

Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Association

Winter Meeting – January 9, 2010

The NWIBA Fall Meeting was called to order by President Tom Cronin at 1:30 p.m. September 5th, 2009 at the meeting room of the Golden Corral restaurant.

- I. Secretary's report- MM2 – approved
- II. Treasurer's report – Treasurer Curt Ohrlund reported that the NWIBA has a balance of \$22,477.09 in checking and 1 cd with a value of \$2,531.18. One CD was cashed in because it wasn't earning enough interest. MM2 - approved
- III. Committee Reports
 - A. Concert Band Affairs- Jason Heeren – not present, no report
 - B. Marching Band Affairs – Peter Carlson –
 - a. met in November
 - i. State Marching Band Festival
 1. want to add color guard judge, entry fee may go up a little;
 2. number of entries is stable, but they would like more, put out a video to help encourage teachers to start doing festivals;
 3. marching band clinicians for IBA;
 4. rating scale for state marching band: lining up ballots closer to jazz band and large group for points, range for a 1 is too wide, don't want it to hurt entry numbers
 - a. Curt Ohrlund stated that changing the point totals may not change the number of bands earning 1's, because judges have in their mind what a band should get for a final rating and they make the points work to that.
 - b. Discussion was had that 1A and 2A schools aren't judged fairly, they are judged more like the 3A/4A bands. Smaller schools feel intimidated and put off by the current system.
 - c. One idea is that point requirements should be different for different classes. Smaller bands need

a smaller point total to get a 1. Size of the band should regulate the rating scale.

- C. Jazz Affairs – Paul McEntaffer – schedule should be coming out shortly. Look online.
- D. Elementary Affairs – Rich Nicklay – no report
- E. Jr. High Affairs – Holli Safely – no report
- F. College Affairs – Jerry Bertrand – no report
- G. Student Affairs – (Dan Mangold) – no report
- H. R&D – Ryan Meyer – no report
- I. Public Relations - Tiffany Rozeboom – make sure you look out for SAI and outstanding administrator awards, look on the IBA website on the left side. Nominate your administrators. SAI scholarship – senior who is a wind or percussionist, no string players.
- J. Mentorship -Kurt Schwarck – if you have anybody who is new to the area, contact Kurt.
- K. IBARD - Ken Sabers – no report
- L. Endowment – Jack Ryan – no report
- M. Major Landers – Paul Jepsen – no candidates this year
- IV. Presidents Report – Tom Cronin – introduced Dr. Angelley (new Morningside Director of Bands)
- V. Old Business
 - a. Student Affairs
 - i. Filled by Dan Mangold from Northwestern. He was a good student teacher for Curt Ohrlund at LeMars.
 - b. Awards
 - c. JH/HS Honor Band format committee
 - i. Message board has been set up. Directors were split on the issues.
 - ii. Number of auditioning students has gone down. We need to figure out why. Audition requirements will be looked at and adjusted. The committee will continue to look at this. They will meet and discuss.
 - iii. Greg Forney – we have fewer schools and fewer directors which means less time to help prepare. Consolidation is hurting. Students are less willing to take a chance on an audition. If students don't think they will get in, they won't even try. If they don't make it the first time, they won't try out again.
 - iv. Ryan Meyer – audition etudes are above the students, key signatures are too difficult and scare students away. Sax auditions were rough.

- v. Middle school audition material needs to be looked at first. Some of it is too difficult, especially clarinets.

VI. New Business

- a. State deadlines
 - i. IBA district newsletter (send to Elaine Menke) 1/8.
 - ii. Conference recording (send to Liz Fritz) 1/20.
 - iii. Conference magazine deadline (send to Dick Redman) 2/26
 - iv. Retirement/tenure notifications (send to Tom Cronin) 4/15
 - v. Conference pre-registration (send to Steven Cook) 4/15
- b. HS Honor Band update
 - i. Thanks for helping with everything
 - ii. If you have any honor band conductor recommendations, let Casey know.
- c. Major Landers dilemma
 - i. No candidates this year.
 - ii. Encourage your students to pick Iowa music schools.
 - iii. Encourage your students to continue music into college.
- d. Encourage students to audition for all-state and NWI. It helps everybody. Don't send in for audition slots unless they are going to audition. Scratches hurt our acceptance numbers.
- e. Great job honor band committee!
- f. Curt Ohrlund proposed making the Jay Wicker award for middle school and elementary teachers.
 - i. There are enough awards for high school and retired directors. Let's reward the middle/elementary school. Even though the awards don't specifically say high school, they are going to mostly high school directors.
 - ii. We will talk about this at the meeting in May and vote on it.
 - iii. We would like a compiled list of members selected for the awards.
 - 1. Put it on the website.
- g. If you have questions/concerns about the all-state quota system, e-mail Kurt Schwark.
- h. Core Curriculum
 - i. Michael Prichard explained the current status of the Iowa Core Curriculum and how it relates to music education. There is a group of music educators who are beginning to work on music standards. Until they are finished, do not worry. If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail Michael at prichardm@bishopheelan.org
- i. Dates for next year

- i. HS Auditions/MS Concert – November 6
 - ii. HS Concert - January 8
 - j. Al Yeager is retiring.
- VII. Adjourn