

Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Association
Fall Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2020
Zoom Meeting

- I. Call to order – Corbet Butler 7:03 PM

- II. Welcome!
 - A. Introduction of new members in attendance:
 - a. Corgan Petersen: 5/6, HS Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn
 - b. Brogan Kearney: 5-12 Westwood CSD
 - c. Emma Davis: 5-12 MMCRU Community Schools
 - d. Dylan Root: Bishop- Heelan Catholic School
 - e. Logan Merley: 5-12 West Monona CSD
 - f. Jared Bade 4 – 12 Siouxland Christian
 - B. Special Guests:
 - a. Mike Guntren, Mid Bell Music: Introduce Josh Tackett, sales manager and new road rep. covering NW IA schools. Mid Bell will adapt to your schools protocols for recruiting and the instrument renting process. They have brochures in English and Spanish – just ask. Their Web Site is updated for on-line rentals and they can also rent over the phone.
 - b. Jane Triplett: Title Four Money: ESSA – “Ever Student Succeeds Act”. This is federal money and includes the fine arts. Three criteria: 1. Well-rounded education 2. Effective use of technology 3. Safe and healthy students. Please consider applying for these dollars in Nov. Jan. April and July. Jane is here to help if you wish to find out more about the process. Her contact information: Jane Triplett, West Music Arts Advocate, 641-680-6842, jttriplett@westmusic.com

- III. Secretary’s Report – Janet Boyens
 - Accept the report: Motion made by Jeana Larson seconded by Anna Scott

- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Colleen Hecht
 - A. Bank name change – Our accounts are with Meta Bank and they merged with Central Bank this summer. Our bank is now Central Bank.
 - B. Two bills have been paid: \$71.80 for jazz festival certificates. \$100 for annual treasurer bonding.
 - C. Balance after interest 19,200.87
 - D. Our CD is rolled over for 2 years. Under \$3000
 - Accept the report: Motion made by: Cliff St. Clair seconded by Monica Boogerd.

- V. Membership – Jody Ingwersen
 - A. Reminder to fill out your forms for your state and local IBA dues.
 - B. Send the NWIBA dues to Colleen Hecht – address on the form.

VI. Committee Reports:

- A. Concert Band Affairs – Joe Vannatta. Cliff St. Clair reporting
Website design: training sessions held by Liz Fritz for committee chairs for Google Suites to develop new pages for the IBA website.
Recommendations made by this committee to the IHSMA: **Solo Ensemble:** The French Horn will be considered a woodwind instrument only in a mixed woodwind ensemble. Electronic instruments, accompaniments and/or sound effects specifically called for in the score will be allowed at the solo/ensemble festival. Electronic instruments may be substituted for the following acoustic instruments: harpsichord, celeste, organ and harp. No other acoustic instrument substitutions will be allowed. Directors should consult the guidance regarding the use of SmartMusic and other electronic accompaniments at IHSMA Festivals for a complete listing of requirements. **Large Group:** Electronic instruments, accompaniments and/or sound effects specifically called for in the score will be allowed at the large group festival. . Electronic instruments may be substituted for the following acoustic instruments: harpsichord, celeste, organ and harp. No other acoustic instrument substitutions will be allowed.
Recommendation from the IBA Concert Band Affairs Committee that the following statements be added to the list of rules and regulations: Desired usage of any electronic instrument, for instance Malletech, needs approval from the IHSMA executive director.
- B. Marching Band Affairs – Drew Balta
There is a IHSMA virtual contest/performance. If you want advice on how to make a good recording, please reach out to me.
- C. Jazz Band Affairs – Tiffany Wurth
No Report
- D. Elementary Affairs – Monica Boogerd
No Report
- E. Middle School/Junior High Affairs – Mary Benton. Cliff St. Clair reporting
The spring All Iowa Middle School Honor Band is still being planned on. Darrell Johnson, California, is retained once again as guest director. Music comes out in February. We hope to have a state-wide zoom session again soon.
- F. College Affairs – Shane Macklin
Most area colleges are in person with changes to semester dates. Concerts are being looked at in new formats – possibly video projects /formats for many. All America Band cancelled its fall concert schedule. Email college band directors or check the website to see if college concerts are happening. Reach out to area college band directors when students are looking into college visits – many opportunities for students available.
- G. Student Affairs – Lincoln Larsen. Jeana Larson reporting.
IBA executive board has split up committees – Jeana is overseeing student affairs. They are looking into ways to encourage more students to participate and increase student membership.
- H. Research and Development – Cliff St. Clair
From the chair: We assisted IBA leadership this summer with running a survey for marching band. There is a second survey ready to go to take a snap shot of the state but waiting until the school year settles down. New website will have a page with research and development reports and updates. Would like to have research done on how schools are handling band/choir as a credit towards grading. Another project is to create a solo-ensemble recommended list of pieces for directors to use as a resource.

