



NORTH CAROLINA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

Sunday, November 10, 2024 / 4:00PM
Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, NC

Meeting called to order at 4:06 p.m.

Call to Order & Welcome - Jim Kirkpatrick

Thanks to Andrew Craft, Robert Johnston, Justin Sumners and WSFCS for supplying all of the percussion needs for the NCMEA conference.

Recognition of past NCBA Presidents

Introduction of the District Chairs:

- Eastern – Karen Matthews
- Southeastern – Steven Kelly
- East Central – Page Newsome
- Central – Beth Hurley
- Northwestern – Terry Reid
- South Central – Ashleigh Cook
- Western – Kelly Saunders

Thanks to our Past District Chairs:

- Central - Michael Capps
- South Central – Kameron Radford
- Northwest – Matt Liner

Moment of Silence to pay respect to Directors that we have lost this year.

Special Recognition - Chris White

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

- Mr. John J. Enloe - Introduced by Patricia Huges Ball
- Mrs. Elizabeth Weeks Hasty - Introduced by Jamie Bream
- Mr. Thomas A. Jenner - Introduced by Tony Powell
- Mr. Phillip Riggs - Introduced by WC Lanning

Full Hall of Fame Member Recognition

Minutes - Karen Williams-Lanning

Minutes from Spring 2024 have been posted [online](#) for review.

Motion and 2nd approved by membership - none opposed

NCBA General Account - Fran Shelton

Treasurer's Report

\$23,842.35

Districts were assessed \$1450.00 to cover NCBA expenses. This was transferred from your district account by the Executive Director on November 1. Fran reviewed that executive board or committee members that attended Saturday meetings need to provide a 201 form to receive reimbursements.

The financial report was accepted with a motion and 2nd. Membership approved, none opposed.

NCBA Honors Account - Rodney Workman

Treasurer's Report

\$23,713.31

2024 Honors Band

Income: \$35,280.00

Cost: \$35,545.85

Notes:

Please do not allow the chairs to exclude students from auditioning as a result of cancellations. Having all spots filled from all districts will allow for full funding potential.

Clinic Registration Fee increased \$5 per student in order to offset budget shortfall.

Rodney reminded the membership to mail all state checks yourself so that the checks arrive to the correct address.

Old Business

Honors Band Auditions - Jamie Bream

Location: Atkins High School

Date: March 8, 2025

Snow Date: March 15, 2025

Fee: \$20

Audition Chairs:

Middle School: Colin Tapp

9/10: Mallory Hill

11/12: Lance Barton

Tabulator: Eddie Deaton

Honors Band Clinic

May 2-4, 2025 - UNC-Greensboro

Fee: \$60

2025 Clinicians:

Middle School – Cheryl Floyd

9/10 – Myra Rhoden

11/12 – Damon S. Talley

Clinic Chairs:

Middle School: Olivia D. Spell

9/10: Chad Higdon

11/12: Tim Sale

All-State Honors Band

Auditions Committee - Jamie Bream

Jamie shared with the membership that policies and procedures have been updated. Percussion audition scripts have also been updated and streamlined. All changes can be reviewed in the document below.

 11.10.2024 MPA Committee Report.pdf

MPA Committees - Chris White

[Adjudication Committee Meeting Agenda](#)

Sight Reading

- In response to the modified UIL sight-reading rubric, the sight-reading music level will now be aligned with the stage level of music. Ex - NCBA Grade 3 will sight read UIL Level 3
- Directors will be allowed to look at the score as soon as the judge begins reading the script. Students will still have time to look over the music according to the grade level of music.
- A new sight-reading script will be used in the rooms for all 2025 events.

Marching Band - Olivia D. Spell

Committee

[Marching Band Committee Meeting Agenda](#)

[Marching Band Committee Report](#)

Olivia shared highlights from the committee report linked above. If you have thoughts, questions or concerns to be addressed by this committee, please see your district representative to bring those thoughts to the spring meeting. There are two proposals in the reports for membership review: 1 Proposal for Organization and Regulation, 2 Proposal State Marching Band Competition.

