

NCBA General Meeting Minutes – May 2, 2015

Welcome – Call to Order by President Alice Aldredge – 2:00 PM

- Thanks to hosts and chairpersons
- Dr. Locke took a few moments to discuss the history of All-State Honors Band and hosting it here at UNC-G.
 - Suggests having Public Television record and show the All-State concert throughout the year

Minutes from November – Presented by Alice Aldredge – *Motion and Second – Approved*

Financial Report

- Deborah Phillips – Honors Band Account
 - \$19,642.64 – balance after auditions
 - \$35,152.64 – balance now before bills for clinic
 - *Motion and Second – Approved*
 - Special thanks to Deborah for 24 years as treasurer of NCBA
- Richard Holmes – NCBA State Account – Current balance – \$3923.72
 - MPA SR Fee (\$130) and adjudication forms (\$116) – total of \$246.00 – Due Nov. 8, 2015 – Payable to NCBA State
 - Website/President’s Travel Fund - \$200 Due Nov. 8, 2015 – Payable to NCBA State
- Approved by Board:
 - NCBA will allow payment for substitutes and reimbursement for mileage and meals for NCBA State Officers during Honors Band Clinic while performing duties associated with the clinic and if they do not have a student participating in Honors Band. This is to be paid out of the Honors Band Account beginning for the 2015 clinic if funds are available after all expenses are paid. (This is to include no more than 3 breakfasts, lunches, and dinners.)
 - Add to the All-State Honors Band Clinic Financial Guidelines the following: 1 lunch, reimbursement for mileage, and payment for substitute. All of which will be paid when the director has no students participating in Honors Band.

All-State Honors Band

- President Aldredge discussed successful clinic so far. Make sure students are on time Sunday morning. Per UNC-G, no instrument cases should be in the audience area at any time.
- Hall of Fame Celebration will begin about 15 minutes before the concert.
- 2016 Auditions: March 5, 2016 at Brown Middle School/East Davidson High School (Snow Date: March 12, 2016)
- 2016 Clinic: April 29-May 1, 2016 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Clinician Nominations (in order of vote)

11/12

Jack Stamp

Col. Timothy Holtan

Michael Votta
Steve Peterson
Evan Feldman
Brant Karrick

9/10

Dave Ragsdale
Evan Feldman
Timothy Holtan
Brandt Karrick (tie)
John LaCognata (tie)

MS

Jeff Scott
Michael Sweeney
Mary Land
Tiffany Hitz
Erin Cole
David Santiago

Auditions Committee – Michael Wilson

- This committee is actually responsible for everything pertaining to Honors Band – not just auditions
 - “HONORS BAND COMMITTEE”
- Districts need to make sure the NCBA website is correct for members of this (and other) committees
- There is a new Percussion Rudimental Solo – Look for a survey soon

Rebecca Best made a presentation about Blind Auditions

- Two judges behind screen
- A third band director brings the student into the room and reads a script
- She showed a video of a sample audition using this method

Discussion

- Is the third Band director necessary?
- Committee will discuss this at next meeting.
- Let your district rep know if you have other concerns

Concert Band MPA – Rodney Workman

- Over 500 bands participated this year
- “New music” listening session – publishers provided lots of scores
 - Please listen and submit to add music
- Committee met today and discussed some concerns
- Committee will meet this summer to discuss major concerns
- Rodney will submit report to districts which should be presented in Fall Meetings
- Solo & Ensemble is under this committee’s responsibilities

- This summer Brent Harris will chair a sub-committee to revise the Solo & Ensemble Adjudication form. The plan will be to present in November and used in 2016.

Marching Band Committee

- Financial Report - **\$6,634.31**
- **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE – MISPRINT ON AGENDA – APPLICATIONS TO HOST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO TOMMY SMITH WITH REQUIRED FEES BY JUNE 1, 2015.**
- Adjudicator Training this summer:
 - July 9th - East Lincoln HS
 - July 14th - North Garner MS
 - July 16th - East Carolina University
- Results from survey showed state voted on looking into the concept of a State Invitational

Mentor Committee

- Board approved Windy Fullagar to serve as section rep for NCMEA Mentor Committee

NCMEA Staff Development Conference

- Some of the clinicians: David Starnes, Jeff Scott, Robert Sheldon
- Please come and try to stay through Tuesday

Website

- Ruth Peterson – Keep her and her mother in your thoughts and prayers. She does an exceptional job with website.

Other Business

- The Board decided”
 - The NCBA Webmaster has authority to make changes to the bylaws as submitted by NCBA Secretary after meetings.
 - NC Honors Band Audition and Clinic Chairs should be ex-officio members of the Auditions [All-State Honors Band] Committee.
 - Directors who make a request to not be present must make their request to the state president in written form **no later than 2 weeks before the audition.** (Otherwise students will not be allowed to audition.)
 - Auditions for All-State Honors Band will begin **at the conclusion of the director’s meeting. All students need to be on campus by 12:00 noon.**
 - Districts will be allowed to pay a stipend webmasters.
- Award of Excellence – Photo and Bio due to Alice by Oct 1, 2015
- Hall of Fame Nominations – Due July 1, 2015 – Form is online.
- Building Better Bands Clinic – June 17-18 at Meadowlark Middle School in Winston-Salem, NC – Thank you, Matt Liner
 - Lots of great clinicians

- Renewal credit available
- NCMEA Journal Editor is looking to change some things. If anyone is interested in submitting an article, send President Aldredge an email. Probably for the December Journal.

Announcements

- NCMEA National Honor Ensembles (Jazz, Concert, and Orchestra) – May 8 Deadline – Must have been in this year's or last year's All-State Band.
- Thank you to Richard Holmes for his service as NCMEA President.
- Dave Albert will be a candidate for the President of the Southern Division of NAFME.

Things to Celebrate

- First year teachers
- Past-Presidents
- Teachers of the Year
- Cary HS – Macy's Parade 2016
- Retirements

Adjournment – 3:23 PM