

**Minnesota Band Directors Association Board Meeting
Telephone Conference Call**

Saturday 19 September 2009

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order [President-Adam Tervola Hultberg]

Board members joined in conference call: Sebastian Tackling, Barry Zumwalde, Mike Dailey, Denise Pesola, Terri Svec, Brock Duncan, Jim Iverson, Josh Anderson, Dr. John Ginocchio, Tara Michlitsch, David Miller, Geneva Fitzsimmons, Becky Weiland.. Board members not present: Scott Campbell, Chuck Weise, Tedd Gullickson, Scott Kummrow, David Berberick.

A. Welcome

B. Additions to Agenda

1. Nyssa Brown-(Perpich Center) Professional Development Opportunities
2. Terri Svec-ASBDA and Young Band Directors Award
3. Jeremy Mann-Webmaster Report

II. Approval of June Meeting Minutes [Adam Tervola Hultberg]

Motion to approve June meeting minutes by Sebastian Tackling, seconded by Barry Zumwalde, motion passed.

III. Reports and Updates

A. Webmaster Report [Jeremy Mann presented by Adam T-H]

1. MBDA was billed 5 hours at \$40/hour. Emails reminders were sent to update membership. Mailing lists included last year and this year's membership.
2. Domain name will expire June 2010. To renew the name for 5 years will cost \$159.95.

Motion made by John Ginocchio, seconded by Terri Svec to renew domain name at a cost of \$159.95. Motion passed.

In July 2010, web posting account will need to be renewed. Will handle at June meeting.

3. Webmaster email name has changed to MBDAwebmanager.org which has cut down on junk mail.

B. Treasury Report [Mike Dailey]

Inflow and outflow items were listed along with discussion regarding the \$500 Paypal Dues Deposit monthly limit. Moving to accept credit/debit cards would eliminate the monthly limit. Adam T-H requested that a chart be made for the November meeting showing itemized income and expenses for the Symposium. Adam also requested that the Executive Board meet in October to review the overall budget prior to the November meeting.

C. Membership Report-[Josh Anderson]

1. 132 members had registered as of Sept. 19, including student, retired and corporate memberships. Of 119 regular members, 79 have paid (43 using Paypal) and 40 are as yet unpaid.
2. Decision was made to give an honorary membership to Schmitt Music each year because of their support as long as the current relationship remains.

D. State Honor Band Report [Sebastian Tackling]

1. April 17-18, 2010, Marshall High School, Marshall, MN
6-8 and 9-10 Honor Band (New Honor Band Event Coordinator is Scott Kummrow).
2. Discussion regarding Rubank audition etudes which are still being used with a few exceptions noted: percussion and one 9-10 trumpet etude from the Concert and Contest book.
3. Potential use of SmartMusic auditions needs more research and trial runs.
4. Call for 6-8 people to help set up Honor Band areas on Friday, April 16th as the solo and ensemble activities wrap up in the school. Also a call for sectional coaches now so there is not such a push closer to April.
5. Discussion regarding the website listing the date and location of the Honor Band on the first page.

E. Past President's Report [Barry Zumwalde]

MBDA will reserve a booth at MMEA Midwinter Clinic and also become a MMEA Sponsor Member which includes perks such as free advertising. There was discussion regarding the purpose of the MBDA reception at the MMEA Midwinter Clinic and if the board meeting could be combined with the reception. Barry will do research on the cost of attractive, more professional displays for use at clinics, receptions etc.

F. Region Reports [Region Presidents]

1. NEMBDA [Becky Weiland]-date and site for band festivals will be ready to go in about 5 weeks.
2. CMBDA [Terri Svec representing Scott Campbell]-the 6-8 and 9-10 band festivals will be held Jan. 30, 2010 in Coon Rapids. (Adam T-H. noted that the date was different from previously discussed options).

A Beginning Band Chair has been chosen. A large concern is how to obtain accurate lists of regional band directors and the cost of purchasing from MMEA a one time list (\$210). Discussion regarding creating a paid position called "Directory Chair"

3. SEMBDA-[Chuck Weise not available]-report was provided regarding dates for 6-8 and 9-10 festivals and they have a Beginning Band Chair.

