

**North Dakota National Band Association
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, March 20, 2014
4:30 pm Spruce Room
Bismarck Civic Center**

The annual meeting of the North Dakota National Band Association was called to order at 4:30 pm on Thursday, March 20, 2014, in the Spruce Room of the Bismarck Civic Center, Bismarck, North Dakota, by president, Ken Aune.

The minutes of the 2013 general membership meeting were reviewed. Ken Aune moved to accept the minutes; another member seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Financial Reports:

The Financial Report was presented by Beanie Stotts, co-chairman of the Junior High All-State Festival. The checking account balance is \$4,353.86 as of March 19, 2014. There are unpaid bills from the Junior High All-State Band Festival, bringing the amount in the checking account to \$1,732.44. There are still some outstanding checks to come out.

Old Business:

1. Jr. High All-State Band Festival
 - a. Sara Baumann reported that the 2014 Junior High All-State Band Festival held at Mandan High School was quite successful. Rob Grice was the guest conductor. There were 463 auditions from 39 schools. The band had 89 members. The students were well behaved and the festival ran smoothly.
 - b. Sara Baumann announced that Elizabeth Jackson (Minneapolis) is next year's director.
 - c. Ken Aune brought up that registration was done in advance and asked how it went. Beanie said it worked well and that there wasn't a long line for check in. We plan to continue the new system.
 - d. Rob Grice was tremendous. Rehearsals were well-paced and positive. Beanie Stotts brought up that the composing aspect that Grice brought to the table was received well by the students.
 - e. Discussion was held regarding the growing concern of auditions submitted after the deadline. Suggestion was made to add a late fee and a short grace period. A motion was made to add a grace period for entries from Friday to Monday and charge a \$50 late

- fee. Nancy Olson moved; Darcy Brandenburg seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- f. Discussion was held regarding the process of getting the auditions submitted. Suggestion was made to go to an online system. This will be tabled until next year.
2. HS All-State Band Festival
 - a. Chris Harvey, Chairman, was unable to attend the NDNBA meeting.
 3. NDNAfME Report
 - a. Randy Hall, NDNAfME president, had no remarks.

New Business:

1. NDNBA Award Recipients 2014
 - a. Ken Aune announced the NDNBA award recipients for 2014: Allegro Award – Luke Keller; Citation of Excellence – Randy Salzer; Jazz Educator – Chris Dasovick; Distinguished Service Award – John Warren.
2. Dates for 2015 conference are March 26-28, at the Bismarck Civic Center.
3. Suggestions for Band Headliner for 2015 Conference
 - a. Suggestions from 2013 meeting: Cheryl Floyd, Deb Sheldon, Frank Whicks, Tim Holton
 - b. Suggestions from 2014 meeting: Paula Holcomb, David Gregory
 - c. Next year's dates for NDMEA are during the CBDNA conference, so it was suggested that Tim Holton may be a nice fit, as he is not a college director and is a native of the region.
4. Suggestions for All-State Band Conductors
 - a. 2015 – Dr. Chris Chapmen (Oregon State University); 2016 – Dr. Reed Thomas (Middle Tennessee State University)
 - b. Suggestions for future directors: Harlan Parker, Dr. Emily Threinen (Temple University), Dr. Linda Moorhouse (University of Illinois), Kenneth Thompson (Bowling Green State University)
5. Suggestions for Jr. High All State Conductors
 - a. Suggestions for next year: Scott Jones, Vince Gassi, Charlotte Royal, Elizabeth Peterson, Jim Popejoy, Paula Crider
6. Election of Officers
 - a. Sara Baumann and Mark Perkins agreed to stay on as “Members at Large.”
 - b. Darcy Brandenburg nominated Keith Eider for **Member at Large**: Keith accepted the nomination for the three year term.
7. National Membership Renewal
 - a. The NBA website is down and has been for months. Ken Aune has contacted NBA and has received a PDF registration form for those interested in joining our association. If we know of someone interested in joining NBA, contact Ken Aune.
8. All State Discussion

- a. Discussion was held in regard to the number of wind players that are selected for All-State.
 - i. One side of the case: Since all of our All-State events meet at the same time, more players are needed to fill out the ensembles. This may not necessarily fill the spots with students who play at the All-State level. Creating All-State ensembles that are smaller may be better for the quality of the groups.
 - ii. Other side of the case: Creating smaller ensembles gives fewer students the opportunity to participate in All-State.
 - b. Discussion was held in regard to the number of concert hours that are done throughout NDMEA and All-State.
 - c. Discussion was held about our philosophy for All-State. Is it to give more students the experience or to create higher ability level ensembles? This needs to be determined in order to move forward with a suggestion.
 - d. Discussion was held in regard to the preparation All-State members put in before the festival. All-State directors have commented that students are unprepared. Members discussed possibilities, including re-auditions for seating and sectionals. If pursuing these options, we would need people to run sectionals, space to do those sectionals and equipment.
9. Ken Aune entertained a motion to pursue adding sectionals for the All-State groups.
- a. Beanie Stotts suggested that the real problem is students being unprepared, so adding re-seating to that motion.
 - b. Mark Herold suggested giving the All-State board a proposal for adding sectionals, chair placements, or both.
- 10. John Darling moved to contact the All-State board with a suggestion to add sectionals, chair placement, or both. Sue Jordahl seconded the motion; the motion carried.**
11. Les Dykema asked if he can get rid of the NDNBA listserv and blog due to the lack of use from the members. Nobody objected, so he said he would be retiring those methods of communication.
12. Next year's agenda should include a bullet point that the NDNBA gives money (typically \$500) to help cover the cost of the band headliner.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Brandon Bondley
Secretary