

**North Carolina Bandmasters Association
Spring Business Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 6th, 2:00pm
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro**

Meeting called to order at 2:00pm by President Rodney Workman.

President's Welcome

- Thanks to rehearsal hosts and UNCG. Particularly Dr. John Locke for going the extra mile for coordinating the last minute change to UNCSA. Dr. Norman at UNCSA has been wonderful as well.
- Auditions chairs and auditions hosts did a great job.
- Thank you Barry Carroll for the BBQ meal.
- Clinic Chairs have done a great job this week too.
- Thanks to the Executive Board and District chairs.
- Thanks to Past Presidents for their service.
- Thanks to James Daugherty, NCMEA President and Jazzmone Sutton, President-Elect
- Thank you to Richard Holmes for making the program.
- WC Lanning promoted the Building Better Bands Workshop, June 15-16, 2017, Ronald Reagan HS

Minutes

- Minutes are posted on the website, written by Ruth Peterson.
- Motion was approved to accept them as listed on the website.

Treasurer Report

- Robert thanked clinic chairs for turning in funds from the clinic.
- Motion was approved to accept them presented.
- Rodney spoke of how NCMEA has assisted financially from the Superfund to help offset the cost of the UNCSA auditorium.
- It was mentioned Dr. Locke assisted with setting up the Superfund years ago.

Honors Band Auditions

- Thank you Russell for your 4 years of service heading this project.
- Rodney insisted we must adhere to the expectations put forth by the bylaws in terms of registration, attendance, etc. We must do better to adhere to the procedural implements in advance – not last minute.
- If students are not registered on time, the students will not be allowed to audition.
- It was suggested by the membership that band directors communicate dates and expectations to students before the auditions.
- District presidents need to reinforce policy to Directors in district meeting. We must hold each other accountable. No president wants to hurt the kids but it was suggested we might need to consider restructuring the policy to reflect the choral department policy that a school won't be able to audition the following year if they register late. Honors band should be of a higher caliber.

- Auditions will be on 3/3/18 and 3/10/18
- Sight reading concerns were communicated by Alice Aldredge and only two complaints were made regarding quality of sight reading. Those concerns will be relayed to composer and they are contracted to complete next years.

Honors Band Clinic

- Rodney communicated that band directors need to be fully responsible for their students and be close by in case something happens. If students are driving themselves, band directors need to make sure they have a ride and are taken care of.
- UNC Chapel Hill is confirmed. We are waiting on Lowell Graham's confirmation.

All-State Honors Band Audition Committee

- Alice spoke of committee meeting and districts should relay concerns to their district reps.

MPA Committee

- Jason said meeting was productive. Music should be submitted by June 1st for anything that needs to be changed so it can be considered at June meeting.
- Jason talked about judges' pay and that we would set a \$300 minimum per day and districts can go beyond that if deemed necessary.

Marching Band Committee

- Hosting application is due June 1st.
- Chief judge applications online.
- Anne Reese will coordinate chief judges – special requests should be sent to Anne. Work it out in advance.
- Online judging database is live. Message board was created by Olivia to be used as a tool for hosts to be able to access and select judges. Will introduce new judges and will guarantee that hosts will have the number they need.
- Communication flow sheet is devised so that folks know whom to contact in case they have questions.
- The spreadsheet has been updated so it has percentages and fits to the page so it is easily printable.
- NCMEA Conference will have Bob Case from Columbia Kentucky to present a clinic.
- Recognized marching band committee meeting members.

Hall of Fame

- July 1 is the deadline for nominations for Hall of Fame.

NCMEA Conference

- Benton Convention Center renovation will be completed.
- NCBA will visit site on June 10 to tour new location.
- Applications to perform are due this weekend.
- James Daugherty has secured Piedmont Wind Symphony as a featured performer on Monday night.

- Keith Grush has secured Jazz Commodores on Sunday Night
- WFU is hosting NCBA at Finnegan's Wake on Sunday coordinated by Anthony Tang, a former band student at N. Nash and board member for Music for All.
- Several workshops will be presented – please come and support the conference.
- Membership asked if NCBA bands will get to play in the Stevens Center, Rodney will work on this and try to secure a few band performances in Stevens Center.
- Membership brought up concern for date of Honors Band due to end of year testing conflicts. Principals are asking we investigate another dates. Could we back up Honors Band Clinic one weekend? It is something we should consider so it doesn't sneak up on us? Should we begin investigating alternate dates? Rodney said we are locked in to dates based on availability. 2018, AP testing will begin first full week of May so won't be an issue.

Clinician Nominations (Listed in order of rank based on votes from membership)

- Middle School:
Michael Sweeney
Wendy Higdon
Tiffany Hitz
Tracey Wright
Erin Cole
- 9-10
Col. Jeffrey Warner
Margie Underwood
Andre Feagin
Alex Kaminsky
Matt Harloff
Cecilia Clark
- 11-12
Gary Greene
Col. Jeffrey Warner
James Barnes
David Waybright
Damon Talley
Lt. Col. Don Scholfeild
Donavon Whales

For the Good of the Order

- Rodney shared NCMEA hired a lobbyist and subcontracted lobbyist
- NCMEA President James Daugherty spoke about how NMCEA has worked diligently and steadily to advocate for our organization. Encouraged to work on building relationships with the House and the Senate regarding HB13. NCMEA works under the radar but is working very hard behind the scenes to move forward. Charged the board to start a campaign #musicmakesNC so we can show congress support.

Working on comprehensive funding for elementary music teachers. Prior leadership worked hard to make changes and headway. Lobbyist being paid through investment interest. NCMEA needs strongest leadership possible to help continue funding these advocacy initiatives.

Good of the Order

- Happy Birthday Ron Payne! 42 years as band director. He spoke of history of the NCBA and how the organization has grown so much through the years. Thanked the membership for all the organization has done for him.
- Rodney gave thanks for all previous, current and past leaders throughout the organization.
- A student earned 1st chair on three different instruments. A member requested that they please be recognized at concert.
- S. Granville is hosting James Swearingen at their concert on May 11, 2017.
- NCMEA President James Daugherty recognized Rodney for great work so far.

Motion to adjourn approved at 3:22pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Jim Kirkpatrick.