

## **WINTER BUSINESS MEETING**

**Saturday, February 18 2023**

**MEETING CONDUCTED AT LENOIR RHYNE UNIVERSITY AND VIA ZOOM**

### **CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME**

- Matt Liner Presiding at Lenoir Rhyne University
- Meeting called to order at 9:17am
- Thank you to Neil Underwood and Lenoir Rhyne University for hosting the meeting at Lenoir Rhyne University.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Matt Liner, District President

- Fall Business Meeting 2022 - Motion to approve by Patrick Haymore, second by Colin Choat .
  - Vote – Motion Passes

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mike Howell

- Account Balance: \$73,286.37
- Reminder for event chairs to fill out correct forms for their events and submit them to NCMEA by June.

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

Matt Liner

- SEMPA West Chairperson - Taryn Wooten
- NCBA Marching Band Committee - Alex Askew
- NCBA MPA Committee - Mandy James (MS Representative)
- NCBA MPA Committee - Taryn Wooten (HS Representative)

### **CURRENT SUSPENSION OF RULES GOVERNING STUDENT EVENTS**

Matt Liner

"The Northwest District Bandmasters Association will suspend the rules governing student events for the duration of the Covid-19 pandemic and permit the student event chairpersons the flexibility to make changes to the rules and procedures pertaining to student events under the supervision and approval of the NWDBA Board of Directors."

- Current suspension of rules will be voted on by the body in the Fall meeting 2023 to again cancel suspension and return to president set before pandemic for the 2023-24 year.

### **ALL-DISTRICT AUDITIONS:**

Hunter Soots – MS Auditions Chair

Terry Reid – HS Auditions Chair

Matt Brusseau – MS and HS Auditions Site Coordinator

- All Auditions went extremely well at Davie County High School with everyone under one roof
- Issues to be addressed at Fall Business meeting for auditions will be saxophone and percussion order when students audition on multiple instruments and audition requirements to be stated clearly on the district website.

### **ALL-DISTRICT CLINIC:**

Ted Neely & Mike Gomez – MS Clinic Co-Chairs

Alex Askew – HS Clinic Chair

- Thanked Lenoir Rhyne for hosting this year and special thanks to Neil Underwood and students of Lenoir Rhyne for all their help on the clinic running smoothly.
- Going to send out a survey to the body on improvements for next years clinic

- David Deese commented on the concert given Friday afternoon and what a great performance it was by Lenoir Rhyne's Wind Ensemble.

### **ALL-STATE HONORS BAND AUDITIONS:**

Matt Liner

- Location: Atkins High School, Winston Salem
- Date: March 4th, 2023
- Snow Date: March 11, 2023
- Registration Window: February 1-15, 2023
- Registration Fee: \$20
- Make sure to register students before All District Clinic
- Checks are made out to "NCMEA." In the memo section, write "NCBA All-State"
- Directors who request to be absent from the NC Honors BAnd Auditions MUST follow the NCBA guidelines. Requests must be submitted to the state president two weeks prior to the posted audition date.

### **ALL-STATE HONORS BAND CLINIC:**

Matt Liner, reporting for Wes Richardson

- Location: UNC- Greensboro
- Date: April 28th- 30th 2023
- Registration fee: *TBA*
- Registration Deadline: March 26, 2023
- Deadlines will be strictly enforced
- Middle School Honors Band clinician: Kim Bain
- 9-10 High School Honors Band clinician: Col. Tim Holtan
- 11-12 High School Honors Band clinician: Alfred Watkins
- All information will be posted on the NCBA website.

### **CONCERT BAND MPA:**

Patrick Haymore – High School Chair

Jonathan Stafford – Middle School Chair

- Location: Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory
- HS MPA Dates 2023: March 21-23, 2023
- MS MPA Dates 2023: March 28-30, 2023
- Fee: \$200
- Registration Deadline: February 10th 2023
- Grade 3 High School bands can attend the Middle School MPA
- Rule 3c will be suspended for 2023 - Directors may duplicate personnel in multiple ensembles in order to fill in sparse or missing instrumentation.
- No electronics will be permitted unless specified by the composer.
- Sight-reading will remain UIL .5 through 4. Directors may request to sight-read one level more difficult if they wish.
- Bands will be permitted to program flex-band arrangements of titles that are currently on the MPA list. They will enter under the category of "Flex" and will be required to sight-read in grade 1 (UIL .5). They may request a higher sight reading difficulty if they would like. Flex-bands will receive a rating
- HS Adjudicators - Clyde Hughes (Hermitage HS, VA - ret.), Chris White (Hickory Ridge HS), Bobby Lambert (Wando HS, SC), Blair Smith (Jay M. Robinson HS - ret.)
- MS Adjudicators - Mekel Rogers (Weddington MS), Kevin Howard (Liberty Bell MS, TN), Jason Barclift (Cornerstone Charter Academy), Connie Grantham (Fort Mill MS, SC - ret.)
- Emails will be sent closer to event for ensemble selections and percussion needs for sightreading.

