

**Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Association
Winter Meeting – January 10, 2009
High School Honor Band Festival
Morningside College**

The NWIBA Winter Meeting was called to order by President Kurt Schwarck at 2:00 p.m. on January 10, 2009.

I. Secretary's Report – The Secretary's report from the September 6, 2008 meeting was read by Secretary Paul Jepson and approved.

II. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Curt Ohrlund reported that NWIBA has \$5,265.17 in checking and \$8362.17 in CD accounts for a balance of \$13,627.34 at this time. This total did not include admission fees or final bills from the HS Honor Band Festival. It appears the District Jazz Festival will be able to run in the black. MM-Seconded - Treasurer's report approved.

III. Committee Reports

A. Concert Band Affairs – Tom Musel reported that the next meeting of the CB Affairs committee will be February 26th to go over the results of the All-State survey. The results should be published in the March IBA Magazine. Tom shared a written report. If you have questions, please contact him. Please note there are changes in allowing strings in the concert band and use of SmartMusic at Solo and Ensemble contest.

B. Marching Band Affairs – Peter Carlson - No report.

C. Jazz Band Affairs – Paul McEntaffer – District Jazz Festival entries are in. Schedule will on the website. There will be a concession stand this year at the festival. The Sioux City schools are providing pianos which should cut our expenses considerably. Paul is looking for people (students) to run PA systems in the centers.

D. Junior High/Middle School Affairs – Holli Safely – Holli sent the following report. Willam Owens is the guest conductor/composer for the 2009 All-Iowa 8th Grade Band. The commissioned work is complete and will be published by FJH. Conductor/composer for 2010 is Ralph Ford and for 2011 is Larry Clark. The MS/JH Affairs committee hopes to have the guest conductors do clinics for middle school directors in the future.

E. Elementary Affairs – Rich Nicklay – No report.

F. College Affairs – Jerry Bertrand – BV Honor Band entries are due Jan. 12. If you are a candidate for state office or award, make sure you get your bio to Jerry asap.

G. Student Affairs - no report.

H. Research and Development – no report – position needs to be filled today.

I. Public Relations – No report.

J. Mentorship – Cliff Towner – All new teachers have been contacted and matched with mentors.

K. IBARD – Ken Sabers - No report.

L. Endowment – Jack Ryan – No report.

M. Major Landers – Bryan Mahler – no report.

IV. President's Report

President Schwarck reiterated the reminder to get bios to Jerry Bertrand asap if you are a candidate for state office or award. Please vote – we have an agreement with SW, and hopefully with NE and SE to support our candidates. If you are submitting a tape for IBA conference, make sure it gets in on time. A reminder to make your hotel reservations early as the Ft. Des Moines Hotel fills up quickly.

The IBA Board has proposed putting together a pre-election pamphlet with information on all candidates and the ballot to be mailed to all members. This would save considerable over the cost of what individual districts are spending now to send out info. MM-Seconded to support the Exec. Board and contribute \$50.00 toward the cost. Approved.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. JH/MS Honor Band – MS/JH Chair Russ Nagel reported that the HB Committee met during the day of the Festival and discussed several ideas to make the auditions and festival run more smoothly and guest conductor suggestions. He plans to send out a survey about possible changes. Dates for 2009 are: October 17 – Auditions and November 7 – Festival.
- B. HS Honor Band – Casey Kingdon reported that the festival seems to be running well today. If you have any suggestions for improvement, please let him know. Also, if you have ideas for guest conductors for 2010, please let him know those as well. Casey offered to continue as Honor Band Chair unless someone else would like to take the position.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. IBA Research and Development position – We need to replace this person. Jason Heeren volunteered. Accepted by acclamation.

B. IBA Jazz Affairs/District Jazz Festival Chair – This position has been held by Paul McEntaffer since the district began holding its own festival. He has served two terms on the IBA Committee and must go off the committee after the IBA Conference. The question raised was: Do we want to separate the two positions? MM-Seconded to split the two if needed. Approved. Paul will continue as District Jazz Festival Chair until someone else wants to take the job. The IBA position will be filled at the Conference meeting in May.

C. NWIBA Honor Bands Review – President Schwarck handed out a document suggesting NWIBA should consider undertaking a comprehensive review of our Honor Bands Program. All organizations – business, educational, non-profit – need to self-evaluate to see if they are meeting their goals and philosophies. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like to see the document, please contact Kurt Schwarck. In-depth discussion followed regarding our honor bands including: concerns about All-State students, appropriate requirements, performance level of our honor bands, etc. MM-Seconded to create a committee to do a comprehensive evaluation of our honor band program 7-12 and make recommendations to the membership. Approved. Committee will be made up of the following: MS Honor Band Chair and HS Honor Band Chair will Co-Chair the committee. Two directors from IHSMA 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A with the goal of balancing MS and HS directors serving on the committee (1 HS and 1 MS director from 2A, 3A, 4A classes, assuming that most 1A directors would be 5-12 and would take into consideration MS and HS issues.)

D. Cherly Crandell will be retiring as IBA Historian after the Conference this spring. She announced that the display would not be available for the HS Honor Band Festival in the future. All thanked Cheryl for her years of dedicated and excellent service to IBA and NWIBA.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jepson, NWIBA Secretary