

FALL BUSINESS MEETING

September 19, 2022

MEETING CONDUCTED AT CENTRAL WILKES HIGH SCHOOL AND VIA ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

- Matt Liner Presiding at Central WilkesHigh School
- Meeting called to order at 6:37pm
- Thank you to Christian Bruce for hosting the meeting at Central Wilkes High School
- Welcome and Introduction of new directors to our district

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Matt Liner, District President

- Winter Business Meeting 2022 - Motion to approve by Chad Higdon, second by Alex Askew .
 - Vote – Motion Passes

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mike Howell

- Account Balance: \$44,278.91

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:

Mike Howell

- Reminder of district dues, \$15 by October 15 after the 15th dues increase to \$50
- Checks must be made out to NCMEA with "what for" in the memo line, School or Booster checks are accepted.
- Must pay district dues and be up to date with NAFME dues to participate in activities
- State Form 201c and 200 have been updated and any chair of an event must fill out these forms and submit them to Mike Howell, treasurer.
- If anyone needs to be on the List Serve to receive district emails they need to contact either Jason Childers or Matt Liner

Phillip Riggs and W. C. Lanning

- Mr. Riggs and Mr. Lanning introduced themselves to the district as long-time educators.
- Express desire to come into classrooms to help new directors in any way possible and for the new directors to be involved in the mentor program
- Mr. Riggs will send out a google survey to gauge interest in the district and state mentor programs

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Matt Liner

- District Webmaster- Christian Bruce, Wilkes Central Middle School and High School
- Middle School MPA chair- Jonathan Stafford, South Caldwell High School
- SEMPA East Chair- Tom Shoemaker, West Forsyth High School

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."

- Suspension of rules will continue until Spring of 2023 and then will be reviewed for the 2023-2024 year.

ALL-DISTRICT AUDITIONS:

Robert Johnston & Hunter Soots – MS Auditions Chair

Terry Reid – HS Auditions Chair

Levi Mofte – HS Auditions Site Host

Wes Richardson – MS Auditions Site Host

- Location: Central Davidson MS & HS – we are planning for in-person auditions
- Date: January 7th, 2023
- Snow Date: January 21st, 2023
- Fee: \$7 per student/per instrument
- Registration Deadline: December 16th, 2023
- Late Registration Deadline (\$20): January 3rd, 2023
- Cuts are available on the district website
- All directors are required to judge if they have students auditioning for district band

ADDENDUM TO FALL MINUTES

- Wednesday, September 30 2022, the northwest district executive board met via email to discuss a location change for all district auditions. The motion was made by Matt Liner for auditions to be moved to the more central location of Davie County High School with Matt Brusseau to be the Site Host. With this location change, both the middle school and high school auditions would be housed in the same location. The board unanimously accepted the proposal and the location was changed for district auditions.

ALL-DISTRICT CLINIC:

Ted Neely & Mike Gomez – MS Clinic Co-Chairs

Alex Askew – HS Clinic Chair

- Location change for the 2023 year will be at Lenoir Rhyne University with all 5 bands rehearsing at or near the Lenoir Rhyne campus. 3 bands will be housed at Lenoir Rhyne and 2 bands housed at the SALT block Arts center less than one mile away.
- The clinic will use the smaller ensemble size of 80 students per ensemble. The same as the 2022 district clinic
- With COVID restrictions lifting there will be no airy of rooms.
- Clinic schedule will look more “back to normal” and will be sent out after auditions are completed
- MS Dates: February 17-18, 2023
- HS Dates: February 17-19, 2023
- Registration Fee: Middle School - *TBA*, High School - *TBA*
- Lenoir Rhyne University concert band will perform a concert on Friday, February 17 at 5:00pm for the participants and directors.
- Middle School Concert Band Clinician- Ted Neely, Award of Excellence winner
- Middle School Symphonic Band Clinician- Phillip Riggs
- 11-12 High School Symphonic Band Clinician- Dr. Arris Golden
- 9-10 High School Symphonic Band Clinician- Dr. Matt Talbert
- 9-12 High School Concert Band Clinician- Blair Smith
- Tom Shoemaker asked if we could bring the ensemble numbers back up to original numbers before COVID. Matt Liner responded with keeping the smaller ensemble numbers to help with rehearsal space concerns.