### **SOLO & ENSEMBLE MPA:**

Taryn Wooten & Tom Shoemaker– Co-Chairs

- Location: East Region-Reagan High School / West Region- South Caldwell High School
- Date: Saturday, April 22nd, 2023
- Registration Fee: \$5 per student / per performance,
- Registration Deadline: April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Make checks payable to “NCMEA” and write “Northwest District SEMPA” in the memo line.
- Mail registration payments to Tom Shoemaker at West Forsyth High School
- Jazz Festival at Reagan High School that day as well

### **NCBA CONCERT BAND MPA COMMITTEE:**

Mandy James and Taryn Wooten reporting

- Submit potential pieces for consideration – directions on the NCBA website before November conference to be reviewed and added to the MPA list
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### **NCBA STATE AUDITIONS COMMITTEE:**

Matt Liner

- All solo rotations are now in place.
- High school directors should continue to look for errors in the public domain solos that make up the rotation of high school solos. Please contact Jamie Bream if you find errors in the solos. You should also contact Jamie if you have suggestions for edits that need to be made to the solos.

### **NCBA MARCHING BAND COMMITTEE:**

Alex Askew

- Please consider hosting and/or participating in a NCBA marching band event.

### **NCMEA JAZZ SECTION:**

Mary Katherine Bowman Choat

- **All-State Jazz Band Auditions 2023**
- **Location:** Virtual
- **Registration Window:** Feb. 13-24
- **Audition Upload Window:** Feb. 25-Mar. 8
- **Adjudication Window:** Mar. 9-15
- **Fees:** TBD
- **All-State Jazz Band 2023**
- **Location:** North Carolina Central
- **Dates:** April 14-15
- **Registration:** TBD
- **Fees:** TBD
- **Clinicians:** MS - James Warwick (New Trier HS - ret.), HS - Jerry Tolson (University of Louisville)
- **West Region Jazz Band MPA 2023**
- **Location:** Northview MS, Hickory
- **Dates:** May 12-13
- **Registration Deadline:** April 7th
- **Fees:** \$175 - Checks made payable to “NCMEA”
- **Judges:** Haskew Smith, Dr. John Entzi, Denver Bierman
- If you have any questions, please email Terry Reid at [tereid@caldwellschools.com](mailto:tereid@caldwellschools.com)
- Anthropology solo will be taken off the solo rotation

- Colin Choat, please sign up for the West Region Jazz google group

#### **NCMEA MENTOR COMMITTEE:**

Matt Brusseau

- Change in leadership at the state level for Mentor program
- Please take a moment to complete the questionnaire linked on the agenda

#### **SCORE SHARING:**

Chad Evans

- Missing Scores, please return any scores to Chad Evans
- Procedures for reserving scores for MPA will be mailed out closer to MPA event

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Matt Liner presiding

#### **ALL-DISTRICT AUDITIONS 2024-** Terry Reid and Hunter Soots

- **Location:** Davie Co. HS
- **Date:** Jan. 20th
- **Snow Date:** Jan. 27th
- **Fee:** \$7 per student / per instrument
- **Registration Deadline:** Dec. 20, 2023

Continue new audition solo rotation

The board has voted to move the auditions to Saturday, January 20th, 2024. This will move the auditions back to the date specified in our operating procedures; the Saturday following the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

#### **ALL-DISTRICT CLINIC 2024-** Mike Gomez and Alex Askew **2024 Clinicians (voted on at the 2022 Fall meeting)**

*Clinicians are listed in order the number of votes received*

- MS Concert Band: Ruth Petersen
- MS Symphonic Band: Chris Ferguson
- 9-12 Concert Band: Award of Excellence Recipient (2023)
- 9-10 Symphonic Band: Sean Smith
- 11-12 Symphonic Band: Col. Jeff Warner

#### **• Board Proposal**

“The Northwest District will host the 2024 All-District Band Clinic on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> on the campus of Lenoir-Rhyne University, the Salt Block, and Hickory High School, in Hickory, NC.”