- I. Public Relations – Meghan Powell
Check out and like the NWIBA Facebook group. Feel free to contact me with any ideas or suggestions you may have.
- J. Technology – Brian Cole
Committee exchanged emails discussing the use of new technology in our classrooms this year. He will look into creating a list of people to use as resources for various technology needs.
- K. Mentorship – Steve Connell. Cliff St. Clair reporting
Experienced band directors assigned to new directors. Recommends sending bi-weekly emails to your new director. Cliff recommends to first and second year directors to contact older / retired band directors to come and work with your students.
- L. IBARD – Rod Shedenhelm
There are 8 new directors in our area. IBARD will be emailing new directors to see if you want an IBARD mentor. IAAE will reimburse your IBA dues and have money available to attend the IBA conference. The IAAE Fine Arts Symposium will be held on October 31 – more information to come.
- M. Endowment – Curt Ohrlund. Cliff St. Clair reporting
Endowment is now at \$299,742.30 at the end of the fiscal year. \$10,000 transferred from the risk contingency fund to the IBA general fund to fund the virtual conference. Tabled request
- N. Major Landers – Colleen Hecht
Scholarship open to students wanting to major in music at an Iowa college or university. Applications are found on the IBA website and due Dec 1st. Students in NW IA will audition on January 9th 2021 during the NWIA Honor Band Festival.
- O. Advocacy – Kurt Schwarck.
The advocacy committee met in July by Zoom. We are looking into a survey to determine ways to support educators in this new format of teaching.

Accept committee reports: Motion made by Colleen Hecht seconded by James Kunz

VII. District Festival Reports

- A. HS Honor Band – Drew Balta
Auditions will be online. Fees will remain the same. Submit names by Oct. 16th, checks must be received by Oct 23rd.
If you have students auditioning for All State – these students may submit the same tape for the NWIA Honor Band Auditions.
Recordings need to be in a quiet room, should have a visible clock or stopwatch to prevent editing, music stand, required audition music.
Filming the video: 2 recordings – one for scales and one for etudes. Put the two videos together in one video – etude first, scale second finishing with the chromatic.
Teachers make a Google drive folder with school number. Have sub-folders for individual instruments.
General information posted on the NWIA website – please check for more information on this audition process and how to label students for Honors Orchestra.
Certificates for selected students will be mailed out if the festival is not held.

- B. MS/JH Honor Band – Monica Boogerd
Auditions will be online. Registration / submission link will be sent out by Oct 1st. Recordings / submissions due Dec 14 – no fees will be required at this time.
Need for judges determined by the number of students auditioning. If you would like to help judge, please contact Jeana Larson. These audition recordings will also be used for selecting MS All Iowa students – these names are due Feb. 1st to the state. More information will be on our website through email. Dr. Angela Holt, Northwestern College, and Onsby Rose, Dort University, are our conductors for the festival this year. We are still looking into spring dates and locations.
Certificates will be mailed out if the festival is not held.
- C. District Jazz Festival – Brian Cole
Received an email from the Iowa jazz Championships as to what the 2021 event might look like – social distancing, live-streaming. Concerned about how will schools be able to field and rehearse their jazz bands. Festivals are in a holding pattern at this point – hopefully more details soon.

VIII. President’s Report – Corbet Butler

IBA Executive Board met July 24, 2020 – virtual meeting. A lot of information and resources shared on the lowabandmasters.org website. There were various surveys sent out through IBA over the summer. A Covid19 response team was created to help represent all district and grade levels across our state - thank you to Drew Balta and Jeana Larson for serving on this committee. President, Chris Strohmaier is stepping into a unique situation – please reach out to lend your support and thank you to Jeana Larson who will be working alongside him to assist and help as President-Elect. Much discussion was around the University of Colorado Aerosol Study – look over the full report at IHSMA website.

A. Old Business

- A. NWIBA Late Fees: Motion to Adjust the NWIBA operations manual to set the late fees structure to mirror the IHSMA currently has. PO’s submitted by deadline, payment received within 30 days – late fees assed on day 31.
Motion to approve by Megan Benz, seconded by Jeana Larson. Motion is approved.
- B. The By-Laws Change that was approved in May will be officially replaced in the by-laws and manual and should be updated within this month.

IX. New Business

- A. Title IV – discussed at the beginning of the meeting – see notes above in Welcome B. Special Guests Section.
- B. NWIBA events committee – please email Corbet to update when your term is officially due.
- C. Any final nominations for IBA President Elect. Cliff St. Clair is already nominated and accepted. A motion to cease nominations: Monica Boogerd seconded by Rod Shedenhelm
- D. NWIBA Committee Election (voting during meeting via Zoon)
 - a. Elementary Affairs – Alison Anderson-Kahl
 - b. HS Honor Band – Facilities/Equipment – Shane Macklin
 - c. Jazz Band – Tabulations – Anna Scott

E. Awards Recipients:

- a. Karl King Distinguished Service Award: Active – Cliff St. Clair
- b. Karl King Distinguished Service Award: Retired – Barb Wells
- c. Martin Crandell Award – Brian Cole
- d. Jay Wicker Award – Monica Boogerd

F. Nominations (online nominations, voting during the meeting)

- a. IBA Hall of Fame – None
- b. IBA President Elect – Cliff St. Clair

G. Other New Business

Jeana Larson proposed waving the membership fees for the executive board while they serve. Discussion ensued. Jean made a motion to wave the membership fee for the executive board members while they are serving on the board, including the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Seconded by Megan Benz.

Further discussion – state and/or local fees?

Motion restated by Jeana Larson To wave the NWIBA membership fees for the executive board members including President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer while they are members of the board. Seconded by Megan Benz. Motion is approved.

X. Upcoming Events

- A. IHSMA Virtual State Marching Band
- B. HS Honor Band Meeting – (tentative) Saturday, January 9th at Morningside College

XI. Announcements

- A. Saturday, Sept 19th Sheldon is hosting a marching band festival. 6 Bands are registered and if you are interested
- B. Harms Grant. Money is still available from Phil Harms:
pmharms@gmail.com Reach out to Colleen Hecht or James Kunz for more information. Money is limited so apply soon!

XII. Adjournment

Accept adjournment: Motion made by Brogan Kearney to adjourn at 8:51 PM seconded by James Kunz