ALL-STATE HONORS BAND AUDITIONS:

Matt Liner and Crystal Webb

- 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

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
- Deadline change to one week before All District Clinic to Feb 10, 2023
- Grade 3 High School bands can attend the Middle School MPA
- MPA moved one week later this year to accommodate school systems that have spring break in the middle of March.
- High School Judges: Adjudicators - *TBA*
- Middle School Judges: Adjudicators - *TBA*
- Survey will be sent to the membership later in the Fall to gauge MPA interest.
- Thanks were given to Chad Higdon for his years of serve as the Middle School MPA Chair

SOLO & ENSEMBLE MPA:

Adam Joiner & 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 7th, 2023
- More information and directions to follow in the Spring

NCBA CONCERT BAND MPA COMMITTEE:

Terry Reid & Hunter Soots reporting

- Submit potential pieces for consideration – directions on the NCBA website before November conference to be reviewed and added to the MPA list
- 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 (they may request a higher sight reading difficulty if they would like). Flex-bands will receive a rating

NCBA STATE AUDITIONS COMMITTEE:

Crystal Webb and Matt Liner

- New solos for 2023 are posted on the NCBA website along with the scale requirements
- There are new scoring rubrics that can be accessed by clicking on "Score Sheet", MS: 3.5 points per major scale, 4 for chromatic, 40 for solo, 35 for SR, 9-10: 3 points per major scale, 4 for chromatic, 40 for solo, 35 for SR, 11-12: 2.5 points per major scale, 5 for chromatic, 40 for solo, 35 for SR
- New Judging SCripts will be in place for the All State auditions and these scripts will be used for the district auditions as well.
- Need 2 new reps for honors band committee

NCBA MARCHING BAND COMMITTEE:

Colin Choat

- Minimum performance time requirement has been removed for this season
- North Carolina Database of Competitions/Festivals is now up and running and can be found on the state website

NCMEA JAZZ SECTION:

Mary Katherine Bowman Choat

- Directors that are interested in participating in West Region student events needs to sign up for the West Region email list located on the West Region page of the jazz section website (this is different from the jazz section listserv)
- West Region Jazz Band Auditions Registration Deadline: December 14th, 2022
- West Region Jazz Band Auditions: Virtual, January 14th, 2023
- West Region Jazz Band Clinic: Asheville HS; February 3-4, 2023
- All-State Jazz Band Auditions: Atkins HS, March 4th, 2023
- All-State Jazz Band Clinic: UNC-Central, April 13-14, 2023
- West Region Jazz Band MPA: Northview MS (Hickory), May 12-13, 2023

NCMEA MENTOR COMMITTEE:

Matt Brusseau

- Sign up on the NCMEA website if you are interested.
- A lot of new directors in our district as well as our state, veteran teachers are needed to help out with new teachers, if interested contact Matt Brusseau
- Phillip Riggs stated he will start a chat or email group for new directors and if anyone is interested in joining email riggs4@gmail.com

SCORE SHARING:

Mike Gomez, reporting for Chad Evans

- Chad Evans will send the district an email through the listserv explaining the score sharing process
- If anyone has scores to donate to the score sharing they can give those to Mike Gomez

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Liner

- Nomination and election for a Middle School Representative for the District Board of Directors to finish out the 2021-2023 school year to fill the vacancy of Greg Dills. Nominations were opened and Anna Peterson was nominated by Tom Shoemaker. A motion was made to close nominations by Patrick Watkins and seconded by Mike Gomez. With no other nominations, Anna Peterson will fill out the 2021-2023 term for Middle School Representative.
- Nominations were open for 2024 All District Band clinicians.

