

2019 Mississippi Bandmasters Association Fall Meeting
Ridgeland High School - Ridgeland, MS
August 24th, 2019

- I. The meeting was called to order by MBA President, Jerry Pickering
- II. Invocation was given by Quentin Parker from George County
- III. Introduction of Membership and Officers
 - A. Executive Secretary-Treasurer David Pray was introduced to the body.
- IV. Election of new officers
 - A. Member-at-Large
 1. Jonathan Benson, South Jones HS
 - a) No nominations from the floor.
 - B. Third Vice-President
 1. District I Nominee - Jamie Young, Lake Cormorant HS
 2. District II Nominee - Joshua Forsythe, Booneville HS
 - a) No nominations from the floor
 - b) Jamie Young - new Third Vice President
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Minutes from the December meeting in Natchez were provided on the website for the membership to review.
 1. Minutes approved as submitted
- VI. Financial Reports
 - A. Financial Reports were placed on the table in the foyer.
 1. Financial Report was approved as submitted.
- VII. Forms and Fees - Shawn Sullivan, 1st Vice President
 - A. Please make sure that your clinic list is submitted on time.
- VIII. Required Music List - Jerry Pickering, President and Nicole Allen, 2nd Vice President
 - A. Dr. Rand and the USM Wind Ensemble will be doing a reading band for the new additions to the list. This will happen on Thursday afternoon at State Band Clinic.
 - B. There will be a google form to fill out for this process. There is already a link for the form on the MBA page.
 1. The form asks that you submit a link to a recording and digital score if possible. If you cannot provide a link to a full digital score you are responsible for getting a hard copy of the score to your representative.
 2. In order to have the music in time for the reading band we need submissions by Sept.15th. You can still submit until the December 1st deadline; however submissions after Sept.15th will not be played by the reading band at clinic.
 3. Music Selection Committee:
 4. Class 6A - Mohamad Schuman, Ocean Springs

5. Class 5A - Daniel Wade, Neshoba Central
6. Class 4A - Ida Mitchell, Stone
7. Class 3A - Aaron Bailey, Senatobia
8. Class 1A/2A - Chad Hawkins, Eupora
9. 2nd/3rd Bands - Jennifer Sills, Madison Central

IX. MHSAA Report - Jeff Cannon, MHSAA Band Events Coordinator

- A. Complete your copyright compliance course. Also make sure that you fill out the online form for proof of compliance with your music.
- B. Make sure to get Band Bulletin IV completed.
- C. Make sure to fill out travel documents if you wish to go out of state to ensure that your insurance is in effect. The rule states that this should be done 30 days prior to travel.
- D. If you host a marching festival please make sure that you get that paperwork submitted.
- E. Please make sure to fill out the director registration. If you are a head director please make sure that all of your staff has completed this.
- F. Concert Evaluation - we know that there are conflicts. This was the only time we could make it work. If you have a conflict email Mr. Cannon's MHSAA email address and he will make sure that you have a time that works for you and your students. We may need to add an extra day at the Pearl site to accommodate this.
- G. If you have changed jobs and you feel that your band needs to be evaluated down a class email your request to Mr. Cannon and he will forward that to the MBA executive board for approval.
- H. Dragonfly Max - All bands are required to use this as our eligibility tool. Junior high bands that compete at State Concert Evaluation must also be in the system. The only courses that band directors are required to take are the Copyright Compliance and the Band Safety Course.
 1. Sept. 15th is the deadline.
 2. If your District requires you to something above and beyond what the MHSAA requires of you, you are responsible for those things.
 3. MHSAA Activities Handbook pg. 93 states all students must be in Dragonfly.. Course Requirements for band directors is on pg. 51 of the MHSAA Handbook.
- I. Mississippi Lions All-State Band - Congratulations to the 2019 Lions band for their 7th consecutive and 35th overall international championship this summer. We are not going to the convention in Singapore next summer, we will be traveling to Hawaii next instead. If you would like to tech or go

on the trip with us see Mr. Cannon. Auditions are Nov. 16 and 23 at Pearl High School.

