

**North Dakota National Band Association
General Membership Meeting
Sunday, March 20, 2016
4:30 pm Pine/Spruce Room
Bismarck Events Center**

I. Call To Order:

1. The annual meeting of the North Dakota National Band Association was called to order at 4:34 pm on Sunday, March 20, 2016, in the Pine/Spruce Room of the Bismarck Events Center, Bismarck, North Dakota, by president, Mark Herold.
2. Herold was elected as our Vice President last year. Since last year's meeting, President Luke Keller moved out of state. Vice President Herold thus assumed the presidency. Mark Herold introduced himself to the NDNBA whole as president.
3. Herold announced that the All-State Band Concert was to be on Tuesday, March 22 at 4:30 and the All-State Orchestra Concert was to be on that same day at 1:00. The information was incorrect in the NDMEA journal, but was correct on the website.

II. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the 2015 general membership meeting were reviewed. Rebecca Warren moved to accept the minutes; Sara Baumann seconded the motion; the motion carried.

III. Financial Reports:

1. The Financial Report was presented by Beanie Stotts, who is the Treasurer of the North Dakota National Band Association and co-chairman of the Junior High All-State Festival.
2. The checking account balance is \$4,761.85 as of March 20, 2016. There are outstanding Junior High All-State Festival bills and checks in the amount of \$2,005.00.
3. There is an estimated balance in the checkbook of \$2,456.85.
4. The Junior High All-State Festival is estimated to have a \$999.65 profit. There are bills pending in the CD duplication and website fee.

IV. Old Business:

Jr. High All-State Band Festival

1. Sara Baumann reported that the 2016 Junior High All-State Band Festival held at Mandan High School was successful. The students were great and well prepared. Dr. Scott Jones of the Ohio State University was the guest conductor. Jones did a great job with the students, including shaking the hand of every student before the first rehearsal. There were 423 auditions from 46 schools. There were 338 auditions from class "A" schools and 85 auditions from class "B" schools. The band had 90 members, in which 75 from were class "A" schools and 15 were from class "B" schools.
2. The Jr. High All-State audition process is moving to electronic submissions. A hand out was available for directors at the meeting. The process is very similar to the Jr. High All-State Choir. CD's will be accepted for next year's auditions, but the following year auditions will only be accepted electronically.
3. Jeff Dasovick asked how the auditions will still be kept anonymous for the judges. Sara Baumann answered by saying she would CODE the files and get rid of any name associated with the student or school.

4. Beanie Stotts said she looked into having a flash drive that included a recording of the concert, a copy of the program and pictures from the event. The cost was too high for this year, but will hopefully be an option in the future.
5. Next year's Junior High All-State Band festival will be held on March 10-11, 2017.
6. Sara Baumann announced that Vince Gassi is next year's director.
7. The Bismarck-Mandan Wind Ensemble was thanked for performing at the concert this year. Beanie Stotts said her students responded well to the program.
8. Mark Herold thanked Sara Baumann and Beanie Stotts for their work with the Jr. High All-State and changing the audition process.
9. Discussion was held on possible candidates for future Jr. High All-State directors. Brian Balmages was mentioned as a possibility.

High School All-State Band Festival

1. Chris Harvey announced the director for this year as Dr. Reed Thomas of Middle Tennessee State University. Harvey encouraged members to watch rehearsal.
2. Tuesday morning's rehearsal is at Legacy High School. Harvey will give printed directions to the school to members of the All-State band tomorrow.
3. The 2017 All-State Band director will be Harla
4. n Parker (Peabody Institute). The conductor for 2018 is to be determined.
5. Harvey stated he takes the recommendations given by NDNBA and calls those directors in order until he finds somebody able and willing to be the director.
6. This year All-State made a change in the size of the All-State Band based upon a recommendation from NDNBA. There are six fewer trumpets and eight fewer clarinets. The All-State committee recognized NDNBA's desire for a change. Mark Herold suggested we stick with the change for a few years in order to assess its effectiveness.

NDNAfME Report

1. Darcy Brandenburg said there is no NDNAfME report at this time.

V. New Business:

NDNBA Award Recipients 2016

1. Mark Herold announced the NDNBA award recipients for 2016: Allegro Award – Matthew Salzer; Citation of Excellence – Jon Baumann; Jazz Educator – Robert T. Peske; Distinguished Service Award – Dr. John Darling.

Dates for 2017 conference are March 23-25.

