

**North Dakota National Band Association
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2015
4:30 pm Pine/Spruce Room
Bismarck Events Center**

Call To Order:

The annual meeting of the North Dakota National Band Association was called to order at 4:35 pm on Thursday, March 26, 2015, in the Pine/Spruce Room of the Bismarck Events Center, Bismarck, North Dakota, by president, Ken Aune.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the 2014 general membership meeting were reviewed. Rebecca Warren moved to accept the minutes; Nancy Olson seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Financial Reports:

The Financial Report was presented by Ken Aune, as Beanie Stotts was unable to be at the meeting. Beanie Stotts is co-chairman of the Junior High All-State Festival and Treasurer of the North Dakota National Band Association. The checking account balance is \$3,639.59 as of March 23, 2015. There are outstanding checks of \$1,802.27 from the Junior High All-State Band Festival, bringing the amount in the checking account to \$1,837.32.

Old Business:

Jr. High All-State Band Festival

1. Sara Baumann reported that the 2015 Junior High All-State Band Festival held at Mandan High School went really well. Elizabeth Jackson was the guest conductor. There were 397 auditions from 38 schools. There were 313 auditions from class "A" schools and 84 auditions from class "B" schools. The band had 90 members, in which 79 from were class "A" schools and 11 were from class "B" schools.
2. Director Elizabeth Jackson had a lot of energy and the students enjoyed working with her.
3. Phi Beta Mu commissioned a piece of music to be written by Rob Grice to commemorate the 20th year of the festival. The students enjoyed part of this "world premiere" project and performed it really well. Sara Baumann said that the selection is a well written piece of music for band and will be able to be enjoyed by many bands throughout the country.
4. Sara Baumann announced that Scott Jones (The Ohio State University) is next year's director.

5. Next year's Junior High All-State Band festival will be held on March 11-12, 2016.
6. Discussion was held regarding sending in "late" auditions for Jr. High All-State. A decision was made to ensure that the last "late" auditions needed to be postmarked by a certain date.
7. Discussion was held regarding the late fees being mailed in an adequate amount of time. The results of the All-State group were delayed because some late fees had not yet been received. Sara Baumann suggested a deadline in order to produce clarity. This will be articulated in the website.
8. Sara Baumann said that Jr. High All-State is looking to have an option for directors to submit auditions with other technology, such as, email, google docs or dropbox. Sara Baumann suggested that Beanie and she try it for one year as pilot schools before opening it up to all schools.
9. ACDA does their auditions online for the Jr. High All-State Choir. It was suggested to contact those in charge of ACDA for details.
10. Ken Aune thanked John Darling and Bismarck-Mandan Wind Ensemble for performing at the concert. As always, they sounded terrific and added so much to the event.

HS All-State Band Festival

1. Chris Harvey, Chairman, reported that the All-State Band rehearsals were going well. Christopher Chapman from Oregon State is the director and has been a good communicator with Chris Harvey.
2. Chris Harvey said that the All-State Band has not done sectionals largely due to logistics. Luke Keller had a list of potential sectional leaders put together if the director requested to have sectionals. Chris Harvey said that Chris Chapman opted out of doing sectionals because it would have been during scheduled rehearsal time.
3. Chris Harvey summarized the options in addressing the quality level of the All-State Band.
 - a. If ASTA wanted an all-string player All-State Orchestra, some of the top band-instrument musicians would be able to play in the band. Chris Harvey reported that ASTA would like to keep wind players in the All-State Orchestra.
 - b. Chris Harvey stated that the date of the convention will likely not change, meaning the band-instrument musicians will only be able to be in one All-State group.
 - c. Past discussions had alluded to possibly changing the date of the All-State Jazz Ensemble, allowing those students to also be part of the All-State Band. Chris Harvey said that this option was likely not going to play out.
 - d. Chris Harvey suggested that the next step in addressing the quality of the All-State Band would be to change the number of students in the ensemble. Harvey stated that he has no preference, but that members of NDNBA should determine the philosophy. If the

philosophy is to create the best ensemble possible, it would be beneficial to have a slightly smaller group. If the philosophy is to create an experience for many students, it would be beneficial to continue to keep the group at the same size.

