

**North Carolina Bandmasters Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2020
Virtual Zoom Meeting Due To COVID-19 Quarantine**

In attendance:

**Jason Barclift – President
Rodney Workman - Past President
Jamie Bream – Southeast District/President Elect
Fran Shelton – Finance Director
Jim Kirkpatrick - Secretary
Ruth Petersen - Webmaster
Eddie Deaton – Central District
Karen Williams- Western District
Andrew Craft – Northwest District
Chris White – South Central District
Olivia Spell- Southeast District
Matt Pellas – East Central District
Rob Parker – Eastern District**

Minutes from spring meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. NCBA Current balance is \$13,055.56.

Honors Band Clinic

- Account Balance is \$28,361.58. A short-term loan was extended to NCMEA in the amount of \$20,000 and will be repaid in late May.
- Concerns were raised about the financial loss taken if COVID-19 restrictions were enforced just prior to clinic. Discussion about event insurance ensued. Keep honors band account around 14k-16k to remain solvent.

Marching Band Committee

- Marching band proposal survey results were presented by Matt Liner.
- Proposals were discussed.
 - Consideration is being given to reward performers for simultaneous consideration of “what” they are doing and “how” well they are doing it.
 - Listening environment and physical demands would be given more consideration.
 - Question was raised as to why the committee presented changes after so much coordination was made to create the sheets in the first place.
 - Concern was raised about how the sheet was already designed to evaluate the what and the how in the description.
 - Bands should be rewarded for simultaneous responsibility, particularly more demanding programs.
 - Concerns were raised that the sheet should reflect all instrument groups and that judges must evaluate all sections, particularly percussion.
 - Will some of the more competitive bands lose interest because of the changes? If so, some schools may tend to join the NCBA circuit.

- The NCBA wants to maintain a system that supports the greatest number of schools and help the greatest number of students.
 - Proposal 1 MPE: Passed
 - Proposal 2 MPI: Passed
 - Proposal 3 Caption Weight Percentages: Passed
 - Proposal 4 Music Effect, One Judge: Passed
 - Proposal 5 Elimination of Written Commentary: Passed
- Timing and Penalties: Proposal was made and approved to waive performance timing penalties due to potential COVID-19 rehearsal time restrictions for 2020.
- Refunds can be given to host bands in case they have to cancel due to COVID-19. Show host applications will be open soon. Deadline will be extended.

Honors Band

- Honors band conductors are secured for 2021.
- Auditions will be the same location and same dates.
- If football is flipped to the spring we will still have Honors Band in the spring.
- Honors Band audition requirements were discussed. Auditionsolos.com MS and 9-10 solos were well received. 11-12 solos were too easy. District feedback indicated a formal proposal should be made by NCBA for discussion in Fall meetings and to have a statewide vote in November. MS is more difficult than current solos and flexibility would be considered. New solos would be implemented in 2021-22.
- Honor Band Audition Clarification: One representative from each district for MS and one representative for 9-12 will tabulate scores.

Concert Band MPA

- Committee will coordinate reviewing new music for 2020-2021.
- Question was raised on whether or not bands can perform their 2020 program for 2021? Bands may do so, if they choose, with the exception of South Central who was able to complete their 2020 MPA event.

Hall of Fame

- 2019-2020 presentation will be made at the NCMEA Conference at the fall business meeting.
- 2020-21 nominations for NCBA Hall of Fame should be made by July 1. Jason will send an email out to membership.

New Business

- Discussion ensued regarding district treasurer pay. Decision was made to mandate that districts pay treasurers a minimum of \$500 and leave it to each district's discretion of paying any amount more than that.
- NCMEA Conference is progressing nicely. Scott Rush will present and Boston Brass will perform and present. Keep in mind Wednesday is a National Holiday.
- Only 2 performance applications have been submitted, 1 MS and 1 HS. Encourage more Directors from your district to apply.
- NCMEA Legacy Jazz Band open to Band Directors with an offering of brunch or lunch to help celebrate 50th Anniversary of NCMEA.
- A virtual conference is being explored in case necessary.

Good of the Order

- How to dispose of the old banners? NCBA State Banner will be handed off to next president.
- Consider running for NCBA Executive Board.
- NCMEA lobbyist is serving as advocate for COVID-19 related modifications to music classes.

Meeting adjourned 5:05pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Jim Kirkpatrick.