Suggestions for Band Headliner for 2017 Conference

1. Beanie Stotts wrote a \$500 check to contribute to the NDMEA Band Headliner for 2016.
2. Suggestions from 2014 meeting: 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. Suggestions from the 2016 meeting: Craig Kirchoff, remove Jerry Junkin from the headliner list in order to be placed on the All-State director list
5. We will suggest the following headliners: Scott Rush, Paula Holcomb, David Gregory, Craig Kirchoff

Suggestions for High School All-State Band Conductors

1. 2017 – Harlan Parker (Peabody Institute)
2. Suggestions from 2015 meeting
 - a. Dr. Emily Threinen (Temple University)
 - b. Dr. Linda Moorhouse (University of Illinois)
 - c. Kenneth Thompson (Bowling Green State University)
3. Suggestions from 2016 meeting
 - a. Scott Jones (The Ohio State University)
 - b. Brian Balmages
 - c. Ray Cramer
 - d. Stephen Melillo
 - e. Jerry Junkin (University of Texas at Austin)
4. We will suggest High School All-State Conductors in the following order: Dr. Emily Threinen, Dr. Linda Moorhouse, Kenneth Thompson, Scott Jones, Brian Balmages, Ray Cramer, Stephen Melillo, Jerry Junkin

Suggestions for Jr. High All State Conductors

1. 2017 – Vince Gassi
2. Suggestions from 2015 meeting
 - a. Paula Crider
 - b. Elizabeth Peterson
 - c. Randall Standridge
 - d. Charlotte Royal
3. Suggestions from 2016 meeting
 - a. Brian Balmages
4. We will suggest Jr. High All-State Conductors in the following order: Paula Crider, Elizabeth Peterson, Randall Standridge, Charlotte Royal, Brian Balmages

Election of Officers

1. Election of officers was held due to retirements and end of terms.
2. **Vice President:** Mark Herold nominated Jeff Dasovick to be the Vice President. Beanie Stotts moved, and Sara Baumann seconded the motion to nominate Jeff Dasovick for Vice president. The motion carried.
3. **Member at Large:** Jeremy Meinert was nominated to serve as a member at large. Nancy Olson moved, and Rebecca Warren seconded the motion to nominate Jeremy Meinert for member at large. The motion carried.

National Membership Renewal

1. Mark Herold said the listserv names and the national list did not match. Herold encouraged all members to remember to renew their membership so they stay up to date on the national list. Herold will send an email to remind members to renew at the beginning of next school year.
2. Les Dykema and Mark Herold kept the listserv and added all members found on the national list to another group.
3. The website is available for information. NDNBA pays to keep it going and Chris Harvey updates it.

Phi Beta Mu Commission

1. Rochelle Feldner mentioned that Phi Beta Mu commissioned a piece for the Jr. High All-State by Rob Grice last year. It was published by Grand Mesa and may be premiered at Midwest.

2. Phi Beta Mu is now holding a raffle to raise money for a commissioned piece for the Senior High All-State.
3. Sigurd Johnson, Darcy Brandenburg and John Warren are on a committee to find a composer to commission a grade "3+" or "4" work. It is likely to cost in the ballpark of \$4,000-5,000 for the commission.
4. Mark Herold read the list of the items on the raffle. John Warren encouraged NDNBA members to purchase raffle tickets.

Other Business

1. Darcy Brandenburg had some free jazz curriculum for members.
2. John Warren encouraged members of NDNBA to bring their bands to the Raging Red (Fargo) or Big Muddy (Mandan) Festivals.
3. Brad Stockert asked about the progress in bringing a suggestion to the All-State committee to modify the percussion and jazz audition.
4. Mark said the Percussive Arts Society, or PAS, was hoping to write new material for the percussion audition. The PAS wanted to create their own excerpts so they would not need to worry about finding published ideas. The process of writing two years of auditions began, but the PAS got stuck.
5. The audition would be for the comprehensive percussionist. They would play in the three main areas of percussion; snare drum, mallets and timpani. The fourth component would be selecting their strongest area and performing solo repertoire of their choice. Mark Herold said Jon Baumann of the All-State Committee requested the audition to be 10 minutes or less.
6. Dr. James Popejoy said this concept worked well in Missouri when he was on the committee and encouraged a similar change in North Dakota.

There being no further business, Rebecca Warren motioned the meeting to adjourn. Antoine Poitras seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Brandon Bondley
Secretary