

Mississippi Bandmaster's Association
State Band Clinic Meeting - December 9, 2017
Natchez Convention Center

Sharon Laird, President of the Mississippi Bandmaster's Association (MBA) called the meeting to order and introduced the Executive Board: Immediate Past President, Lane Thompson from Grenada; Len Killough, 1st vice president from Hernando High School; Jerry Pickering, 2nd Vice President from Northwest Rankin High School; Shawn Sullivan, 3rd Vice President from Starkville High School; and Quenton Parker, Member at Large from Vanleave High School.

Invocation: Given by retired director, Sammy Barr, from Jones County Community College.

Minutes: Shawn Sullivan distributed copies of the minutes to the body. On motion made and duly seconded, the minutes were approved as distributed.

Financial Report: Len Killough presented a copy of the financial reports for both the Marching Championships and the MBA. On motion made and duly seconded, the reports were approved as distributed.

Awards:

- Recognized the Sweepstakes Award winners for the year 2016-2017
- Recognized the band staff for 2017 Fall State Marching Championships:
 - Class 1A – Smithville High School
 - Class 2A – Mize High School
 - Class 3A – Booneville High School
 - Class 4A – Pontotoc High School
 - Class 5A – Germantown High School
 - Class 6A – Oak Grove High School
- Recognized Gavin McAdams, 2016 A.E. McLain award winner and apologized for failing to include this announcement in the 2017 Program. This will be added to the 2018 Program.
- Mel Morse presented the 2017/2018 A.E. McLain award winner, Victoria Jones from Hernando High School.
- Stephanie McArthur presented the 2017/2018 Edythe McArthur Outstanding Woman Band Director award to Delores Stegall.
- Christy Colburn presented the 2017/2018 Mississippi Women Band Directors Association College Scholarship Award to Sarah Tackitt from Ridgeland High School.
- Stephanie McArthur presented the Outstanding Contributor Award to Elva Kaye Lance, Director of Bands at Mississippi State University.
- Mark Laird recognized two retired Mississippi Band Directors who were inducted to the Phi Beta Mu International Band Fraternity's Mississippi Bandmaster Hall of Fame:
 - Ronald A. Herrington from Columbia, Mississippi
 - William "Jeff" Cannon, Sr. from Pearl, Mississippi

- Again recognized Rosie Johnson from Mississippi Music for receiving the 2016 Outstanding Contributor Award as this announcement was left out of this year's program.
- Congratulations to the Mississippi bands that participated in this year's Bands of America:
 - Clinton High School
 - DeSoto Central High School
- Thanked Sammy Barr for his mentorship and his help with this year's All-State Band.

Reports:

- *Clinic Auditions* – Quenton Parker recognized and thank those directors who served as band chairmen for this year's convention.
- *Music Selection, Vendors, Displays, Colleges* – Jerry Pickering announced the members of the music selection committee and encouraged directors to support the vendors and colleges and their displays.
- *Forms, Fees, Purchase Orders, 2018 Clinic Dates* – State Band Clinic dates for 2018 will be December 5-8.
- *Band Chairmen* – Shawn Sullivan thanked the directors for their hard work and support to clinicians of this year's clinic.
- *Hotel Checkout, Clinic Issues* – Willie Rigdon gave instructions to the directors for this year's checkout procedures from the hotel.
- *Lions Band* – Jeff Cannon recognized directors that judged in both auditions this fall. The colorguard tryouts will be on January 6th and 20th at Pearl High School. Staff for the 2018 trip to Las Vegas will be: Jennifer Sills, Concert Director; Mark Laird, Assistant Concert Director; Joe Presley, Marching Director; Sharon Laird, Assistant Marching Director; Josh Craft, Percussion Instructor; Paul Morgan, Assistant Percussion Instructor; Dance Instructor, Clair Grace Watts; Colorguard Instructor, Kim Presley; Jazz Band Director, Nathan Pepper; and Equipment Manager and Dean of Men, Mark Edwards.
- *Regional Marching Evaluation Report* – Jeff Cannon recognized 2017 site hosts and their staffs from Pearl High School, Tupelo and Oak Grove for hosting this year's evaluation.
- *Championship Advisory Committee Meeting Report:*
 - The committee addressed adjudication issues as well as decided to hire a national level evaluator to provide general effect comments; however, the evaluator will not give a rating.
 - The committee agreed to assess .05 penalties for every second a band goes over during state marching evaluations in 2018.
 - Evaluations in 2018 on October 27th for classes 1A-5A and on November 3rd for Class 6A.
 - There were five proposals presented by the committee:
 - Proposal to take numbers off the state evaluation sheets was approved by the committee
 - Proposal to add a national evaluator to provide general effect comments only state marching evaluations

- Proposal to allow bands to generate their own announcement with pre-shows and production (BOA style), was approved. This proposal will be put on the website as to how it will be done.
 - Proposal to allow all bands that declared to be put into Championships did NOT pass.
- *MHSAA Report* – Jeff Cannon reported:
 - Judges for State Concert Evaluation in the spring will be posted on the website soon. He was asked by Don Hinton at MHSAA to select this year’s judges and comments from the different directors have been taken into consideration for future evaluations. We will begin rotating judges off the panels yearly and if you have comments regarding any concerns you may have regarding judges, please be sure to let me know so that we can properly evaluate each year.
 - Directors were asked to submit three preferences for the date they would like to participate in State Concert Evaluation by February 2, 2018. All requests will be time stamped and considered by time they were received. Please make these requests through the website online.
- *State Concert Evaluation 2018* – Sharon Laird reported that the dates for State Concert Evaluation at Pearl High School April 9-12 and at Tupelo and Oak Grove April 15-19. An additional day has been added to each site to shorten the day for the judges.

Old Business:

Bryan Jefferson, Director at Murrah High School, gave a report from the Show-Style Marching Committee formed at the August meeting. He stated there are bands that do not want to choose one marching style over the other or march one style in lieu of the other. The committee proposes the following:

1. Train current judges on show style versus corps style marching, OR
2. Show-Style judges be added to the current state marching evaluation.

New Business:

There was no new business

Thank You’s:

Ms. Laird wanted to thank various people for their work and support towards this year’s clinic experience:

- Matt Rowan, Pearl High School who serves as the MBA’s technical support and Webmaster
- Congratulations to West Harrison High School and their directors for representing Mississippi in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade on NBC.
- Ocean Springs High School band and staff for their outstanding performance at this year’s convention
- City of Natchez and the convention center as well as all staff that have made it possible to have a successful conference.
- Willie and Joyce Rigdon for their hard work and efforts towards planning and support to this year’s clinic.

- Recognized those directors and spouses that helped with this year's student registration and director/vendor registration as well as handling office duties for the MBA executive board.
- Mark Laird for his support and help throughout the year to help make this year a success.

Announcements:

- The USM Band will not be able to perform this evening due to the inclement weather and travel restrictions due to icy conditions
- The all-state band's concert will be moved to 8:00 p.m. and curfew will be moved forward to 10:30 p.m.
- CEU's can be signed up for immediately following today's meeting.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.