

Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Association
Winter Meeting Agenda
January 5, 2013
NWIBA High School Honor Band Festival, Morningside College, Sioux City

The winter meeting of the NWIBA was called to order by President Jody Ingwersen at 2:00 PM on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at Morningside College, Sioux City. The Secretary's Report was approved. (Crandell/Soukup MM2) The treasurer's report, given by Curt Ohrland, was approved. (Heeren/Wurth MM2) Balance as of today is \$31,940.49. It was decided to get a debit card for the account. (St. Clair/Wurth MM2)

Committee Reports

Concert Band Affairs - Jason Heeren- The committee met at All State. They are not going to take the lead on the IBA super honor band until they get more information. Ohrland asked about money for this honor band. Jason will look into this. All State is talking about upping the cap number. A concern was discussed that this cap would lower our numbers in northwest Iowa. This year our scratch number was down, but so was our audition numbers.

Marching Band Affairs - Dustin Bliven

1. Color guard Judge

The committee wishes to present a proposal to add a guard specialist as a part of the judging panel. This individual would be used primarily as a clinician for the guard with the ability to advise the M & M GE judge on assigning points on the ballot for auxiliary.

2. Rating range for Division I rating

Moving up to 70? 75? 80?

The committee has decided to leave the score levels as is. The rubric and the parameters of what an adjudicator believes is a I, II, III, etc. would not in the opinion of this committee change any of the scores.

3. Written protocol for bands that register incorrectly. (Register no guard, have a guard/ register guard, have no guard)

The committee wishes to present a proposal that states "if a band registers with a guard or without a guard the band must perform with those set guidelines at the State Marching Band Festival. If the band attempts to perform with the wrong ballots they must pay a penalty consistent with those used for other IHSMA festivals and the rating will be withheld."

4. Percussion judge addition

In the future the committee would like to present a proposal to the Board to add a percussion specialist as a judge.

Jazz Band Affairs - Casey Kingdon IHSMA State Jazz Band Contests are next week and the week after. Please give Casey feedback about the clinic instead of the sightreading.

Elementary Affairs - Rich Nicklay - No Report.

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Middle School/Junior High Affairs - Barb Wells - No Report.

College Affairs - Tim McGarvey - No Report.

Student Affairs - Sarah Chandler - No Report.

Research & Development - Curt Ohrlund

The committee met at all state. We discussed three ideas: what are schools doing with PE exceptions; how are lessons being delivered (lessons during class, giving lessons, are lessons given in a worthwhile way); what is happening with the PD in schools. Does it help the music teachers or just wasting teaching time?

Public Relations - Tiffany Wurth - As it gets closer to solo and ensemble contest, remember outstanding solo seniors qualify for a scholarship. Also please nominate your administrator for the IBA awards - only 3 were nominated last year.

Technology - Corbet Butler- More people are using the website. The district jazz form worked well. Corbet asked if people are using new tech in your classroom (ipad, Smart Music, etc) If you have any questions about tech in your classroom or use of the NWIBA website, please ask Corbet.

Mentorship - Kurt Schwarck - No Report.

IBARD - Ken Sabers - IBARD is alive and well! They will perform this year at IBA. Please help them out with players.

Endowment - Cheryl Crandell - The committee will meet in Cedar Falls on February 21. Let Cheryl know if you have any questions or comments.

Majors Landers - Tom Cronin - They would like to get the deadline date, email address to take the test, rule about auditioning on approved band instruments only, application, and other pertinent information on the website along with a record of previous winners. A motion for a recommended deadline date of the 2nd Monday of December with stipulation if no one applies we could move the deadline to a later date was approved. (Heeren/Butler MM2).

A motion to raise the amount awarded for Major Landers from the current \$500, \$300, \$200 to \$750, \$500, \$300 and to set a cap for \$3000 was made. Albarracin amended the motion/Crandell 2nd to raise the amount awarded to \$1000, \$750, \$500 with a cap of \$3000. It was also decided to have a cap of \$200 for below 3rd place for next year. Approved.

Membership - Rich Nicklay - We have membership this year consistent with past years.

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President's Report - Jody Ingwersen

1. Message from Pat Kearney: He is making himself visible to legislators and to the Department of Education as an advocate for the inclusion of the fine arts, and music in particular, as an integral part of the Iowa Core. He also hopes to find ways to provide our membership with the tools necessary to demonstrate how what we do is important to the Iowa Core.
2. IBA is May 9-11, 2013. Professor Paula Crider from the University of Texas will be the keynote speaker; Boston Brass will be performing and giving clinics; composer Mike Story will be talking about literature selection for younger bands; Liz Fritz and Leon Kuehner have offered to do sessions on ways to incorporate the Iowa Core into your classroom in a positive way.

Old Business

1. HS Honor Band had 292 entries this year which was lower numbers than in the past, but two major schools couldn't participate.

New Business

1. Jody reminded everyone if they are retiring or have taught 30 years to contact her or Brad Lampe by March 25. You will be recognized at IBA.
2. Funding for Major Landers Scholarships - IBA Endowment Fund Committee- A motion to donate \$500 to the state for Major Landers Scholarships was approved. (Nicklay/Jepsen MM2)
3. Positive Proactive Advocacy Ideas from the Iowa Alliance for Arts Education is a handout from David Law with many great ideas. We approved a donation to the IAAE for \$500. (Shedenhelm/Crandell MM2)

A motion was made and second (Cronin/Nelson) to adjourn the meeting. Our next meeting will be at the IBA Conference on May 10, 2013.

Notes taken by Dustin Bliven, Vice President
Submitted by Colleen Hecht, Secretary