

**Minutes of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association**  
**Meeting Date: August 18, 2012**

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association was held at Ridgeland High School on Saturday, August 18, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by MBA President Clay Fuller. There were approximately 168 regular members in attendance. Bryan Jefferson gave the invocation and led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** 1<sup>st</sup> VP Reuben McDowell gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Special Orders:**

Matt Rowan was elected 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.

**Officer Reports:**

**Past President Jay McArthur** reported on the MBA State Championships. He announced that Dr. Nola Jones had agreed to serve as Judging Coordinator. He reminded the body of declaration due dates and the championship event dates. He also mentioned that the dates fall on an ACT date and all 3 host sites would give the test. He encouraged directors to communicate this to their students.

**Member At Large Brian Jefferson** asked for tryout judges for State Band Clinic and encouraged the body to volunteer their services.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Sid McNeil** recognized the Music Selection Committee and reviewed the process for adding/deleting music to the required list. He stated that the deadline to submit music for consideration was September 30, 2012.

Mr. McNeil then spoke regarding the vendors and college/university displays at State Clinic. He mentioned the student signature card which will be signed by colleges/universities and a drawing for \$50 will be held in each band at clinic.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Reuben McDowell** reminded the body about their MBA dues, State Marching Championship Declaration Form and gave the procedure for paying both. He also encouraged the body to turn in their State Clinic Nomination Forms.

**President Clay Fuller** encouraged the body to review the Director To Do List to help with due dates and fee amounts for the upcoming year. He also mentioned that the website has been redesigned and encouraged the body to visit the site. He then encouraged the body to communicate their needs to the board before calling the MHSAA. Mr. Fuller then spoke about the NFHS liability insurance that was a part of the MBA dues.

Mr. Fuller clarified the number of students brought to State Clinic would depend on the list submitted from each school, not each director. He reminded the body that State Marching Evaluation would be held October 13 and State Championships would be October 27.

He said State Band Clinic would be Dec. 6-8 in Natchez and this would be the third year of our three year contract. The MBA will be up for a 3 year renewal at the end of this clinic. He said there will be no conflicts with sports dates but the ACT was given on December 8. Mr. Fuller reported that the results of the state clinic survey given last year were positive.

He clarified when that clinic lists would be picked following the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Lions Band auditions and encouraged the body to go ahead and start the process for \$110 fee payment for 2 high school and 1 middle school student. Mr. Fuller listed the clinicians for State Band Clinic and information on the director clinics that are available for CEUs.

Mr. Rigdon spoke regarding State Clinic Housing and stated that if directors wanted tax exemption status they must bring their exemption information on letterhead. He encouraged directors to get their Wednesday night forms in by November 29. He spoke about the registration process at clinics.

Mr. Fuller spoke about the new process for submitting a proposal to host State Marching Evaluation. He spoke about the upcoming earlier dates for starting school and mentioned that the MBA was awaiting the MHSAA and Department of Education decisions before setting calendars for upcoming years.

Mr. Fuller mentioned that State Concert Band Evaluation would be held at Pearl and Ridgeland High Schools on February 25-March 1, 2013. He mentioned that in coming years there is a possibility of moving the date of State Concert Evaluation later in March. Mr. Fuller mentioned the possibility of moving to a Region Format for State Concert Evaluation in 2015. This will be left up to the body to approve if proposed in coming years.

### **Committee Reports:**

Mr. Jeff Cannon reported on the 2012 Mississippi Lions All State Band and the upcoming auditions for the 2013 band.

Mrs. Toni Reece reported on the A.E. McLain Outstanding Young Band Director Award and gave instructions on how to nominate someone for the award.

Ms. Linda Davis reported on the Mississippi Women's Band Director Association and their luncheon on Dec. 7 in Natchez.

Mrs. Stephanie McArthur reported on the Edythe McArthur Outstanding Women's Band Director Award and described the nomination process.

Ms. Diane Bruser from the MHSAA reported on her duties at the MHSAA, eligibility lists, and the upcoming years' calendars.

Mr. Fuller reported that the Honor Band Award proposal was not going to be pursued per the recommendation of the committee.

### **New Business:**

A motion was passed to recommend to the MHSAA that they use the proposed marching band evaluation form for State Marching Evaluation this October.

A motion was passed to recommend to the MHSAA that the proposed 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> band concert evaluation form be used for State Concert Evaluation in the Spring of 2013.

A motion was passed to split the current required lists into six separate lists, one per school classification, to be implemented in Fall of 2013.

Mr. Zachary Harris encouraged the board to take into consideration the new common core assessments when planning the schedule.

Announcements were made and the meeting adjourned at 4:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt Rowan  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, MBA