



NORTH CAROLINA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

Saturday May 3, 2025 / 2:00PM
Room 217, UNCG Music Building



Agenda Link

Board Members Present

Chris White - President

Jim Kirkpatrick - Past President

Andrew Jimeson - President Elect

Rodney Workman - Honors Band

Fran Shelton - General Account

Rodney Workman - Honors Band Account

Ruth Petersen - Webmaster

Secretary - Karen Williams-Lanning

District Presidents

Thanks to our Honors Band Hosts:

- Jonathan Caldwell, Director of Bands - UNCG
- Brad McMillan - UNCG
- UNCG Auditorium Staff

Thanks to Auditions and Clinic Leadership:

- Jim Kirkpatrick, Honors Band Chair
- Eddie Deaton, Honors Band Coordinator
- Rodney Workman, Honors Band Treasurer
- Colin Tapp, MS Auditions Chair
- Mallory Hill, 9/10 Auditions Chair
- Lance Barton, 11/12 Auditions Chair
- Justin Sumners, Auditions Site Host
- Olivia D. Spell, MS Clinic Chair
- Chad Higdon, 9/10 Clinic Chair
- Tim Sale, 11/12 Clinic Chair
- Jason Barclift, Program Editor

District Presidents:

- Eastern – Jake Wentzek / Karen Matthews
- Southeastern – Steven Kelly
- East Central – Page Newsome
- Central – Beth Hurley/Michael Capps
- Northwest – Terry Reid
- South Central – Ashleigh Cook
- Western – Kelly Saunders

Call to Order and Welcome by President Chris White at 2:03 p.m.

Chris recognized and thanked all of the names above for their work and service.

Approval of Agenda

Moved and seconded by membership. None opposed.

Review / Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes - Karen Williams-Lanning
[2024 Fall Meeting Minutes](#)

Fall meeting minutes approved and seconded by the membership. None opposed.

Review / Approval Treasurer's Reports - Fran Shelton & Rodney Workman

[NCBA Finance Officer's Report](#)

[NCBA Honors Band Report](#)

NCMEA / NCBA Accounts

- NCBA Treasurer: 14413.14
- NCBA Honors: 35671.07
- NCBA Marching Band: 4720.71
- CDBA Treasurer: 28525.60
- ECDBA Treasurer: 24847.67
- EDBA Treasurer: 32901.68
- NWDBA Treasurer: 65670.20
- SCDBA Treasurer: 33898.48
- SEDBA Treasurer: 16517.15
- WDBA Treasurer: 13745.06

NCBA Account

Rodney shared that the clinic is running within budget and can purchase music at a reduced price and this will keep the event from running financially into the red. Chris also added our appreciation to Dr. Caldwell and the UNCG School of Music for their assistance with this event and alleviating potential costs.

Fran shared a comparison between costs from this year to last year. We are currently in a \$2000 deficit due to general cost increases. She reiterated to the group that NCBA handles our own money and we need to keep enough in the account to cover each district in the event it is needed. Fran shared that district assessments will go from \$1450 to \$2000. The fees haven't been raised in many years and were even cut during COVID years. This cost increase is to help support this fund. If it is determined that the amount catches us up financially, the board will revisit and lower next year.

Discussion: It was recommended that clinician assistants send a list to directors to borrow music to save purchasing money. Issues occur when the music list from conductors are not received in time to order and an e-print must be purchased.

All approved, non opposed.

Honors Band Committee - Jim Kirkpatrick

[Honors Band Committee Meeting Agenda](#)

[Honors Band Committee Report](#)

The committee decided in November to absorb the timpani tuning portion of the audition into the solo and the sight reading. The committee will revise the score sheet to reflect these changes. They will still be scored on tuning but it will not be a separate category.

The committee unanimously agreed that the horn solo be shortened.

String bass solos need to be revised. The committee is gathering college professor feedback.

The committee received a request that sight reading criteria be formalized so that students know what to expect. The committee will proceed with this request.

Mark Norman from the Piedmont Wind Symphony asked if we would like a concert on the Saturday of All State. Question for the membership, would this be valuable or are students tired and ready to participate in their school traditions? Dr. Caldwell says the school can support this. This would be a required part of the clinic.