Jazz Committee- Tina Robinett

New State Jazz Chair: Matt Howard

Audition Material Update

- All parts to all the audition material are updated and posted on the website. Thanks for your patience as we had the guitar part rewritten to follow the format and needs of our ensemble.
- Also, the region and state speeds are now updated and accurate for Cottontail. They were faster and inaccurate, but have now been corrected, so please double check your materials and links to the backing tracks.

All State Jazz Audition Dates:

Feb. 28 - All-State Audition Registrations due

Mar. 12 - Uploads due

Mar. 17 - Judging deadline

Mar. 18 - Results finalized

All State Jazz Clinic:

April 11-12, 2025

NC Central University

Jazz Board Members:

Past President - Tina Robinett

President - Matt Howard

President Elect - Avery Payne

HS Clinic Chair - Margie Harrison

MS Clinic Chair - Nico Iorio

Auditions Chair - Matt Howard (Bob Ebert?)

Region Representatives

- Avery Payne, Central
- John Weeks, Eastern
- Adam Stewart, Western

Jazz Section Delegate: ***NEED A NEW DELEGATE***

Members at large

- Jennifer Merry
- Tom Shoemaker
- Robert Hunter

Program of Merit/Distinction - Brian Myers

Brian Myers discussed the differences between the final proposal compared to the first version. This proposal was originally scheduled to be voted upon during today's meeting but was postponed out of respect to members of the Western District who were dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Helene and could not attend this year's conference. The proposal will be voted upon by the state membership during the spring meeting. Jim thanked everyone who has served on the committee to create the final version of this proposal. It will be emailed out to the membership for review and discussion among districts.

Proposal

[Comparison Document \(Final Proposal in BLUE\)](#)

Official vote at spring business meeting. Choose "Abstain" on the ballot.

Elections - Kim Kirkpatrick

Each member in attendance was provided a number to be used for their log in to cast an electronic vote.

Nominees for President

Eddie Deaton
Andrew Jameson

Nominees for Secretary

Karen Williams Lanning

Nominees for Band Delegate

Steven Kelly
Tim Sale

Results

President-Elect: Andrew Jameson
Secretary: Karen Williams Lanning
Band Delegate: Steven Kelly

Hall of Fame Inductees for 2025:

Samuel "Buddy" Gudger
Dr. Scott Carter

Hall of Fame

Nominations for 2025 are due July 1, 2025. [The nomination form](#) must be completed by a District chair. 2-3 Letters of support from current Hall of Fame members must be included.

Jim shared that the hall of fame nominees have already been vetted via the Hall of Fame committee and you may vote for both candidates. A no vote equals an opinion that the nominee is not qualified for hall of fame status.

Powerpoint videos on both candidates were shared with the membership.

Special Recognitions

Award of Excellence recipients were recognized and given a plaque by their district chairperson.

NCBA Award of Excellence 2024

Western: Kevin Young

Northwest: Mary Katherine Bowman Choat

South Central: Ian Faires, accepted by Rebecca Schneider (mother)

Central: Eddie Deaton

East Central: Steven Kuni

Southeastern: Benjamin Edwards

Eastern: Matthew Howard

ASBDA Ed Rooker Encore Award 2024 - Tracy Humphries

Emily Golden Bumgarner

Mike Gomez

Matt Sanders

For the Good of the Order - Jim Kirkpatrick

- Hearts go out to WNC Bands recovering from Hurricane Helene.
- Triangle Youth Jazz Ensemble playing at Midwest
- American Music Education Network
- Hall of Fame Celebration in lobby with Director Jazz Band in performance.
- WFU Bands and Fuller's Music: "Fiddle and Fish" from 5:30pm to 7:30pm with two free beers. We will once again raffle off a free Harmony Director.
- UNC-Charlotte Wind Ensemble Tonight! 8:00pm Salem 2
- Special recognition

Special Thanks and Recognition - Chris White

Recognition of Jim Kirkpatrick for his service to NCBA as President and advocate for the band section.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.