

Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Association
Spring Meeting
May 15, 2015
Des Moines Marriott Downtown, Des Moines

- I. Call to Order – 12:06 p.m.
- II. Secretary's Report – Tiffany Wurth
 - 1. Motion to approve winter meeting minutes. MM2. Motion approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Curt Ohrlund
 - 1. Motion to approve treasurer's report. MM2. Motion approved.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Concert Band Affairs – Jason Heeren
 - 1. Meeting this afternoon. Will be working on the required list. Online large group registration went well.
 - B. Marching Band Affairs – Lucas Sursely
 - No Report.
 - C. Jazz Affairs – Casey Kingdon
 - 1. Meeting tomorrow. Will be discussing the possibility of having sight-reading as an option instead of a clinic.
 - D. Elementary Affairs – Stacie Pepin
 - 1. Working on the literature list for grades 1-1.5. Would like to pick 2 directors from each district to add pieces to the list.
 - 2. EL/MS sessions were well attended. Proposed recording sessions and having them available on the website.
 - 3. Conductors for the 2016 Strong Foundations Honor Band will be Jim & Liz Fritz.
 - E. Middle School/Junior High Affairs – Barb Wells
 - 1. Great All-Iowa 8th Grade Honor Band concert this year.
 - 2. Randall Standridge will be the conductor for the All-Iowa 8th Grade Honor Band next year.
 - 3. Large group contest ballots from around the state. Ballots vary greatly between festivals.
 - F. College Affairs – Shane Macklin
 - No Report.
 - G. Student Affairs – Kelsey Schruck
 - No Report.
 - H. Research and Development – Curt Ohrlund
 - No Report.
 - I. Public Relations – Dave Kovarna
 - 1. Met yesterday. Looking for Outstanding Administrator Award nominees for next year.
 - J. Technology – Corbet Butler
 - 1. IBA Voting. Bring concerns/comments to Corbet about the process this year.
 - 2. Events calendar is on the website. If you have an event to add, please email at nwibawebmaster@gmail.com.
 - K. Mentorship – Jason Herren
 - 1. Thank you for active mentors. Let Jason know if your mentor was not effective.
 - 2. Grant funding is ending next year. Working on new revenue. No scholarships will be given next year. Focusing on IBARD mentor visits.
 - 3. Discussing mentor scholarships from the districts.
 - 4. Thank you to Leon Kuehner for all his work with mentorship.
 - L. IBARD – Rod Shedenhelm
 - 1. Great year of IBARD mentor visits.
 - M. Endowment – Cheryl Crandell
 - No Report.
 - N. Major Landers – Lee Schneider
 - 1. The NWIBA Major Landers candidate is here today. He will attend UNI in the fall.
 - O. Membership – Rich Nicklay
 - No Report.

V. District Festivals Reports

A. HS Honor Band Festival – Joe Vannatta

1. Three positions need to be filled.

Music – Drew Balta

Judges – Cliff St. Clair

Equipment – James Kunz

2. Conductors for next years' festival will be Dr. Karen Fannin and Dr. Richard Heidel.

B. MS/JH Honor Band Festival – Tiffany Wurth

No Report.

C. Jazz Festival – Paul McEntaffer

1. A lot of work has been done with the committee this year. Worked to bring jazz festival in line with the other district festivals.

2. Updated positions in operations manual.

3. Creation of advisory board – 1 member from each class (MS,1A,2A,3A,4A)

4. One position to be filled.

Logistics – Jeff Soukup

VI. Presidents Report – Collen Hecht

1. Thank you for a great year.

2. Online voting for IBA president. Many less members voted in election this year. Issues with the email. Moving to vote online within the website.

3. Dues. Both NWIBA and IBA dues need to be paid to attend events.

- a. If dues are not paid, the director will first be contacted by the Membership Chair, then Festival Committee Chair, then President.

4. Working to have all district events register online.

5. Would like to have more elementary directors involved in the district. Maybe having a reading clinic at the honor band.

6. One IBA district lost their bylaws. All districts will send their bylaws to the IBA Secretary for backup.

7. Choosing committee and festival chairs with regards to term limits. Discussion was held.

8. Would like to have college members more involved in the district, possibly helping out at festivals.

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business

A. Bylaws - Committee Chairs

1. The years are not specific for festival chairs. Discussion of 3-year terms, with or without term limits. This will require a change in the bylaws in writing before the next meeting.

- a. Motion for term limits for committee chairs. MM2. Motion failed. Committee chairs will serve a 3-year term. There will be an election held for that position after three years. Current chair can run again for election. No term limit.

B. Operations Manual

1. Manual was updated this year. Still not 100% up to date.

C. Elections

1. Secretary – Joe Vannatta

2. Treasurer – Collen Hecht

3. Concert Band Affairs – Jeana Larson

4. Jazz Festival Chair – Paul McEntaffer

1. One year term due to conflict in bylaws and past process.

5. Jazz Affairs – Casey Kingdon (2nd term)

XIII. Announcements

1. Congratulations to the Sioux City North High School Woodwind ensemble for their performance at IBA.

2. Thank you to our retiring directors – Russ Nagel, John Price, Greg Forney, Julie Forney, Kevin Linder.

3. Welcome new directors of Okoboji HS, Carroll MS/HS, and Hinton MS/HS.

4. The MS/JH Honor Band will again be held at Buena Vista University in November.

5. The BVU Honor Band will be held on February 27, 2016.

IX. Motion to adjourn.

Motion approved – 1:06 p.m. MM2. Motion approved.