

**North Dakota National Band Association
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2019
6:00 pm – Prairie Rose Room 103
Bismarck Event Center**

President: Jeff Dasovick (2019)
Secretary: Brandon Bondley

President Elect: Nancy Olson (2021)
Treasurer: Beanie Stotts

Members at Large: Sara Baumann (2020), Keith Eider (2021), Kari Hill (2022)

I. Call To Order:

The annual meeting of the North Dakota Band Association was called to order at 6:01 pm on Thursday, March 21, 2019, in Prairie Rose Room 103 of the Bismarck Event Center, Bismarck, North Dakota, by president, Jeff Dasovick.

II. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the 2018 general membership meeting were reviewed. Antoine Poitras moved to accept the minutes; Kari Hill seconded the motion; the motion carried.

III. Financial Reports:

1. The Financial Report was presented by our treasurer, Beanie Stotts.
2. The estimated checking account balance, after several outstanding bills will be paid, is \$5,292.89.
3. Jeff Dasovick ordered 25 more award certificates for each category given out by NDNBA.

IV. Old Business:

Jr. High All-State Band Festival

1. Sara Baumann reported that the 2019 Junior High All-State Band Festival held at Mandan High School was an outstanding festival.
2. The event narrowly escaped disaster, as everybody was able to get there before the poor weather. However, the weather was still not very cooperative once everybody arrived at the event.
3. Tracy Wright was the 2019 Junior High All-State Band director. He was very personable and had good one-liners. The kids seemed to really enjoy him.
4. Tracy Wright selected a challenging program for the concert, but it was okay for the students.
5. Sara Baumann thanked Brad Stockert, Shawn Boehm, Jeanne Jankowski, Drew Larson and Stephanie Frank for their help in putting together this festival.
6. There was an estimated profit of \$2,242.80, which is up about \$200.00 from last year. Tracy Wright's flight came in later than expected, so that was one fewer meal than usual. In addition, the plane ticket was less expensive than typical. It was less than \$400.00, but normally the plane ticket is in the upper \$600.00 range.
7. There were a total of 7 pieces in the folder for the event. It was necessary to purchase 4 out of 7 pieces for the festival.
8. The students were outstanding throughout the festival!
9. This year the pizza was changed from previous years. They went with a company that had a good reputation in Mandan and has cooperated well in other contexts. The cost was a little less with this new pizza company. There were no complaints or negative comments from the students.
10. Next year's Junior High All-State Band Director is Erin Cole. She has been a teacher in Cobb County, Georgia, since 1995. However, she recently moved to Arizona. Erin Cole was highly recommended by Brian Balmages.
11. Sara Baumann thanked the Bismarck Mandan Wind Ensemble for performing at the Junior High All-State Band Festival. She also thanked Jeff Dasovick for speaking at the event.

High School All-State Band Festival

1. Chris Harvey is no longer the person in charge of the website for NDNBA. Stephanie Frank is the new web master of the NDNBA's website.

2. Beanie Stotts said she is looking for somebody who is really good with web design. She has been paying for the website in two separate charges and is not sure if we need both components or not. She said circumstances may have led her to be double paying for website. If you are capable of handling website information, meet with her after this membership to lend a hand in the situation.
3. The 2020 All-State Band director will be Dr. Frank Tracz of Kansas State University.

NDNAfME Report

1. Sara Baumann, the current North Dakota NAFME president, said they just had a presentation with House and Senate Education Committee at the state capital yesterday. Their purpose was to promote music advocacy to leaders in state. Mark Herold had a group from Legacy High School perform at the lunch hour. They want to get our foot in the door and promote what we are doing in music education.
2. We want these legislators to know us, so if and/or when we need to ask for something, they already know our group and its purpose.
3. Sara Baumann said there have been positive reviews having ND All-State and the NDMEA convention all together in ONE building. This is due to strong leadership from the boards of both ND All-State and NDMEA. Thank you to both of these organizations for their hard work and a special thanks to Lindsey Tafelymeyer, Executive Director of NDMEA, for her work with the Music Educators Conference.

V. Election of Officers:

This is Jeff Dasovick's last year as President of the North Dakota National Band Association. Nancy Olson, currently President Elect, will be stepping into that role next year.

President Elect: Darcy Brandenburg was nominated by Beanie Stotts for President Elect. Nancy Olson seconded the motion. The motion carried. **Darcy Brandenburg was elected to the position of President Elect.**

There are 3 Members at Large who are on rotation. These members are appointed by the President. Sara Baumann's term will expire at the 2020 membership meeting. Keith Eider's term will expire at the 2021 membership meeting. Nancy Olson appointed Kari Hill (Rugby) to the position of Member at Large, whose term will expire at the 2022 membership meeting.

