

**Minnesota Band Directors Association Board Meeting  
MMEA State Office Building – Conference Room A  
Saturday, April 22, 2006**

**Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order (President – Liz Jackson)  
Members present: Pam Baumann, Corey Desens, Karen Frawley, Alison Haseman, Liz Jackson, Don Krubsack, Jeremy Mann, Betsy McCann, David Miller, Don Pochmara, Amy Roisum Foley, Terri Svec, Adam Tervola Hultberg, Dot Vick, and Barry Zumwalde.  
President Liz Jackson called the meeting to order at 10:05AM.
  
- II. Approval of January 2006 Meeting Minutes (Secretary – Corey Desens)  
A motion to accept the minutes was made by Betsy McCann and seconded by David Miller.  
Motion passed.
  
- III. Reports and Updates
  - A. Treasury Report (Betsy McCann)  
Betsy reported on the finances of the honor band weekend and provided a cash flow report from the event. The honor band income was \$13,220.00 and the current expenses reflected a balance of \$8,980.17. David Miller made a suggestion to take the extra income from the weekend and start a fund towards commissioning a work for the honor bands.  
  
Betsy renewed the MBDA insurance for the year. MBDA has general coverage for the events that they sponsor and director's/officer's coverage for personal liability reflecting any issue that MBDA may have.  
  
Betsy will check into a different bank that will allow MBDA to have a checking account that allows for a small minimum balance and many transactions each month, then move the majority of MBDA money into an interest bearing account.  
  
Only \$55 has been donated to the Arts Education Coalition (AEC) by the MBDA membership. Betsy made a motion, seconded by Don Krubsack, to have MBDA provide an additional \$445 to the money already donated to the AEC. Motion Passed.  
  
Betsy will be attending Northwestern University in Evanston, IL next year but will remain the MBDA treasurer. She plans on coming back to Minnesota for the MBDA meetings.
  - B. Website Report (Jeremy Mann)  
Jeremy reported that a Photo Gallery function has been added to the website. Photos from honor band events are currently on display. He encourages the MBDA Board to take pictures at functions to be posted on this website link.  
  
All MBDA Board nominees will have their photo and biography posted on the website for members to peruse before placing their vote.  
  
Chuck Wiese has contacted Jeremy to develop a page on the website to spotlight the reading band event at the MMEA clinic.  
  
Jeremy is currently researching a solution to our mass email problems.

C. Honor Bands (Barry Zumwalde, David Haaversen, Karen Frawley)

Barry reported that, overall, the honor band weekend was well received. Dave Elmhirst, host at Wayzata High School, had some suggestions for improvement in the future. Issues included more help for stage clean up after the concert and whether or not each honor band would listen to the other group perform.

Barry is currently developing an MBDA Honor Band Handbook to use in future years.

Dave Haaversen was not present at the meeting but submitted a written document recapping the honor band weekend. His report included specifics regarding the host, facility, conductors, literature, activities, coaches, volunteers, and honor band committee.

David Miller has agreed to be honor band audition chair for next year. Don Krubsack will serve as the event chair.

The honor band audition material will be on the MBDA website in May 2006 for next fall's audition deadline.

Discussion occurred regarding directors/schools who submit recordings but are not members of MBDA. To avoid confusion in the future the following timeline was established:

- 1) Deadline for honor band recordings will be the last Friday of October
- 2) Recordings will be sent to the audition chair (not MMEA)
- 3) Audition chair will check for MBDA membership status. Recordings submitted by non-MBDA members will not be sent out to be heard by section judges.
- 4) Audition chair will deliver the tapes to the MMEA office by first Friday of November.
- 5) Membership chair or MBDA President will contact non-MBDA members who submitted recordings.

IV. Old Business

A. Membership Report (Alison Haseman)

Alison Haseman reported that there are 302 current MBDA members.

V. New Business

A. Ballot for 2006-08 Board Representatives (Liz Jackson)

Candidates for the MBDA Board Representatives will have a picture and biography on the website. Each board position currently has one or two candidates for the vote. The deadline for accepting candidates is Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Jeremy Mann and Liz Jackson will investigate using surveymonkey.com for voting procedures with the membership. Alison Haseman made a motion, seconded by David Miller, that MBDA spend \$20 for the cost of using surveymonkey.com. If MBDA will not be able to use surveymonkey.com, members will need to respond to Liz Jackson's email address.

B. 2007 MMEA Session Ideas (Barry Zumwalde & Liz Jackson)

A letter was sent to the 2007 MBDA Honor Band conductors, Mary Schneider and Doug Orzolek, suggesting they offer an MBDA sponsored session at the MMEA clinic. Mary Schneider agreed to present at the clinic. Being MMEA President, Doug Orzolek will already be very busy at the clinic. Ideas for the clinic session topic included intonation techniques, warm-up techniques, and rehearsal techniques. Corey Desens volunteered the use of the Apple Valley High School 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band to use as a demonstration band for this clinic session. Corey Desens asked MBDA to help share the cost of bus transportation of the Apple Valley students to the MMEA clinic. A motion was made by Terri Svec, seconded by Don Krubsack to allocate \$400 for expenses towards the MMEA clinic. Motion passed.

C. Music Education Mentoring Task Force (Barry Zumwalde & Amy Roisum Foley)  
Amy Roisum Foley reported on the Music Education Mentoring Task Force. Sixteen mentors have been selected. Thirty-two mentees will be selected for the upcoming 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years. Mentors will be matched according to level, area of specialty, and geographical area. MMEA is currently looking for veteran teachers to be part of the expert advisory list.

Liz Jackson presented a letter from MNSMTE asking other music organizations to contribute to the mentoring project. A motion made by Betsy McCann, seconded by Adam Tervola Hultberg, for MBDA to match the MNSMTE donation of \$250 to the mentoring project. Motion passed.

D. All State Band Camp

The All State bands will rehearse at St. Cloud State University from July 31-August 5, 2006. Liz Jackson brought an idea forth for MBDA to put together a mini camp for band directors in coordination with the All State band rehearsals. Amy Roisum Foley and Barry Zumwalde will collaborate with Ric Hansen (SCSU) to put together session ideas. Amy mentioned it would work well to have band directors at the All State camps on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> to see the All State students work with Libby Larson and Andrew Boysen, Jr.

D. Update Pep Band Guidelines

Corey Desens mentioned that the MBDA Pep Band guidelines pamphlet is not current with its wording. The pamphlet needs to be updated to reflect that we are in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Liz Jackson suggested that this would be a great project for the newly elected high school MBDA representatives to complete.

E. Vintage Band Music Festival and International Wind Music History Conference

This festival is being held in Northfield, MN, July 27-31, 2006. Performers represent Sweden, Germany, USA, including Civil War re-enactment bands. Volunteers are needed. Contact Paul Niemisto at [niemisto@stolaf.edu](mailto:niemisto@stolaf.edu) if you can help. For more information about the festival, visit [www.vintagebandfestival.org](http://www.vintagebandfestival.org).

F. Next Meeting

The next MBDA Board meeting will be on Saturday, June 3, 2006 from 10 AM-12:30 PM. The meeting will include current and newly elected Board representatives. Liz Jackson will check with MMEA for the availability of using a conference room in their building in Brooklyn Center for the meeting.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20PM

Report Submitted by Corey Desens, MBDA Secretary