the financial report for the state elementary contest. After purchase of ribbons the balance will stay steady at just over \$15,000. A portion of this money is used to help fund the Midwest Scholarship. Contest Ribbons will be available in the lobby during the convention.

**SDHSAA State Music Report** – Brooks Bowman – No report was sent from Brooks.

**Other New Business** –

Membership has asked about convention performance livestreams. No archives are allowed due to copyright, but if individuals are interested in doing a livestream through the SDBA Facebook page that could be a possibility. This is something to consider moving forward. We will try a pilot of doing it with the SF Washington concert this year.

Discussion was held regarding the different band festivals held around the state for beginners. Discussion was held regarding how the South Dakota Bandmasters Association could be a support role in these great opportunities. Mary Cogswell made the motion that to help create a sense of unity with beginning band programs across the state, The South Dakota Bandmasters Association will have an annual recommended beginning band piece that could be played by individual schools or festival bands statewide. The motion was seconded by Jordan Seidel and approved unanimously by the board.

**Members in Distress** – No names were given at the meeting.

**Members Retiring** – No names were given at the meeting.

**Executive Session** – At 3:33 p.m. the Executive Board went into Executive Session. The regular meeting was reconvened at 4:12 p.m.

Jared Opp made the motion to adjourn the Executive Board Meeting. Mary Cogswell seconded the motion and the board unanimously voted to adjourn at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
George E. Dragoo  
SDBA Secretary/Treasurer

**South Dakota Bandmasters Association**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**SDSU Performing Arts Center**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – State In-Service**

Board Members Present: President Jeff Patzlaff; Vice-President Mary Cogswell; Past-President Larry Petersen; Region Representatives Dan Carlson, Kelly Van Overbeke, Renee Munsen, and Jordan Seidel; Young Band Representative Jared Opp; and Secretary/Treasurer George Dragoo

Called to order by President Patzlaff at 4:13 p.m.

**Minutes** - Secretary/Treasurer George Dragoo distributed the Minutes from the March 2019 SDBA General Membership Meeting. John Patzlaff motioned that the minutes be approved as presented. Phil Carlson seconded the motion. After no discussion from the floor the motion was approved unanimously.

**Financial Report** - Secretary/Treasurer George Dragoo distributed the 2019-2020 Financial Report to general membership. Tim Eckert motioned that the financial report be approved as presented. Patty Baule seconded the motion. After no discussion from the floor the motion was approved unanimously.

The unapproved minutes from the Executive Board Meeting on February 13, 2020 were shared with the general membership. President Patzlaff then reviewed the items discussed one by one.

**SDBA Website** – Website Manager Jason Groon was not in attendance, so no report was given.

**Membership Report** – President-Elect Mary Cogswell reported that currently there are 186 paid members of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association. The SDBA Facebook Page, which has 258 likes, will begin a pilot program livestreaming the conference performances this year.

**College Scholarship Report** – Scholarship Chairperson, Stephanie Wranek, reviewed the process of the two \$500 college scholarships presented annually at the Intercollegiate Concert by the SDBA. Communications to the state colleges and universities was sent both prior to the New Year, and after the New Year detailing the application process. As of today, there have been to applications received yet.

**All State Jazz Band Report** – All State Jazz Band Chairperson, Ryan Stahle, reported on the 2020 All State Jazz Band that will take place on May 7-9 in Aberdeen on the campus of Northern State University. Directors were strongly encouraged to have students audition. The materials are all available on the SDHSAA website and the recordings are due by March 13<sup>th</sup>. This year's clinicians are: Saxophonist Adam Larson from Kansas City, Bassist Kris Berg from Dallas, and Trombonist Matt Niess from the Washington D.C. area.

**2020 All State Band Host Site Report** – Site Host Ryan Stahle shared that Mitchell is excited and getting ready for a great All State Band Event. This year Mitchell is hosting multitude of

state music events in the facilities, and it will be a busy few weeks. Music for the students who made All State Band should be received at the schools next week. If you do not receive your music, or have any questions, contact Brooks Bowman or Mackenzie McKeithan in Pierre.

**Denny Hegg Young Bandmaster Award Report** – Award chairperson, Brian LeMaster, reminded people that the nomination forms are on the SDBA website. Nominees need to have less than 10 and more than 2 years of teaching experience. Nominations are not carried over year to year, so nominations are encouraged. Submissions are due by March 7<sup>th</sup>. To see a list of past recipients, go to the SDBA website ([sdbandmasters.org](http://sdbandmasters.org)).

**Elementary Contest Report** – Contest chairperson, Jeff Patzlaff, share the status of the SDBA sponsored Elementary Contests across the state. Last year’s weather caused some contests to be cancelled. Ribbons are available in the lobby for people to take home for local contests.

