

**Minutes of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association**  
**Meeting Date: December 11, 2009**

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association was held at the BancorpSouth Center in Tupelo, MS on December 11, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by MBA President, Mark Bryant. All members of the Executive Board were present and approximately 250 regular members were in attendance. Mike Smith gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes of the Sept. 12, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

**Officer's Reports:**

President Mark Bryant spoke of the National Federation of High School Associations conference he attended, and encouraged the membership to consider the benefits of membership; President Bryant reiterated sightreading requirements for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> bands at State Evaluation.

President Bryant reported that the Executive Board was continuing to review offers from various potential site/hosts for State Band Clinic.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Andy Sanders, gave the semi-annual treasury report. He reported \$14,366.66 in deposits, \$73,751.59 in withdrawals and a current balance (as of Dec. 1) of \$74,307.74. Financial data was incomplete at the time due to outstanding clinic fees.

Mr. Sanders stated that information would be presented to MBA members to help make paperwork easier, and reminded the membership of certain procedures regarding registration, payment of fees and dues, and other membership information.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jay McArthur clarified the required music list requirements and selected music requirements. Mr. McArthur stated that special requests in scheduling for State Evaluation should be made in a timely manner to the respective site host by January 10, 2010. Mr. McArthur reported that a tentative schedule should be available by January 15, and that the permanent schedule would be available by February 1, 2010.

Mr. McArthur stated that information regarding State Evaluations at the Ridgeland High School site would be forthcoming.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Clay Fuller recognized and thanked all band chairmen and percussion chairmen for serving at State Clinic, and recognized Mr. and Mrs. Rigdon for their contributions to State Clinic.

Member-at-Large Gail Griggs thanked those who served as audition judges at State Clinic.

Past President Linda Davis reported that approximately 60 ladies were in attendance at the Women's Luncheon. Ms. Davis reported that Mrs. Elva Kay Lance was the guest speaker and that Mrs. Carolyn Herrington and Dr. Linda Moorehouse were honored guests. Ms. Davis encouraged more women directors to participate.

Ms. Davis reported that Solo and Ensemble would be held January 30 at three sites and that State Band Evaluation would be held March 8-11 2010 at Pearl High School (class 4A/6A) and Ridgeland High School (class 1A/2A/3A/5A). Ms. Davis reported that planning was underway for a Jazz Festival to be held in 2011.

**Committee Reports:**

In lieu of Jeff Cannon, Jay McArthur reported that invitations for All-State Band would be mailed by January 15, 2010, and that the event would be held March 25-27 at Pearl High School. John Emerson would serve as conductor.

Mickey Mangum reported that he and Jeff Cannon visited Australia to map out the Lions Band trip.

Floyd Stevens recognized the Marching Championship winners and directors:

- 1A- Smithville- Jeff Colburn
- 2A- Union- Adam Devenney
- 3A- Booneville- John Emerson
- 4A- Lewisburg- Mel Morse
- 5A- Pearl- Jeff Cannon
- 6A- Southaven- Andy Sanders

Mr. Stevens commented on expenditures and revenues, and addressed some concerns regarding sites for championships i.e. timing and deadlines for submission of information. Mr. Stevens offered some personal thoughts on improving Mississippi bands and congratulated all participants of the Marching Championships.

**Announcements:**

Duncan Goff, Director of Bands at Madison Central High School, was recognized as the 2010 NFHS Outstanding Music Educator Award winner.

Toni Reece presented the A.E. McLain Outstanding Young Band Director Award to Chad Austin, and recognized the A.E. McLain committee members.

Zach Harris presented the 2009 Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Contributor Award to Mr. Ken Lewis.

Vance Wiggington presented the Band Director of the Year award to two recipients: Mr. Artie Adams and Mr. Reuben McDowell.

Andy Sanders announced that the fall 2010 meeting may possibly be held at Ridgeland High School.

The meeting was adjourned.