- Middle School Symphonic band nominations were Ruth Petersen, Jennifer Isenhower, Alice Aldridge, Ed Kiefer, Renee Todd, Clif Dodson, and Tony Powell. A motion was made to close the nominations by Chad Higdon and seconded by Myron Massey. The directors were allowed to vote for 3 clinician and the results are as follows:
 - Ruth Petersen receiving 34 votes
 - Alice Aldridge receiving 28 votes
 - Renee Todd receiving 22 votes
 - Ed Kiefer receiving 19 votes
 - Clif Dodson receiving 15 votes
 - Jennifer Isenhower received 14 votes
 - Tony Powell receiving 4 votes

- Middle School Concert band nominations opened and with a conscience from the directors the slate of nominations for the Symphonic band was keep for the concert band with Chris Freguson added to the slate. A motion was made to close nominations by Tom Shoemaker and seconded by Alayna Galantis. The directors were allowed to vote for 3 clinicians and the results are as follows:
 - Chris Ferguson receiving 26 votes
 - Alice Aldridge receiving 22 votes
 - Clif Dodson receiving 15 votes
 - Jennifer Isenhower receiving 14 votes
 - Tony Powell receiving 10 votes
 - Ruth Petersen receiving 3 votes
 - Ed Kiefer receiving 3 votes

- 9-10 High School Symphonic Band nominations were open and the nominations were Sean Smith, Andy Oldham, Brian Myers, Mike Robinson, Fran Sheldon, Alyssa Colburn, Ed Kimbrough. A motion was made to close the nominations by Hunter Soots and seconded by Chad Higdon. The directors were allowed to vote for 3 clinicians are the results are as follows:
 - Sean Smith receiving 33 votes, 2nd round receiving 24 votes
 - Brian Myers receiving 33 votes, 2nd round receiving 23 votes
 - Fran Sheldon receiving 25 votes
 - Alyssa Colburn receiving 10 votes
 - Ed Kimbrough receiving 9 votes
 - Andy Oldham receiving 8 votes

- 11-12 High School Symphonic Band nominations were open and the following were nominated: Fran Sheldon, Kevin Giraldi, Margie Underwood, Carsen Vermillion, David Gregory, Neil Underwood, Laffe Cook, Col. Jeff Warner. A motion was made to close the nominations by PAtrick Watkins and seconded by Mandy James. The directors were allowed to vote for 3 clinicians and the results are as follows:
 - Col. Jeff Warner receiving 32 votes
 - Neil Underwood receiving 24 votes
 - Kevin Giraldi receiving 20 votes
 - Carsen Vermillion receiving 16 votes
 - Margie Underwood receiving 15 votes
 - Fran Shedon receives 10 votes
 - David Gregory receiving 6 votes
 - Laffe Cook receiving 5 votes

- Board or Director and NCBA committee opening, if interested please contact Matt Liner ASAP.
Openings are:
 - SEMPA West chairperson
 - High school representative to the NCBA honors band committee
 - Middle school representative to the NCBA honors band committee
 - Representative to the NCBA marching band committee

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Matt Liner

- NCMEA Conference - Benton Convention Center; Nov 5-8, 2021
 - 11/6 - 2pm: "Help! How can I organize my Band Program? Strategies, Tips, and Tricks for Organizing in one Digital Swag Bag" - James Daugherty
 - 11/6 - 4pm: NCBA Business Meeting
 - 11/6 - 8pm - Piedmont Wind Symphony Concert
 - 11/7 - 10am - "Eight to Nine - Crossing the Threshold to High School Band" - Mark Norman, Phillip Riggs, & Tim Heath
 - 11/7 - 8:30pm - USAF Heritage of America Concert Band
 - 11/8 - 9am - Hanes Magnet Middle School Concert - Mary Kathryn Bowman Choat
- Recognize Student Teachers / Interns
- Cannon Summer Music Camp: : June 24- July 15, 2023
- Director Achievement Recognitions
- Winter Business Meeting: Saturday February 18th, 2023 (9:00am) @ LRU

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Taryn Wooten seconded by Hunter Soots, vote passes and meeting adjourned at 8:42pm

Minutes submitted by Terry Reid