Membership discussion:

- Issues with prom
- Students are exhausted
- The interruption of traditional activities that students are accustomed to participating in with their schools
- No exemptions would be allowed

Majority of membership wants to keep the schedule of events the same and not add any additional activities for students. Jim thanked the membership for their discussion.

Audition registration deadline is solid and directors are expected to follow those dates. Membership shared concerns about everyone within each district being reminded about registration and deadlines.

The district clinic chair is responsible for cancellations and communication with the audition chairs. Remember to talk to your students about their commitment to attending . There will be a form for cancellations in regard to Honors Band auditions/clinic. Jim opened questions from the floor. There were none.

2026 Location: Atkins High School

Date: March 7, 2026

Snow Date: March 14, 2026

Fee: \$20

Thanks to Justin for hosting at Atkins H.S.

If the all state audition fee goes up, it will be to cover the cost of facility fees that may be put in place this upcoming school year.

2026 Clinic Location: UNC-Greensboro

Clinic Date: May 1-3, 2026

Clinic Fee: \$60

Jim shared what a luxury it is to have our clinic at UNCG and is thankful for the work that the staff does to assist with this event.

2026 Clinicians

MS – Jason Worzbyk (confirmed)

9/10 – Dominic Talanca (confirmed)

11/12 – Peter Boonshaft (confirmed)

Nominations for Clinicians 2027

The floor was opened for the following nominations:

Middle School Clinicians

Chip DeStefano - McCracken MS

Tiffany Hitz - Robinson Secondary

Darcy Williams - Stiles MS

Carlos Elizando - Bradley MS

9/10 Clinicians

Dr. William Talley - Ohio University

Dr. Courtney Snyder - Michigan

Kerry Taylor - WestLake H.S. Texas (Retired)

Dr. Mark Norman - Piedmont Wind Symphony

11/12 Clinicians

Dr. Verena Mosenbichler-Bryant - Duke

Colonel Don Schofield - Air Force

Dr. Jonathan Caldwell - UNCG

Dr. Kevin Sedatole - Michigan State

Dr. Mallory Thompson - Northwestern (Retired)

Dr. Emily Threinen - Minnesota

Nominations closed and voting results are posted above.

Concert Band MPA Committee- Andrew Jimeson

[MPA Committee Meeting Agenda](#)

MPA Fall Meetings:

- Adjudication Committee:
November 8, 1pm
- Operations Committee (MPA Event Chairs):
November 9, 10am

Andrew shared that the committee found inconsistencies about score study time across the state. Thanks to James for rewriting the word script as he will continue to look at the wording.

Solo and Ensemble MPA Committee - Andrew Jimeson

They met in the fall with Chris and had a brief meeting today. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this as the committee decides which direction to head going forward. Consistency of awards across the state as well as literature is for future discussion.

SEMPA Event Chair Fall Meeting:

Nov. 9, 2025, 9 AM

Location: TBA

NCBA Hall of Fame - Andrew Jameson

NCBA Hall of Fame 2025 Inductees (inducted in November):

- Dr. Scott Carter
- Samuel “Buddy” Gudger

Congratulations to Dr. Scott Carter and Buddy Gudger.

Nominations for Hall of Fame Class of 2026

- Nominator and District Chairs use the [Eligibility Requirements and Nomination Procedures](#) to ensure candidates are eligible for nomination.
- Nominator uses [Nomination Required Materials Checklist](#) and submits materials to district chair
 - District Chairs set submission deadline for their district
- District chair then completes the official [Online Nomination Form](#) by July 1, 2025
- Hall of Fame Committee meets in summer to review materials and prepare the nomination ballot
- President-Elect notifies nominees of their voting status after the Hall of Fame Committee meets
- General membership votes on candidates at fall meeting in November

If someone wants to nominate, they need to go to the district chair ahead of time so that the chair can get them turned in by the deadline.

Old Business - Chris White

[Program of Distinction Proposal](#)

Membership Discussion / Vote

Paper ballots were distributed. Motion and second to accept the proposal as listed.