**Midwest Scholarship Report** Mary Cogswell reported on the Midwest Band Clinic Scholarship that is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year of rewarding \$1000 to a director of young bands in their 1-5 year of teaching. 2019 Scholarship recipient, Nick Ries, took an opportunity to thank the SDBA for the scholarship and opportunity to attend the Midwest Band Clinic. He shared some of his highlights and encouraged young directors across the state to apply for this scholarship if they are eligible. The SDBA Midwest Scholarship is funded through \$500 from bandmasters and another \$500 from private donor in our organization. If other members would like to donate to the scholarship it would always be appreciated.

**SDBA Collegiate Membership** - Mary Cogswell shared the discussion the board had regarding college student’s membership and involvement with the SDBA. In order to be more present and active with college music students in the state a free membership could be offered. Don Crowe made the motion to accept the executive board’s recommendation that the South Dakota Bandmasters Association offer a free, non-voting college membership option from this point forward. John Alpers seconded the motion. After no discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

**New Communications Liaison Position** - Mary Cogswell reported that the executive board decided to add a position to the board that will be known as Communications Liaison. This position will be a central contact point for communications statewide and work towards a regular communication to all members (i.e. newsletters, conference pictures and recaps, etc.). Any member(s) interested in serving in this position should contact a member of the executive board.

**SDBA History Update** – Arlen Hofer shared a glimpse of the immense research he has done to preserve the history of the South Dakota Bandmasters. All membership was asked to share any historical pictures or items found in their schools for archival purposes. Members were also encouraged to attend the “Bandmaster Breakfast” to see a slide show created by Arlen Hofer and to learn even more about our history.

**Summer Symposium Update** – Helen Mogen shared that the 2020 Summer Symposium will take place July 25<sup>th</sup> in Chamberlain. Feel free to email Helen Mogen with ideas for presenters or subjects for the symposium. Paula Crider was great in 2019 and we will be looking into how

often Conn Selmer would be willing to support doing this again. Helen will also follow up on credit availability at the symposium through Northern State University.

**Rock and Roll Association Report** - This year the South Dakota Rock and Roll Association will again be providing ten \$1000 grants. Over \$50,000 of grants have been given throughout the state over the past several years. Helen Mogen will be sending application information in the near future. A motion was made by Andrew Belsaas to have the SDBA buy a \$250 ad for the SD Rock and Roll Associations Hall of Fame induction concert program. Ryan Stahle seconded the motion. After no discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

**SDBA Hall of Fame Report** – Chairperson Phil Carlson spoke about this year’s Hall of Fame process and nominees. Ballots were handed out with the five candidates names listed: Michael Coyne, Leo Warnke, John Colson, Joseph Pekas, and Marklen Bray. The floor was then opened for several members to speak in support of the nominees. Ballots were collected to be counted and results shared at the meeting the following day.

**SDHSAA Report** - No report submitted from SDHSAA for this meeting.

**Members Retiring** – Lola Bartels from Clark

**Members In Distress** – Phil Carlson shared that his grandfather, Dennis Carlson’s Father, could use our thoughts and prayers.

**Music Advisory Items** – Ben Koch asked that anyone who had students audition for All State should please fill out judge’s survey. Ben also spoke of this being the 1<sup>st</sup> year of committee formed to review the All State Band results. This committee was able to verify the calculations of scores, but were unable to see specifics such as sightreading, terms, ballots, etc. If membership has thoughts of how to make this committee more effective and useful, they are asked to talk to any of the members (Ben Koch, Ryan Stahle, and Phil Carlson).

The meeting was put into recess until February 15<sup>th</sup> by President Jeff Patzlaff at 5:06 p.m. (A group picture of the membership present was then taken.)

The meeting of the SDBA General Membership was reconvened at 12:41 p.m. on February 15<sup>th</sup> by Jeff Patzlaff.

**Beginning Band SDBA Project** - The board shared that it voted to support a motion that stated “to help create a sense of unity with beginning band programs across the state, The South Dakota Bandmasters Association will have an annual recommended beginning band piece that could be played by individual schools or festival bands statewide”. The hope is that the SDBA can take a more active role in the young band programs across the state and help in creating an opportunity to connect programs though out the state.

**Convention Band Report** – Chairperson Dan Carlson spoke regarding convention band applications for next year. It is great to see a diversity of groups perform (younger/older, small school/large school, concert/jazz, etc.). The form to submit your band is on the SDBA website.

You just need to submit two pieces of varying styles. Membership is asked to have their submissions in by all state band. Schools are also encouraged to respect and try to implement diversity in their programming of convention performances.

**2021 Convention Invitation** - Dr. Reynolds shared that SDSU was honored to have us at their annual music in-service and would like to invite us for next year (same weekend). The SDBA again shared the great appreciation and thanks to SDSU for finding a permanent home for our Hall of Fame plaques.

**Hall of Fame Results** – Phil Carlson shared that this year we will be inducting TWO members in the SDBA Hall of Fame. This year’s recipients are John Colson and Leo Warnke.

John Patzlaff motioned to adjourn the meeting. After a second by Patty Baule the membership unanimously approved to adjourn at 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
George Dragoo  
SDBA Secretary/Treasurer