4. SCMBDA-[Tedd Gullickson not available]

5. SWMBDA-[Brock Duncan] Reported on dates and conductors of regional honor bands.

6. NWMBDA-[Jim Iverson] Reported on dates and conductors of regional honor bands and the intention to provide mini director clinics once again. Regional meeting will happen October 7.

G. Beginning Band/Second Year Festivals

Tally of Region Presidents regarding finding a regional Beginning Band Chair:

CMBDA-has

NEMBDA-doesn't have yet

SEMBDA-has

SCMBDA-unknown

SWMBDA-doesn't have yet

NWMBDA-doesn't have yet

Geneva Fitzsimmons commented that much of the information regarding hosting a festival etc are already on the website. Some questions remain regarding the responsibilities and communications between regions and Schmitt Music etc. Most of the communication/organizing will be the responsibility of the regional beginning band coordinators however Adam and Geneva will work together to determine how best to help regions host BBF and 2nd yr festivals. Geneva suggested that MBDA emails be forwarded to other directors in the area. She also suggested that guest conductors be given tips on the appropriate level of band music, particularly for the beginning band.

It was also agreed by region presidents that the \$500 which will be sent to each region from MBDA will be a big help in getting the festivals off the ground.

IV. Old Business

A. MBDA Teaching Symposium-[John Ginocchio]

The symposium went well, however lower registrants than hope for. John hopes to send out two hard cover mailings early enough for people to plan ahead. His evaluations and planning calendar to help in next year's plans were appreciated. Budgeting is difficult to plan for. Many clinicians donated time and services for example. Adam T-H would like to see a proposed minimum number of participants to ensure the financial success. John reminded the board that the Symposium is an investment and will take years to establish. In discussions with next year's host, Scott Jones, a three day format was proposed with an option perhaps of starting at 1 pm Thursday and ending Saturday at noon. Thursday morning could be reserved for the MSHSL training session.

B. Honor Band Audition Process-[David Miller/Tara Mitchlish]

Selections have been made and will be posted within a week. Scales are updated and materials will be on the web soon. Some confusion regarding audio CD and data CD. Some clarifications have been made on the website. Some concern regarding SmartMusic explaining how to edit performances. Emphasis made on website that performances must be unedited. Adam mentioned that within two weeks college students will be hired to handle the audition applications and paperwork. Paypal will help in checking for up-to-date memberships which is time consuming.

V. New Business

A. Nyssa Brown-Perpich Center Music Ed. Coordinator

Nyssa offered the Perpich's interest in helping MBDA members and getting ideas in what Perpich can offer. It was agreed that she would send out information to Adam to distribute to MBDA members of workshops and activities that may be of value to directors. Also, Nyssa Brown has been officially added to the MBDA Board of Representatives as Mike Hiatt's role has changed somewhat.

B. CMENC-[Barry Zumwalde]

Perpich is hosting CMENC sessions for undergraduates on Oct. 16-17. Barry is presenting a session called "I got my first job, now what?". He also would like a small display which can introduce undergraduates to MBDA and what it has to offer.

C. Policy Refresher on MBDA emailings-[Adam Tervola Hultberg]

Generally, MBDA members may send out emails via MBDA if the opportunities benefit students and their directors.

Meetings for 2009-2010 School Year [Adam Tervola Hultberg]

November 21, 2009 (Conference Call)

January 16, 2010 (Conference Call)

February 11, 2010-MMEA Midwinter Clinic 9 or 10 am ?

February 12, 2010-Annual meeting at MMEA 2 or 2:15 PM ?

April 10, 2010-(Conference Call) Honor Band April 17-18, 2010

June 5, 2010 Brooklyn Center

E. Additional Items

Terri Svec is asking for nominations for the Distinguished young Band Directors Award (5-7 years of teaching)

VI.Adjournment (11:58)

Motion made by Brock Duncan, seconded by Terri Svec to conclude the September meeting.
Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Pesola

MBDA Secretary