Discussion Points:

- The document can be presented to the Principal if they need to know what a program should look like
- Appreciation for the effort that went into this
- When would this take effect? 2025/2026
- Who will evaluate all of this? Band delegate
- Who will help/assist the band delegate? That will be organized if this passes.
- The changes that have occurred are more inclusive of all school/program sizes
- If this is passed, could there be support for new directors taking over programs of distinction?
- Thanks for all of the input and to the committee for their work
- How long does the “distinction” last? Is this each year? Yes. Directors apply every year.
- Will there be a fee for this? Not as of now.
- Reservations, there are possible negative repercussions that could be to serve as a resume booster or ego builders for directors, then this isn’t serving the education purpose with what is intended.
- As it builds one program, it could be detrimental to another and turn into negative pressure.
- The list of options within this proposal recognizes what is already happening within bandrooms.
- Where does the proposal stop? When does it end? Where does this go, policy & procedures? Who is responsible for updating, adding, changing?

Discussion closed.

Membership voted via paper ballots. Ballots were counted by Andrew Jameson and Michael Capps.

Results - This initiative passed with 127 voting in favor of.

New Business - Chris White

[Constitution and By-Laws](#)

[Policies and Procedures](#)

- Our NCBA Constitution should list “what we do” and the Policies and Procedure list “how we do it”.
- Proposal Pathway Clarification
- Financial Procedures (reimbursement deadlines)
- Other Important Processes that need clarification

The executive board will be working on what the pathway looks like for proposals and how it gets submitted and reviewed.

Rodney Workman has submitted a proposal to the membership.

Marching Band Specific:

- Nothing listed under the marching band policies and procedures other than the mission statement
- Rewording of Marching Band Committee Description
 - Section 4. The NCBA Marching Band Committee will oversee all NCBA sanctioned Marching Band Competitions across the state, create and administer the procedures related to **Concert** Band MPAs standards and adjudication, and edit the Marching Band Competition and MPA Procedures Adjudication Manual as needed. The NCBA President is an ex officio member of this committee.
 - The Board can change this wording without discussion as long as it's reported to the membership after the change since it's understood this is a grammatical mistake (Marching Band has no connection to Concert Band MPA)

NCBA Webmaster Applications

- Available on NCBA website
- Available from May 5 - June 1, 2025
- A decision will be made by mid-June and the transition will take place this summer

Marching Band Committee - Olivia D. Spell

Marching Band Committee Fall Meeting:

Nov. 8, 2025 - 1PM

[Marching Band Committee Meeting Agenda](#)

NC State Championship Proposal

- [1st Draft Proposal and Info](#)
- [2nd Draft Proposal Update](#)

Olivia thanked everyone who came to the information session last night. If you have any questions please reach out and let them know. District reps will be starting a database of shows to get an idea of what the state is hosting. Competition suite was piloted last year and while it is a successful program, the committee understands that it is not feasible for everyone. It is highly recommended by the committee. Competition suite could serve as the chief judge and could assist with finances. NCMEA marching conference offerings are up to three this year including judges training as well as the competition proposal and electronics. The committee is going to consider the possibility of judging feedback surveys.

Professional Development Opportunities - Chris White

Building Better Bands Professional Development Conference

- Free for directors thanks to funding by NCMEA Grant, NCBA, ASBDA, AMEN, Bank OZK, and the Piedmont Wind Symphony
- June 19-20; UNCSEA, Wilson-Salem
- Presenters: Jennifer Isenhour, Tiffany Hitz, Todd Dixon, Dr. Kevin Gerald, Dr. Mark Norman, Renee Todd, Katie Ebert, Todd Ebert, Phillip Riggs, Don Peach, Alice Aldredge, Brent Harris
- Schedule Social/Networking Time
- Piedmont Wind Symphony Outdoor Concert
- [Schedule and Registration Link](#)

Rodney Workman shared details about this clinic.

2025 NCMEA Conference, Nov. 8-11, Winston-Salem

- Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser
- Scott Rush
- Boston Brass
- Sessions for small and rural schools
- Sessions focusing on percussion instruction
- New music reading session
- Intercollegiate Honor Band
- Mary Kate and Colin Choat - Fun Run

- Setup on Saturday, November 8 at 11am
- Session coverage sent prior to conference

For the Good of the Order - Chris White

- Travel reimbursements to Fran (attach receipts)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00

Submitted by Karen Williams Lanning 5/3/25