

**2018 Mississippi Bandmasters Association State Clinic Meeting  
Natchez Convention Center - Natchez, MS  
December 7th, 2018**

- I. The meeting was called to order by MBA President, Len Killough
- II. Demario Jefferson from Starkville gave the Invocation
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Minutes from the fall meeting in Ridgeland were given to each member and after review, on motion made and duly seconded, minutes were approved as written.
- IV. Financial reports
  - a. Jerry Pickering presented financial reports for the general fund and the championships fund. On motion made and duly seconded, financial statements were approved as presented.
- V. Awards and Recognition
  - a. Past President - Recognized Sharon Laird as the 2017-2018 Past President.
  - b. Recognized Sweepstakes winners from the 2017-2018 School year.
  - c. Recognized the following band staffs for fall 2018 Marching Band Championships:
    - i. Class 1 A - Hamilton
    - ii. Class 2 A - East Webster
    - iii. Class 3 A - Columbia
    - iv. Class 4 A - Kosciusko
    - v. Class 5 A - Lewisburg
    - vi. Class 6 A - Hernando
  - d. Proclamation for Mr. Zach Harris from Music For All Bands of America
  - e. Mel Morse presented the 2018-2019 A.E. Mclain Award to Kris Chandler from Stone High School.
  - f. Stephanie McArthur presented the 2018-2019 Edythe McArthur Outstanding Woman Band Director Award to Sharon Laird.
  - g. John Taylor presented the ASBDA Award of Excellence to the Oak Grove Band Program.
  - h. Craig Aarhus presented the Phi Beta Mu Director of the year for 2018-2019 to Ida Mitchell and Dennis Cox.
  - i. Craig Aarhus presented the Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Contributor Award for 2018-2019 to Keith Sanders of Amro Music.
  - j. Craig Aarhus recognized Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame Inductees for 2018-2019: Ted Burns, Zach Harris, and Terry Ingram.
- VI. Reports
  - a. Hotel Checkout, Clinic Issues - Willie Rigdon
    - i. Please sign-up for CEU's if you have not done so
    - ii. 11:00 pm curfew for the students
    - iii. All-State Check-out; may check out with a parent or band director after the concert.
  - b. Mr. Killough recognized Mr. Sammy Barr for all of his work this weekend.

- c. National Federation Report from James Weaver
  - i. National Federation is Offering Free courses for Music Education. You can earn CEU's for completing these courses.
  - ii. As a member of the MBA you are members of National Federation and are covered by the \$2,000,000.00 insurance. This covers you for anything outside of the classroom.
  - iii. Matt Rowan is the Section 3 Representative for the National Music Committee.
- d. Clinic Auditions - Quentin Parker recognized all those who judged auditions for this year's convention.
- e. Music Selection, Vendors, Displays, Colleges - Shawn Sullivan
  - i. Vendors - If you know of someone who would like to be a vendor at clinic share that information with Nicole Allen. We are going to move to a Google Form for their registration.
  - ii. Music Selection Process - Mr. Sullivan recognized the Music Selection Committee Members: Mohamad Schuman, Mark Laird, Andy Pierce, Josh Forsythe, Chad Hawkins, and Matt Pickering. December 1st is the deadline to send submissions for review for addition to the list. We are going to move to a Google Doc for this submission process.
- f. List Selection Process - Jerry Pickering
  - i. Thank you for being patient with the transition between a paper form and an online form.
  - ii. Clinic dates for next year are Dec. 12-14, 2019 in Natchez.
  - iii. Due to increased numbers and limited capacity we had to enforce the cutoff date of Sept. 15th; if you submitted your list after Sept. 15th and you were a high school you had one student selected. That being said, we may not be able to be that generous in the future. Please remember to submit your list on time.
- g. Lions Band - Jeff Cannon recognized judges from this year's audition process. If you would like to go with the Lions Band to Milan, Italy please see Mr. Cannon. The trip will be from July 3 - July 11. The year after Milan the trip is to Singapore. We will not be traveling to Singapore. We will be submitting an application to march in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. If you would like to come and work with the Lions band as a tech please see Mr. Cannon.
- h. Regional Marching Evaluation Report - Len Killough
  - i. Requests to be the site host for evaluation must be submitted in writing to the MBA President before the end of State Band Clinic 2018.
  - ii. Feedback on the GE judge was positive and we will continue to have the GE judge at our evaluation sites.
  - iii. We also spoke about Drum Majors and the need to update the sheet. Mr. Cannon was recognized to speak on this: There were a large number of people who voiced concerns about inconsistencies in the Drum Major caption this year. The recommendation to the executive board and site hosts was to form a committee to research developing a new Drum Major

sheet that fits our needs and develop criteria that will support that sheet. Have more detailed instructions to our judges. The only element that is required to be judged at State Evaluation is the Marching Band. You may choose to not have your drum major, percussion ensemble, or color guard judged at evaluation. Mr. Killough clarified that the committee to review the Drum Major sheet would have a representative from each site so that each region throughout the state would have input on the new sheet.

