

**Minutes of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association
State Band Clinic
December 14, 2013**

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association was held at the Natchez Convention Center on Friday, December 14, 2013. The meeting was called to order by President Reuben McDowell. An invocation was offered by the Past President, Clay Fuller.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made, followed by a second, to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2013 meeting. The motion carried.

Financial Report: 1st Vice President Sid McNeil gave the financial report. A motion was made, followed by a second, to accept the report as stated. The motion carried.

Awards:

- **A.E. McClain Award:** Mrs. Toni Reece presented the 2013 A.E. McClain award to Ms. Kim Hallmark.
- **Edythe M. McArthur Award:** Mrs. Stephanie McArthur presented the 2013 Edythe M. McArthur Award to Mrs. Cecelia Fraschillo.
- **Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Band Director Award:** Mr. Brian Gillentine presented the 2013 Outstanding Band Director Award to Mrs. Toni Reece.
- **Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Contributor Award:** Mr. Brian Gillentine presented the 2013 Outstanding Contributor Award to Dr. Thomas Fraschillo.
- **Sweepstake Winners:** The President acknowledged all sweepstake winners for 2013.
- **State Marching Championship:** The President acknowledged all marching champions for 2013.

Officer Reports:

- **Tim Matlock**, Member at Large, presented a report on clinic auditions. Mr. Matlock reported on the success of auditions through judge participation, availability of audition criteria on the website, and the efforts of all involved. Directors were encouraged to be diligent in reporting cancellations, especially on the day of auditions.
- **Matt Rowan**, 2nd Vice President, addressed recent issues with the website and encouraged directors to check regularly for all pertinent information. Mr. Rowan introduced the Music Selection Committee chairs and encouraged directors to rely solely on the required list on the website. Appreciation was offered to Art's and Pender's for providing scores of new music. Mr. Rowan reported that Vendors and Displays went well and directors were encouraged to seek out new vendors for next year to attend the clinic.

- **Sid McNeil**, 1st Vice President, urged directors to communicate with the appropriate individuals in their districts to expedite payment of fees. Directors were informed that the process of changing the mailing address for fees each year will end and a permanent address is in the process of being established. A new W-9 form should be given to district officials as soon as possible. Mr. McNeil reported that online registration for clinic was successful and a new email group will replace the Yahoo group. The dates and clinicians for the 2014 clinic were announced.
- **Mr. Rigdon** gave a report on hotel checkout procedures.
- **Mr. Jeff Cannon** presented the deadline for state concert evaluation scheduling requests. Judges for Lion's Band auditions in 2013 were thanked and the membership was encouraged to provide more volunteer effort in judging the 2014 auditions. Staff for 2014 Lion's Band were introduced and dates for the training camp and summer trip were announced.
- **Sid McNeil** gave a report on the Championship Advisory Committee and informed the body of an attempt to adjust the schedule on preliminary and final rounds. The Drum Major Retreat will return in 2014 and plans are underway for job descriptions and pay adjustments for those individuals employed with the championship. Judging sheets are being reviewed for changes and a new tab program will be purchased to use in 2014.
- **The President** announced final and tentative dates that included Concert Evaluation, the Fall meeting, Marching Evaluation, and State Clinic. Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Rigdon were acknowledged for 30 years of outstanding service to our association.

New Business: The proposal to change Concert Evaluation to a regional site format was presented and explained by Mr. Vance Wigginton. The proposal was presented in the form of a motion and a second was provided from the floor. There was no discussion and the motion carried. A proposal to change the language of the requirements for the selected piece at Concert Evaluation was presented. The proposal was presented in the form of a motion and a second was provided from the floor. The motion carried. A preference sheet was passed out to directors to provide feedback concerning their choice of three possible sites for Concert Evaluation. A change to the language concerning the regional marching site bid process was presented to the body and the motion carried without opposition. New business from the floor was entertained. There was none.

The President made a presentation to the Past President, Clay Fuller, for his service to the Mississippi Bandmasters Association.

Announcements were given from the floor and door prizes were provided for the membership.

Adjournment