VI. New Business:

NDNBA Award Recipients 2019

1. Jeff Dasovick announced the NDNBA award recipients for 2019.
 - a. Allegro Award – Nicole Rumppe
 - b. Citation of Excellence – Dennis Gowen
 - c. Jazz Educator – Jon Lucht
 - d. Distinguished Service Award – Rochelle Feldner

Dates for Conference and All-State 2020

1. The dates for the 2020 conference are March 22-24 (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday).
2. The dates for the 2021 conference are March 21-23 (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday).

Suggestions for Band Headliners for 2020 Conference

1. Discussion was held in regard to forming a committee to formulate a list of "Band Headliners" to give to Lindsey Tafelmeyer, Executive Director of NDMEA.
2. The suggestion was made to have the President Elect be in charge of a committee, made up of the President Elect and Members at Large, to formulate ideas for future Band Headliners at the NDMEA Conference. Members were in support of forming such a committee.
3. **Members of NDNBA should give suggestions to newly elected President Elect (Darcy Brandenburg) and/or Members at Large (Sara Baumann, Keith Eider, Kari Hill).**

Suggestions for High School All-State Band Conductors

1. 2020 – Dr. Frank Tracz (Kansas State University)
2. Discussion was held in regard to forming a committee to formulate a list of "All-State Band Conductors" to give to the ND All-State Band Chair (currently Chris Harvey, but will be Mark Herold after this year).

3. The suggestion was made to have the President Elect be in charge of a committee, made up of the President Elect and Members at Large, to formulate ideas for future All-State Band Conductors at the ND All-State Festival. Members were in support of forming such a committee.
4. **Members of NDNBA should give suggestions to newly elected President Elect (Darcy Brandenburg) and/or Members at Large (Sara Baumann, Keith Eider, Kari Hill).**

Suggestions for Jr. High All-State Conductors

1. Sara Baumann will take care hiring future Jr. High All-State Band Conductors.
2. Tracy Wright, the 2019 Jr. All-State Band Conductor, recommended Andy Poor for a future Jr. High All-State Band Conductor. Ben Chambers seconded the high quality of Andy Poor.
3. Other suggestions made in the meeting were Kim Boehn, Tyler Grant and Betsy McCann.
4. South Dakota had Tyler Grant as a conductor recently and had positive reviews.

Phi Beta Mu

1. Rochelle Feldner brought up discussion of another commission project. There is discussion of this piece being dedicated to Joe Alme for his years of service to the International Music Camp.

High School All-State Percussion Audition Update

1. Brad Stockert received good feedback from the changes in the high school All-State percussion audition.
2. Jeff Dasovick talked with Tom Christianson, as he was the judge for this year's auditions. Tom liked that students played multiple instruments. Tom said that in his opinion, the rudimental snare component could be eliminated and replaced by a percussion accessory example. In addition, the rudimental snare exercise was the overall worst sounding part of the audition.
3. Tom Christianson is a big fan of tuning timpani by ear.
4. Tom Christianson liked the new jazz etudes. He would like to see the play along track brought back with the sight reading in the jazz audition.
5. Brad Stockert brought up the potential of making the Jr. High All-State audition more difficult so that it is easier to differentiate between the ability levels of the students.
6. James Popejoy said the accessory audition is good, but it can be difficult to find music to play at the audition. In addition, it may be more difficult for teachers to prepare their percussionists for this component. James Popejoy said they went through this process in Missouri when he used to be a high school teacher in the state. However, he was not in the state long enough to go through the entire cycle of the audition.
7. James Popejoy said he heard some of the All-State excerpts in the percussion audition for his honor band at the University of North Dakota and it was hard to separate out the strong and weak auditions because of the length of the audition. The students may not be able to show their skill in that amount of the music.
8. Discussion was held that the audition should be hard enough to separate the strong and weak auditions, but not too hard that it will scare them off from auditioning in the first place.
9. Brad Stockert, Mark Herold and Sigurd Johnson will continue work on the audition. James Popejoy will send them the format of what they did in Missouri 25 years ago when they worked on this similar process.

Other Business

1. Mark Herold asked if the bylaws are on the website. He suggested that having them online may be helpful so we all have that resource available to us. Currently, the President has the binder and is the only person with possession of the bylaws.

VII. Call For Adjournment:

There being no further business, Jeff Dasovick called for the meeting to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Sarah Harlow moved we adjourn. Antoine Poitras seconded the motion. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Brandon Bondley
Secretary