

NCBA General Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2015

Welcome – Call to Order by President Alice Aldredge – 4:37 PM

- Recognized first year attendees
- Make sure you check in with NCMEA App
- Recognize District Chairs
- President Alice Aldredge thanked her family

Agenda – presented by Alice Aldredge – *Motion and Second – Approved*

Minutes from May – Presented by Jason Barclift – *Motion and Second – Approved*

Financial Report

- Deborah Phillips – Honors Band Account
 - \$18,794.18 – balance
 - *Motion and Second – Approved*
- Richard Holmes – NCBA State Account
 - \$3,462.12 - balance
 - *Motion and Second – Approved*
- Thank you Deborah Phillips & Richard Holmes who are both stepping down.
 - Robert Parker will replace Deborah Phillips
 - Fran Shelton will replace Richard Holmes

Hall of Fame

- Rodney Workman asked band directors to fill out ballots and will be collected in a moment.
- All 3 were voted in:
 - James “Jim” Crayton
 - Wynn Justice
 - Ed Whitener

Award of Excellence – announced by Rodney Workman, presented by district chairs

- Steve Sigmon – Western District
- David C. Deese – Northwest District
- Jerry Lowe – South Central District
- Andy Carter – Central District
- Wendy Edgerley – Southeastern District
- Andrew Wright – Eastern District

ASBDA Encore Awards – announced by Bill Witcher

Now named the Ed Rooker ASBDA Encore Award

- Joshua Morgan – nominated by Phillip Riggs
- Jill Brooks – nominated by Mekel Rogers
- Josh Cvijanovic – nominated by Rodney Workman
- Steve Stevens – nominated by Jim Hill (presented by Bill Witcher)

Past Presidents

- Michael Wilson
- James Daugherty
- Richard Holmes
- Phillip Riggs
- Dave Albert
- Neil Underwood
- Anne Reese
- Fran Shelton
- Ron Payne
- David Hawks
- Mike Robinson

Each of the past presidents presented Deborah Phillips with a red rose in honor of her 25 years of service to the state as the NCBA Honors Band Treasurer. Alice Aldredge also presented her with a plaque for her service.

All-State Honors Band

- If a director requests to be absent from All-State Auditions, they must follow NCBA guidelines and request at least 2 weeks prior to auditions.
- Auditions will begin at the conclusion of the director's meeting. Students must be on campus at 12:00 PM.

Auditions Committee (Mike Wilson)

- Middle School Saxes will all play the Alto Sax solo – already approved and in place for *this* year.
- Bari Sax players in all levels will play the same scales as the Alto Sax.
- We will allow the top two tenor saxes and the top two mallets players from each district audition for All-State Honors Band.
- Sightreading will be commissioned for Honors Band Auditions. Mike Wilson will find someone to compose these outside of NC. The board has discussed at length how each instrument must have a unique sample written based upon the demands of that instrument at each level. Once composed, Mike Wilson (retired) will examine the pieces to make sure they maintain the guidelines set forth. He will then seal them and send them to the chairpersons which will not be opened until the audition day.
- All-State Jazz Band Auditions will begin at 3:00 PM.
- Blind Auditions at Honors Band
 - Board has voted (not unanimously) in favor of blind auditions. They wanted to give members the chance to speak and then they would like for the membership to vote.
 - Jonathan Beal (Collettsville School) & Matt Edwards (Fuquay-Varina HS) spoke about their feelings on blind auditions.
 - Mike Wilson says the chairpersons were included in this discussion. They believe there will be enough directors on site to have 2 judges and 1 monitor in each room.

- *Motion & second to close discussion approved*
- *Motion came from Board, no second needed, Vote – 104-28 – in favor of blind auditions*

Concert Band MPA (Rodney Workman)

- NCBA Board voted to approve:
 - Sight Reading Script
 - Removing language from MPA Procedures about junior high bands (which don't exist in NC any more)
 - Deadline for Out of District Request – February 1 each year
 - New Solo and Ensemble Sheets
 - Sheet Revisions – will now include Musicianship *and* Interpretation
 - Removing rubric from back of form and adding “Standards for Concert Band MPA”

Marching Band Committee (Ryan Summers)

- Financial Report
 - Total Income \$11,250.00
 - Total Expenses \$10,171.06
 - Account Balance \$7,713.25
- Application to host a 2016 NCBA Marching Band Event must be submitted by June 1, 2016.
- Speak with your district rep if you would like anything discussed at the next meeting in January.

Mentor Committee (Windy Fullagar)

- Program is alive and well.
- Had a great retreat this weekend

NCMEA Staff Development Conference (Alice Aldredge)

- Use the App
- Charlotte Concert Band – tonight 8 PM – Stevens Center

Website (Ruth Petersen)

- There is now a Director's Page on the menu which will contain a lot of the information you may be looking for.

Other Business

- Hall of Fame Nominations are due on July 1, 2016 – Form is online
- District Chairs will collect ballots for this year's Hall of Fame.
- There are NCBA positions opening up in 2016. Mike Wilson will be leading the Nominating Committee. NCBA President-Elect, NCMEA Band Delegate (MS), and NCBA Secretary

Things to Celebrate

- National Band Association recognized Cuthbertson HS as a Program of Excellence Blue Ribbon Award winner for the Southern Division.
- Cary Marching Band will represent NC in the 2016 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
- Phillip Riggs chosen as a 2016 Grammy Music Educator Award semifinalist- (top 25 in the nation)
- NAFME All-National Honors Concert Band – 6 students from NC – performed at NAFME National Conference
- Asheville Clarinet Ensemble – performed at NAFME National Conference
- Teachers of Year