

**North Dakota National Band Association  
General Membership Meeting  
Saturday, March 24, 2018  
8:00 am – Prairie Rose Room 104  
Bismarck Event Center**

**I. Call To Order:**

The annual meeting of the North Dakota National Band Association was called to order at 8:07 am on Saturday, March 24, 2018, in Prairie Rose Room 104 of the Bismarck Event Center, Bismarck, North Dakota, by president, Jeff Dasovick.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the 2017 general membership meeting were reviewed. Rebecca Warren moved to accept the minutes; Mark Herold seconded the motion; the motion carried.

**III. Financial Reports:**

1. The Financial Report was presented by our treasurer, Beanie Stotts.
2. The checking account balance is \$4,926.70 as of March 24, 2018. The estimated balance, after paying a few Junior High All-State bills, is \$4,216.77.
3. There is an estimated profit of \$2,100 from the 2018 Junior High All-State Festival, which is about \$2,000 more than last year. This is largely due to an increase in registration. Another factor was that we only had to purchase one selection for the Junior High All-State program because Sara Baumann and Beanie Stotts already owned all the rest of the music that Brian Balmages selected for the program.
4. John Warren motioned that there be a \$25 per piece rental sent to the schools who loan Junior High All-State their music for the festival. There was no second; the motion is lost.

**IV. Old Business:**

**Jr. High All-State Band Festival**

1. Sara Baumann reported that the 2018 Junior High All-State Band Festival held at Mandan High School was fantastic. Brian Balmages, the conductor, picked a great program for the band. The band was strong and very capable of handling the repertoire. The students reported a great experience at the festival.
2. Sara Baumann thanked the Bismarck Mandan Wind Ensemble for performing at the Junior High All-State Band Festival.
3. There were 426 auditions from 48 schools.
4. The band had 90 members.
5. There was a recording of the concert completed through Mandan High School. This was put on Google drive and send to participating students.
6. Sara Baumann offered a sincere thank you to Shawn Boehm and Brad Stockert.
7. Sara Baumann also offered a sincere thank you to Jeanne Jankowski and Eckroth Music for being there and making the festival a success.
8. NBA thanked Beanie Stotts and Sara Baumann for running the festival and making it a success.

**High School All-State Band Festival**

1. Chris Harvey, the ND All-State Band Chair, was unable to attend the meeting as he needed to be at rehearsal. However, he sent report that rehearsals are going well and the commission piece is a nice addition to this year's All-State Band.
2. The 2019 All-State Band director will be Dr. Joseph Missal of Oklahoma State University.
3. Chris Harvey takes the suggestions for conductors from ND NBA and calls them in order until he finds a conductor.

**NDNAfME Report**

1. Darcy Brandenburg, the North Dakota NAFME past president, said that the conference is going well. It is the second year at the new venue for ND All-State. The response is good from members and the performance venue is better than the arena, but still not great.
2. BOX5 media is recording all of the ND All-State and Concert Hour concerts.
3. Darcy Brandenburg said that Dual Credit and AP courses are sometimes requirements for scholarships. This is making it difficult for students to be in band. He said folks are working on ways to be flexible with those students so they can still be involved in band and those advanced courses.
4. Trudy Fraase added some information regarding being "Choice Ready." Choice Ready is a new component in the North Dakota accountability system to measure whether our high schools prepare students that are ready for success upon graduation.

#### **V. Election of Officers:**

The election of officers was postponed to further discussion later. Warren Olfert and Jeff Dasovick will set up a meeting time in regards to officers.

#### **VI. New Business:**

NDNBA Award Recipients 2018

1. Jeff Dasovick announced the NDNBA award recipients for 2018.
  - a. Allegro Award – Antoine Poitras
  - b. Citation of Excellence – Sara Baumann
  - c. Jazz Educator – Kyle Mack
  - d. Distinguished Service Award – Sigurd Johnson

Dates for 2019 conference are March 21-23.

Suggestions for Band Headliner for 2019 Conference

1. We suggest headliners in the following order to Lindsey Tafelmeyer, Executive Director of NDMEA:
  - a. Jack Stamp (University of Wisconsin-River Falls)
  - b. Chris Gleason (Patrick Marsh Middle School, Wisconsin)
  - c. Dick Clardy (Director of Instrumental Music, Fort Worth Independent School District)

Suggestions for High School All-State Band Conductors

1. 2019 – Joseph Missal (Oklahoma State University)
2. We will suggest 2020 High School All-State Conductors in the following order:
  - a. Dr. Fank Tracz (Kansas State University)
  - b. Dr. Shanti Simon (University of Oklahoma)
  - c. Alfred Watkins (Georgia)
  - d. John Warren cautioned the use of "local" directors

Suggestions for Jr. High All-State Conductors

1. 2019 – Tracy Wright
2. Brian Balmages gave Sara Baumann a GREAT list of conductors, which she will use in hiring future Jr. High All-State Conductors.

Phi Beta Mu Commission/Raffle

1. The 2018 High School All-State Band will premiere the commission *Silent Lines* by Aaron Perrine.
2. Darcy Brandenburg talked about the commission project. A big thank you to John Warren and John Darling for all of their work on this project.
3. Emily Threinen gave a short list of composers she would like working with on the commission project.
4. Aaron Perrine was on that list. He is the composer who wrote *April*, which is a part of Volume 7 of Teaching Music through Performance in Band.
5. A Walt Whitman poem was used to develop the music.

6. Thank you to the University of Mary for the use of tuba mutes!

#### All-State Percussion Audition Update

1. Brad Stockert asked the membership if this year's high school all-state percussion audition was better than previous years.
2. Darcy Brandenburg said it was good audition.
3. Brad Stockert said he may visit with Tom Christianson to see how the audition went in the room, as he was the judge for this year's auditions.
4. In 2018 the Fargo audition site had 14 individuals audition for percussion, but in 2017 there were 19 individuals, according to Keith Eider, the Fargo audition site manager for the All-State auditions.

#### Other Business

1. Sara Baumann had a request of Jr. High All State.
  - a. Auditions
    - i. Please read the directions on how to submit the auditions and recordings.
  - b. Medical Forms and Fees
    - i. Beanie Stotts wants the forms and fees taken care of BEFORE the festival.
    - ii. There were too many people who didn't turn in their medical forms and registration fees in advance.
  - c. Rebecca Warren suggested putting a note that says "a deadline is a deadline is a deadline" on the website.
    - i. There are too many excuses from directors regarding missing these deadlines.
  - d. Rebecca Warren moved there be a \$50 per school late fee. Sarah Harlow seconded the motion. The carried.**
2. Warren Olfert acknowledged David Gregory as the Conference Headliner this year. David Gregory is a past president of NBA.
  - a. David Gregory spoke briefly.
  - b. We (NBA) are "the" organization for bands!
    - i. EVERYBODY!
    - ii. This includes big schools, small schools and everybody in between.
  - c. We must be the voice for the band directors who don't have a voice and remember who we are as an organization.
3. A question was asked of who contacts the national organization to get extra money.

#### **VII. Call For Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Jeff Dasovick called for the meeting to adjourn at 8:44 am. Brad Stockert moved we adjourn. Rebecca Warren seconded the motion. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Brandon Bondley  
Secretary