- iv. Championship Advisory Committee Meeting Report - There is a handout with approved motions from the meeting in the back of the room.
- v. State Concert Evaluations 2019
  - 1. Central - March 25-28, North and South - April 1-4
  - 2. Dates, Sites, and Performance Requests
    - a. Requests to change sites must be sent to the MHSAA and Jeff Cannon.
    - b. Performance Date/Time Requests should be filled out through the website by January 31. A tentative schedule will be posted Friday, February 15th. Final Schedule posted Friday, February 26th.
    - c. Jeff Cannon - when you are making those requests please put three different choices. Requests are honored by timestamp. Time slots are assigned by the directors first choice, second choice, then third choice. If all of those times are filled I go back to your first choice and go 30 minutes before or 30 minutes after. Then repeat the process with your second or third choice to try and make it fair.
- vi. Copyright compliance - Jeff Cannon - It is not just our marching bands. It is our indoor percussion and indoor guard groups, everyone that is using recorded or arranged music. We are going to have get copyright clearance for our arrangements. If you are using stock arrangements you are good, but if you arrange the stock music that you purchase that constitutes an arrangement and you will have to get clearance for that.
  - 1. Mr. Hinton is requiring everyone to take the copyright course through National Federation. National Federation will supply the MHSAA with a link showing who has completed this and who has not.
  - 2. You are going to have to prove copyright compliance to compete in any MHSAA sanctioned event. Once you have done this one time you do not have to do it for every event. You can do that using the National Federation Compliance tool. There will be a link on the website and a step-by-step guide on how to do that. This is not optional. If you march at a State sanctioned marching event and you are not compliant and you get caught the site host is

liable and the MHSAA is liable. If you are not compliant we cannot let you perform.

3. Mr. Shabazz added that capturing is also a violation. Whoever is capturing videos needs a sync license.
  4. Mr. Arendale asked if every band director or every band program had to complete the copyright course. It was clarified that every band director must complete the course.
  5. Mr. Wiggington asked if this would go into effect immediately and include this indoor season. Mr. Cannon stated that if we do not make it immediate we are putting ourselves at risk, but we can at least say that we are aware and working towards being compliant at this time.
  6. A compliance date has not been set by the MHSAA.
  7. It was clarified that football games are sanctioned events. A Christmas parade would not be, but if there is video you will need to be compliant.
  8. This goes for stand tunes as well.
  9. In order to be compliant you should have original copies in concert folders on stage. You must also have original scores. The manual says that your band can be deducted a full division for having copied scores.
  10. E-print will have given you permission to print from the publisher and it will have an e-stamp on it.
- vii. C2C - will have a new tool available that will be friendly to the Fine Arts. Each district can require that you meet all of the same standards as athletes even though the MHSAA does not require that of you. By July 1, 2019, band students having a physical will most likely be a requirement.
- viii. Make sure that you fill out your travel requests through the MHSAA for bordering and non-bordering events.

## VII. Old Business

- a. We as an association are moving forward to establish more streamlined procedures and processes for our accounting practices. As a board we have identified updating our tax structure registration as 501 (c3) Status so that we will be in full compliance with state law. We feel that this is our number one priority concerning our accounting practices.

Secondly, while we are moving toward establishing a permanent position to guide and manage our accounting practices, it has become clear to us that, although we have had the position approved in two separate voting processes, we failed to meet the 30 day window/ballot mailout, guidelines set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the Bandmasters Association. It is our intent to follow the procedural guidelines of our association. Because of the procedural error, we can entertain a motion to rescind the two votes or we can entertain a motion to suspend rules and keep the vote as it stands.

I will now entertain one of those two motions:

Donnie Newman made a motion to rescind the vote, motion was seconded. There was discussion on the matter of the Executive Secretary position. The motion to rescind the two original votes for the Executive Secretary position failed. A committee will be formed to discuss and create a clearly defined job description for this position.

b. Committee Report on the Middle School Member at Large Position - Louise Smith recognized committee members; Quentin Parker, Jim Peacock, Dale Wiggington, and Susan Schuman. Mrs. Smith presented the proposal as posted on the MBA website. This motion will be presented at the August meeting following a 30 day advanced mail-out.

VIII. New Business - No new business

IV. Announcements

- a. Mr. Killough thanked the body for the opportunity to serve.
- b. Matt Rowan - Feb. 24th Pearl High School will host the U.S. Navy Band at 3:00 pm for a free concert. Go to the MBA website or see Mr. Rowan about tickets. If you would like to bring a large number of students please contact Mr. Rowan personally.
- c. Louise Smith - Middle School All-State Band, registration link is up. Register by Jan. 21. We are using music from Year C.
- d. Joe Presley - Joe Berry Mullins Concert Festival in Grenada will be held March 29th.
- e. Kelli Wallace - Women's Association Scholarship for 2018 goes to Reagan Bussey from Warren Central.
- f. Mohamad Schuman - would like to recognize the USM Wind Ensemble, Dr. Rand, Dr. McKenzie, and Dr. Standland on their upcoming performance at the CDBNA National Convention.
- g. Congratulations to the Germantown High School Band on their concert Thursday night.
- h. Saturday May 4th Jazz Festival at Columbia High School.

Door Prizes - Shawn Sullivan

Adjournment

Submitted by: Nicole Allen, Third Vice President

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