

**Minnesota Band Directors Association Board Meeting
MMEA State Office Building – Conference Room A
Saturday, April 21, 2007**

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order (President – Liz Jackson)
Members present: Sam Bergstrom, Corey Desens, Alison Haseman, Janet Heukeshoven, Liz Jackson, Scott Jones, Paul Kile, Sara Klingfus, DeAnn Klun, Don Krubsack, Jeremy Mann, Betsy McCann, David Miller, Amy Roisum Foley, Terri Svec, Sebastian Tackling, Adam Tervola Hultberg, David Trapp, Dot Vick, and Barry Zumwalde. President Liz Jackson called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.
- II. Approval of January 2007 Meeting Minutes (Secretary – Corey Desens)
A motion to accept the minutes was made by David Trapp and seconded by David Miller. Motion passed.
- III. Reports and Updates
 - A. Webmaster Report (Jeremy Mann)
Jeremy reported that MBDA will be using the BallotBin service for the upcoming 2007 board elections. This is a free service and will fit the needs of MBDA very well. A ballot will be sent out to all current paid members via their registered email address following an announcement email directly from MBDA.

Adjustments reflecting the regional restructuring are still being made to the website. After board rosters are established for each region, Jeremy will create mass email accounts for these region board members to start email communication with their constituents.

Liz Jackson informed the board about a letter and bill she received from a company claiming that MBDA was unknowingly using a copyrighted image on the website. The bill reflected use of the copyrighted image for over the past year. On behalf of MBDA, Liz called and hired an attorney to help clear up the matter. There was a \$400 attorney fee charged for clearing the issue. Jeremy has removed the image from the website. No further communication from the company has been received.
 - B. Treasury Report (Betsy McCann)
Betsy McCann reported on the current financial shape of MBDA. Since our last meeting, most of the cash inflow was from membership dues, honor bands registrations, and the beginning band festival registrations. Checks were issued to cover expenses regarding the honor band weekend and MMEA convention activities. The current checking balance is \$2,345.28 and the current total of money market funds is \$26,182.77.
 - C. College Representative Report (Janet Heukeshoven)
Janet Heukeshoven reported that only one application was submitted for the MBDA College Workshop Grant. MBDA had budgeted for two grant recipients. The application that was received was from John Ginocchio of Minnesota State University Southwest. He is coordinating the Minnesota Area Conducting Workshop offered free of charge to all Minnesota music educators. A motion was made by Janet Heukeshoven and seconded by Paul Kile to approve the application and award a \$500 grant to the Minnesota Area Conducting Workshop.

Discussion occurred as to what MBDA should do with the remaining \$500 budgeted for this grant since only one application was received. A motion was made by Scott Jones

and seconded by Alison Haseman to use the money to help with the cost of the MBDA Summer Clinic held in conjunction with the All Sate Band Camp. Motion passed.

Janet recommended that in the future, grant applicants be able to apply online.

D. Membership Report (Alison Haseman)

Alison Haseman reported that there are 323 current paid members of MBDA.

E. Honor Band Report (David Miller & Don Krubsack)

A report was submitted detailing the income and expenses of the 2007 MBDA Honor Band weekend held at Elk River High School in February. Don Krubsack kept a log account of the weekend's activities including the process of MBDA's decision to shorten the weekend due to the snow storm and presented it to the board.

David Miller presented honor band feedback and a parent response from the weekend. Liz Jackson also shared a thank you letter to MBDA received from Doug Orzolik, one of the honor band conductors.

F. Beginning Band Festival Report (Dot Vick)

Dot Vick presented information regarding the four beginning band festivals and the two second year band festivals being held throughout the state in early May. Each festival has a manager and guest conductor working to assure success. Dot shared her concern of these festivals continuing next year underneath the regional model.

IV. Old Business

A. Regional Restructuring Report (Scott Jones)

Scott Jones shared with the board each region's current leadership rosters. A conference call will be held on Saturday, April 28th with region leaders discussing the next steps towards implementation of the MBDA restructure.

Dot Vick made a motion, seconded by Betsy McCann, to hold the MBDA state level honor bands during April 19-20, 2008. Motion passed.

David Miller made a motion, seconded by Dot Vick, for each region to hold their 6th-8th grade honor band on either January 26, 2008 or February 24, 2008. This will allow some flexibility for each region to plan their honor band around potential conflicts. Motion passed. Each honor band will be a one day experience. No recordings will be submitted for the selection process of membership into each region honor band. Honor band membership will be selected from a band director written nomination process.

Discussion occurred regarding region honor band participation and whether or not each school's band director is a member of MENC/MMEA. At the June 2, 2007 MBDA meeting, the board will vote on an amendment to the constitution temporarily changing the policy that MBDA members must also be members of MENC/MMEA.

Scott Jones will, with the help of an attorney, begin work on re-writing the MBDA bylaws and constitution to reflect the regional restructuring.

V. New Business

A. Board Elections (Barry Zumwalde)

Barry Zumwalde reported that MBDA executive board elections will happen in late April or early May.

B. MBDA Summer Clinic (Amy Roisum Foley)

Amy Roisum Foley presented a tentative schedule of events in regards to the MBDA summer clinic to be held in conjunction with the MMEA All-State Band week, August 8-10, 2007. Board members volunteered to help Amy with the following duties:

Session Coordinator – Janet Heukeshoven
Registration – Alison Haseman and Sabastian Tackling
Meal Administrator – Adam Tervola Hultberg
Repertoire Commissioner – Paul Kile

Sebastian Tackling will develop a brochure advertising the event and mail to each band director in the state by Memorial Day weekend. Participation costs were set at \$100 for early bird registration and \$125 after the early bird deadline.

It was decided that the event be officially named as the “MBDA Teaching Symposium”.

C. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30PM

Report Submitted by Corey Desens, MBDA Secretary