4. Discussion was held regarding why the All-State Band instrumentation is at the current number. Chris Harvey explained that according to Jon Baumann and John Warren, it has always been done that way.
5. Chris Harvey said that if NDNBA decides that they want to make the group smaller, it needs to go through NDMEA Board. NDNBA should put together instrumentation for the group together as if they were looking for an ideal situation and submit to Jon Baumann and Chris Harvey. If Jon Baumann and Chris Harvey can see this working, then they would submit it to the NDMEA Board.

NDNAfME Report

1. No report

New Business:

NDNBA Award Recipients 2015

1. Ken Aune announced the NDNBA award recipients for 2015: Allegro Award – Brandon Bondley; Citation of Excellence – Ken Aune; Jazz Educator – Michael Blake; Distinguished Service Award – Christie Aleshire.

Dates for 2016 conference are March 20-22.

Suggestions for Band Headliner for 2016 Conference

1. Beanie Stotts wrote a \$500 check to contribute to the NDMEA Band Headliner for 2015.
2. Suggestions from 2014 meeting: Tim Holton, Paula Holcomb, David Gregory
3. Suggestions from 2015 meeting: Jerry Junkin (University of Texas at Austin), Scott Rush (Dorchester School District 2, South Carolina)
4. We will suggest headliners in the following order: Tim Holton, Jerry Junkin, Scott Rush, Paula Holcomb, David Gregory

Phi Beta Mu Commission

1. Rebecca Warren said that Phi Beta Mu Bandmasters commissioned Rob Grice to write the piece of music for this year's Junior High All-State Band. Phi Beta Mu is having a raffle in order to pay for the commission. The items from the raffle are a hand-crafted music stand by John Warren and two half scholarships for the International Music Camp. The drawing will take place between the concerts on Saturday.

Suggestions for Senior All-State Band Conductors

1. 2016 – Dr. Reed Thomas (Middle Tennessee State University)
2. Suggestions in sequential order:
 - a. Harlan Parker
 - b. Dr. Emily Threinen (Temple University)
 - c. Dr. Linda Moorhouse (University of Illinois)
 - d. Kenneth Thompson (Bowling Green State University)

Suggestions for Jr. High All State Conductors

1. 2016 – Scott Jones (The Ohio State University)
2. Suggestions from 2015 meeting
 - a. Paula Crider
 - b. Elizabeth Peterson
 - c. Randall Standridge
 - d. Vince Gassi
 - e. Charlotte Royal

Election of Officers

1. Election of officers was held due to retirements and end of terms.
2. **Vice President:** Luke Keller nominated Mark Herold to be the Vice President. Brandon Bondley moved, and Nancy Olson seconded the motion to nominate Mark Herold for Vice president. The motion carried.
3. **Member at Large:** Jeff Dasovick will move into the position of Member at Large for the remainder of Mark Perkin's term, as Mark is retiring at the end of this year.

Meeting Time

1. Discussion was held in regards to finding a time frame that would allow more NDNBA members to attend our annual member meeting.
2. Jon Baumann was contacted and he said that moving it up one hour would make it easier for him to attend the meeting.
3. NDNBA will ask the NDMEA Board if it would be a possibility to move our annual meeting to 3:30 pm on the first day of the convention.

All State Discussion

1. Discussion was held regarding creating an ideal instrumentation for the All-State Band.
2. Darcy Brandenburg made a motion for a committee to articulate a recommendation for the ideal instrumentation for the North Dakota All-State Band. The motion was seconded by another NDNBA member. The motion carried. Discussion was held regarding the motivation for the proposal. The committee will submit their proposal to NDNBA President, Luke Keller.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Brandon Bondley
Secretary