- X. State Marching Evaluation - Jerry Pickering, President
 - A. Saturday, October 12th 2019
 - Region 1 - Tupelo
 - Region 2 - Grenada
 - Region 3 - Neshoba Central
 - Region 4 - Pearl
 - Region 5 - Gulfport
- XI. State Marching Band Championships - Jerry Pickering, President
 - A. 6A will be at Northwest Rankin HS on Saturday, October 26th, 2019.
 - 1. This is an ACT date
 - B. 1A/2A/5A are tentatively at Pearl HS on November 2nd
 - C. 3A/4A tentatively at Germantown HS on November 2nd
- XII. State Band Clinic - Jerry Pickering, President
 - A. Dec. 12-14th
 - B. Clinic lists are due Sept. 15th
 - C. Willie Rigdon - as soon as the clinic list is published please email us who you would like for your students to stay with.
 - D. It is extremely important that you follow the deadlines if you have cancellations. The association is responsible for paying for unused hotel rooms if we do not communicate with the Grand by their deadline.
 - E. Clinicians:
 - 1. All-State Concert Band - Dr. Kevin Sedatole, Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI)
 - 2. 2. Red Band - Dr. Jeremy Stovall, Jacksonville State University (Jacksonville, AL)
 - 3. 3. White Band - Robert Herrings, Henry Middle School (Leander, TX)
 - 4. 4. Blue Band - Kim Bain, Samford University (Birmingham, AL)
- XIII. State Concert Band Evaluation - Jerry Pickering, President
 - A. Central Site - Pearl - March 30 - April 3, 2020
 - B. North Site - Tupelo - April 6-9, 2020
 - C. South Site - Oak Grove - April 6-9, 2020
- XIV. Old Business
 - A. 1st Vote on the addition of a Middle School Member-at-Large position to the Executive Board of the MBA.
 - 1. The Middle School Member at Large shall serve as the

representative for Middle School and Junior High School Band Directors. The Middle School Member at Large shall conduct a middle school and junior high school band director caucus at State Band Clinic. The Middle School Member at Large shall also serve as a representative on the Music Selection Committee. This office will be a two year position.

2. Discussion
3. The first vote passed. There will be a second vote in December at State Clinic.

B. Drum Major Sheet for Marching Evaluation - Robin Hill

1. Committee: Kim Presley, Katie Sweat, Adam Deviney, Kevin Shira.
2. Sheet was presented to the body, discussion
3. New Drum Major Sheet for State Marching Evaluation Passed

C. We are going to form a committee to update the constitution and bylaws to bring it more into the electronic era. This committee will consist of the music selection committee, the member-at-large and will be chaired by Len Killough.

XV. New Business

A. Clay Fuller - Proposal

1. Sight-Reading Scores will be made available for review in the MHSAA office when directors receive their ratings at State Evaluation in the spring.
 - a) Discussion
 - b) Proposal failed

B. Matt Rowan - Proposal

1. Proposed change to the MHSAA Band Manual. We would also recommend that this be placed in the MHSAA Handbook and any other MHSAA Official Game Operations manuals deemed necessary.
2. Visiting Band Performance Policy at MHSAA Football Games. The host school will afford an opportunity for the visiting band to perform at all football games. Halftime should be reserved for band performances. The Home School Band Director or Principal should notify, in a timely manner, the Visiting Band Director/Principal that halftime will be devoted to a special event, such as Homecoming,

Senior Night, etc. The Visiting band should be afforded the opportunity to perform pregame following team warmups, if such is the case. Both Coaches and Officials should be notified in order to adjust pregame warm-up schedules. Should both bands combined performances be deemed too long to fit within the allotted time at halftime, one band should be afforded the opportunity to perform pregame as mentioned above and the other should perform at halftime. In the rare case that a pregame performance is not possible, a postgame performance opportunity should be afforded.

- a) Discussion
- b) Proposal passed

XVI. Announcements

- A. Mississippi Music/Amro Directors Social at Pelican Cove - Ridgeland, MS
- B. Oak Grove is hosting Groovin in the Grove Oct. 5th
- C. MS ASBDA All-State Band - May 27-30, 2020 at PRCC. Check the audition material as we have made some changes. All dates and audition materials are on the website msasbda.webs.com. Thank you to Jimi Brown for writing our snare etudes. Mallet etudes can be found on the website in the very near future.
- D. Mississippi State will host the Boston Brass during their Friday night concert at State Clinic. The Boston Brass has offered to provide a clinic/masterclass for all students on that Friday.
- E. The ABA convention will be on the coast in March of 2020. The Schuman's are hosting this. It will be at the Beau Rivage. Performing ensembles: Ocean Springs Wind Symphony, Mississippi State Wind Ensemble, Auburn University Wind Ensemble, University of Alabama Wind Ensemble and the United States Air Force Band.
- F. MIA meeting immediately following the meeting today.

XVII. Adjourn