- Discussion was opened to the body on this proposal. Discussion began with Patrick Watkins wanting to look into the possibility of separating the event into Middle School and High school. Discussion was continued by Andy Escimillia, Jonathan Chesson, David Deese, Jason Childers, Mary Choat, Aaron Poteat. Matt Liner informed the body if there was a decision to change the clinic event there would need to be an update to the operation procedures and approved by the membership 1 year in advance. Operation procedures can be changed by the board. Matt Liner reminded the membership there was a motion on the floor and reread the board proposal. Jonathan Chesson made a motion to vote, Adam Joiner seconded the motion and Chad Higdon made a call to question. The body voted 37- FOR, 22- AGAINST, and 4 abstained. The board proposal passes and the clinic will be at Lenoir Rhyne University February 16-18.

#### **CONCERT BAND MPA 2024-** Patrick Haymore and Jonathan Stafford

- **Location:** Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory\*
- **HS MPA Dates 2023:** March 12-15
- **MS MPA Dates 2023:** March 19-21
- **Fee:** \$250
- The board has voted to raise the registration fee for concert band MPA to \$250/per ensemble for 2024. Matt Liner informed the body that NCMEA wanted all events to run in the black and that was the reason for the registration increase.

- LRU is interested in hosting MPA again in 2024 but we are waiting on confirmation of availability.

## COMMISSION COMMITTEE

Jim Kirkpatrick

- Please contact Jim Kirkpatrick if you are interested in serving on this committee to develop a steady timeline for commissioned pieces for upcoming all district band clinics

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Matt Liner

- **Board Position Nominations / Voting**
- MS Rep (2023-2025)- Board recommended Anna Peterson for the position. Kevin Townsend made a motion to close nominations and it was seconded by Matt Brusseau. The motion passed unanimously.
- HS Rep (2023-2025)- Board recommended Justin Sumners for the position and nominations were opened to the membership. Josh Mitchell was nominated by Alex Askew. Robert Johnston made a motion to close nominations and it was seconded by Chad Higdon. The membership discussed the two candidates and the body voted 41 for Justin Sumners and 5 for Josh Mitchell. Justin Sumners will be the 2023-2025 High School Rep.
- Matt Liner and the membership thanked Myron Massey for his years of service as a high school representative.

## AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Matt Liner

- **Award of Excellence Nominations / Voting** (High School Recipient)
- Nominations were opened to the membership. Chad Higdon was nominated by Robert Johnston, Chris Brown was nominated by Mike Gomez, Patricia Hughes was nominated by Tom Showmaker, Mike Howell was Nominated by Levi Mofe. Patrick Haymore moved for the nominations to be closed and second by Jonathan Stafford. After discussion of the candidates the voting was as follows  
Chad Higdon received 39 votes  
Chris Brown received 1 vote  
Patricia Hughes received 7 votes  
Mike Howell received 17 votes  
Chad Higdon will be the the Award of Excellence winner and will direct the 2024 9-12 concert band at All District 2024.

## COMMUNICATION

Matt Liner

- Northwest District Bandmasters Google Group
- Contact Matt Liner or Jason Childers if you are not receiving district email communication.

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Matt Liner

- **Ronald Reagan HS "City of the Arts" Jazz Festival** - April 22nd, 2023
- **NCSSM (Durham) Jim Ketch Jazz Festival** - May 6th, 2023
- **Colonial Region Bands Summer Professional Development Conference** (hosted by ASBDA Region 4 and Music & Arts) - Newark, DE, July 11-13, 2023. [www.asbdaband.org](http://www.asbdaband.org)
- **Women Band Directors International Summer Conference** - Winston-Salem, NC, July 13-16, 2023. [www.womenbanddirectors.org](http://www.womenbanddirectors.org)
- **Summer Music Camps:**
  - Lenoir Rhyne Summer Music Camp: June 19-23, 2023
  - Cannon Summer Music Camp: June 24- July 15, 2023
  - UNC-G Summer Music Camp: July 9-14 or July 16-21, 2023

## ADJOURNMENT

Matt Liner

- Matt Brusseau made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Hunter Soots and unanimously approved

Minutes Submitted by Terry Reid