

**Agenda for the Mississippi Bandmasters Association Fall Meeting 2014**

**Meeting Place: Ridgeland High School Auditorium**

**Meeting Date: August 23, 2014**

1. Call to Order – Sid McNeil

Good afternoon, I would like to call this meeting, the fall meeting of the MBA 2014, to order.

Welcome

Friday night games

Cook quote

2. Invocation – Len Killough
3. Introduction of Membership – Sid McNeil

Introduce the board

1<sup>st</sup> VP Matt Rowan – Pearl HS

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Lane Thompson – JZ George HS

Member at large – Time Matlock – death in family – funeral

State Clinic extraordinaires - Willie and Joyce Rigdon

We will pass the mic around, please stand and state your name and what school you are with

4. Special Orders: elect 3<sup>rd</sup> vice president – Sid McNeil

Nominations for 3<sup>rd</sup> VP this year come from regions 7 and 8

Nominees from that region are Ms. Sharon Laird from Oak Grove and Mr. Clint Boleware from North Pike HS.

Do we have any nominations from the floor?

Will the nominees please remove yourselves into the foyer

Would anyone like to speak on the behalf of Ms. Laird, etc.

All those in favor of nominating Ms. Sharon Laird as 3<sup>rd</sup> VP of the MBA executive board please stand...

51% of vote?

Suspend bottom two – jeff cannon if needed?

Please help me welcome \_\_\_\_\_ as 3<sup>rd</sup> VP. Please assume your position at the table.

5. Approval of Minutes from Dec. Meeting – Lane Thompson
6. Financial Reports – Matt Rowan
7. Reports
  - A. MHSAA – Diane Bruser
    - a. Importance and thanks to mhsaa and bruser
    - b. Surgery
  - B. Website and forms – Matt Rowan

- C. State Marching Evaluations – Ted Burns
- D. State Marching Championships – Matt Rowan
- E. Lion’s Band – Jeff Cannon
- F. State Band Clinic
  - a. Housing – Willie and Joyce Rigdon
  - b. Judging and chairpersons – Lane Thompson
  - c. Fees and Logistics – Matt Rowan
  - d. Clinicians, Performing Bands, Clinics – Sid McNeil

Clinicians this year are

- All State – Dr. Andy Boysen
- Red Band – Dr. Sarah McKoin from Texas Tech
- White Band – Mr. Ishbah Cox from Purdue University
- Blue Band – Mr. Jeff Cannon retired from Pearl HS

Performing Ensembles are

- Oak Grove Symphonic Band – Sharon Laird
- Mississippi State Wind Ensemble – Elva kaye Lance
- Also: USM Trombone Choir and Hub Bones
- MSU Chamber Ensemble
- Many great clinics as well

- G. Music Selection Committee Update – Lane Thompson
- H. Revised Sight Reading Sheet – McNeil

The sight reading judges would like to have more point spread in order to give the bands more credit. As it was, if it was not perfect they were forced to drop to a 4 out of 5. With this revision, the judge is now allowed to give more than 80% for an almost perfect caption. So, we would entertain a motion to accept the revised sight reading sheet with a max of 20 points per caption as opposed to 5 points per caption.

- I. Regional State Concert Evaluations Update – Sid McNeil and Vance Wigginton

As you know, last December you voted to move to regional concert evaluations beginning in the Spring of 2016. The committee has been working towards having the full proposal ready by clinic this December. We must then hand the proposal to the MHSAA board of directors to be voted on. They could turn down the proposal but we anticipate that they will be in full support of this change.

I would like to thank Vance Wigginton for chairing this committee and allow him to update us on this.

- 8. New Business
  - A. Penalty for Copied Scores for Use – McNeil

On the agenda under 8Aa you will see a caption taken from our MBA Handbook. Previously, there has not been a penalty for using a copied score. As we all know this is highly illegal and warrants a penalty. We have had such occurrences recently but have had no way of enforcing any type of penalty. So we are asking to add the portion in bold to this descriptor, which says “the penalty for submitting a copied score without appropriate documentation will be the lowering of one rating for Concert.” I would not entertain a motion for this addition...

Discussion...

Vote

- a. Original Scores must be submitted for adjudication. NO PHOTOCOPIES OF SCORES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A WRITTEN LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER GRANTING THIS PERMISSION. ANY PHOTOCOPIES OF SCORES USED FOR ADJUDICATION WITHOUT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE PUBLISHER WILL BE SUBJECT TO COPYRIGHT VIOLATION. ANY WRITTEN PERMISSION MUST COME FROM THE PUBLISHER AND NOT A MUSIC VENDOR. **Penalty for submitting a copied score without the appropriate documentation will be the lowering of one rating for Concert.**

B. Sweepstakes Discussion – Sid McNeil

We have had some concerns given to us about the sweepstakes award and its effectiveness. We actually were given a proposal from three of our concert adjudicators asking for a change in how we determine sweepstakes. Since these are not MBA members, we are not going to entertain that proposal but the proposal does make many valuable points that I would like to share with you and then I would like to have a discussion on the merits of sweepstakes and whether or not it needs to be amended or deleted..

Read some of proposal...

I would like to now have a positive discussion about sweepstakes and here what you all have to say about this. Please remember to keep your comments positive and not slander any particular judge or the system. I also ask that even though we are discussing this today, I would rather not make any decisions on this today, but rather simply hear from some of you and then make a decision if needed in December.

9. New Business From the Floor

10. Announcements

11. Adjournment