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The 2018 FBA SUMMER CONFERENCE - Our Summer Professional Development Conference will be held at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront, July 9-11, 2018, and will have Allan McMurray from the University of Colorado as our Keynote. Some great clinics are planned and will also feature a Masterworks session. More information will follow on the web site, and it's going to be great, AGAIN! Bring the family, enjoy the clinics and great fellowship, and get inspired for next school year! We will again have the Southern Winds with Doug Phillips, performing on Tuesday evening, along with a concert on Wednesday by the highly successful Nine Star Honor Band to be conducted by Kenneth Boyd, Director of Bands at West Orange High School in Orlando.

ATTENTION SENIOR HIGH DIRECTORS

STATE S&E MPA, which will include solos and ensembles with choirs, jazz bands, and auxiliaries, will be held at the following sites:

South: J. I. Leonard High School (Palm Beach County): March 19-20, 2018

Districts: 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20

Central: Lake Nona High School (Orlando): March 22-24, 2018

Districts: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 19 (Alternate for: 11, 13)

North: Buchholz High School (Gainesville): March 26-27, 2018

Districts: 1, 2, 3, 4, 17, 19 (Marion), 21 (Alternate for: 5)

Be sure and register for the area you are assigned by District number. This will fall during Spring Break for some, as it always has. A request to change zones due to Spring Break will not be viewed favorably. Information about the MPA in the way of entry forms and assessment forms will be available at MPA on line. You will be able to access the Information Bulletin on the FBA web page by late January

Look for State MPA information Bulletin in late January on the website.

2018 STATE BAND MPA

North: Flagler Palm Coast High School (Palm Coast): April 23-25, 2018

Districts: 4, 5, 6, 17, 19, 21 (optional for: 8, 10)

Central: Vero Beach HS (Performing Arts Ctr.), Vero Beach: April 26-28, 2018

Districts: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 (optional for: 5)

North/West: Marina Civic Ctr. (Panama City): May 1-2, 2018

Districts: 1, 2, 3 (optional for all other Districts)

South: Broward College (Bailey Hall, Davie): May 3-5, 2018

Districts: 14, 15, 16, 18, 20 (optional for: 11)

OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

ORDER SCORES AND MUSIC FOR MPA'S NOW! See Handbook for FBA rules regarding music scores. Do it now, don't wait. You MUST secure permission to copy out-of-print copyrighted music from the copyright owner. Your music dealer should have a form to secure permission. The use of this form, when sent to the copyright owner, will expedite the inquiry and permission process greatly.

GENERAL MEETING of the FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION Tampa Convention Center - Tampa - January 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm PM by President **Jason Duckett**. Big THANK YOUs go out to everyone who helped make the conference run smoothly, especially a big “thank you” to all the directors in the surrounding counties who helped in procuring the larger percussion instruments for our All-State groups. Kudos to Randy Folsom for his work and serving in the roll of FBA Conference Manager for the FMEA Conference. After the introduction of the FBA Officers seated at the Head Table, the attendees were asked to stand for a moment of silence in remembrance of FBA members and associates who have passed away during this past year.

Gerald Poe (Feb. 6, 2017)	Linda Mann - PP (Feb. 22, 2017)
Kenneth Schwartz (April 8, 2017)	Lonnie Greene (April 11, 2017)
Bill Cannon - PP (Nov. 3, 2017)	Greg Murphy (Dec. 4, 2017)
Carol Jones (Nov. 17, 2017)	

Attendance rolls were available at front for members to sign in. (289 registered attendees)

VOTING FOR FBA PRESIDENT-ELECT: several spoke of behalf of each Candidate for President-Elect
Ballots were collected and counted: The Results: Ian Schwindt, director from Titusville High School

Minutes of the July 2017 Board and General Business meetings, and the December 2017 Executive Board meeting stand approved as posted on the FBA Website with no corrections noted.

TREASURERS REPORT (As of Jan. 8, 2018)

FBA Operating Account	\$ 70,696.75	FBA Commissioning Acct	\$ 25,037.24
FBA Transfer Checking Acct	\$ 60,632.22	FBA Emergency Fund CD	\$117,258.23
FBA Severance Fund CD	\$ 34,571.90	FBA Hall of Fame Fund CD	\$ 23,894.51
FBA Reserve Investment Acct.	\$142,524.96		

Henry Fillmore Composition Award - Phil Wharton, Chairman of the Fillmore Contest Committee, announced this years winner of the Henry Fillmore Composition Contest.

Andrew Gregg - Escambia High School
Music title: *Stellar Radiance* - Piano Solo
Band Director: Doug Holsworth

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS & MEMBERS

- a. Special Guest: None
- b. All State Conductors: Dr. John Carmichael (Symphonic Band), Dr. Carolyn Beatty (Concert Band), Cynthia Berry (HS Honor Band), Dr. Ed Calle (HS Jazz Band), Jim Daniels (MS Jazz Band), Chris Tredway (All State MS Band), Hannah Jennings (MS Honor Band)
- c. All State Band Coordinators: Joel Quina (11/12 Sym. Band), Keith Griffis (9/10 Con. Band), Amanda Griffis (HSHB), Erich Rivero (HS Jazz Band), Edgar Rubio (MS Jazz Band), Hannah Jennings/Tamara Lewis (All State MS Band), Dayna Cole (MSHB)
- d. FBA Past-Presidents in attendance stood and were recognized by President Duckett (Richard Davenport, John DeYoung, Randy Folsom, Chuck Fulton, Frank Howes, Neil Jenkins, Paula Thornton, Phil Wharton)
- e. New members to FBA were asked to stand and be recognized - Welcome all new FBA members.
- f. Members were asked to stand and be recognized as to the number of years a member of the FBA.
The winner was: John DeYoung in his 67th consecutive year as a member of FBA.
- g. The following members were recognized and presented their **25-year LIFE MEMBER pin:**
Bryan Alspach, Robin Benoit, Francis (Frank) J. Bermudez, Amy Clark, Julie Evans, Aaron Friedman, Jeffrey Gross, Doug Holsworth, Rob Lambert, Stephen Lauster

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (these motions come to the membership after being previously Passed by the Board - motions passed here will take affect beginning the 2018-19 school year)

A. Motion to add to FBA Handbook, III.G.1.c.1). High School students may perform a grade 1 or 2 for Comments Only (Note: MPA Online will automatically code these entries as Comments Only).

**** MOTION from the BOARD:** R. Uhler/G. Urban

PASSED by the BOARD - **Handbook Change** (to take affect beginning August 2018)

PASSED by the MEMBERSHIP

B. There are 7 additional Motions dealing with By-Law changes which will be brought before the Board at the May Board Meeting for a 2nd vote. If passed, these will be presented to the Membership at the July General Business Meeting. Refer to the December 2017 Board Minutes.

C. **NOTE:** the Motion from District 1 concerning a change to the current **Life Membership** qualification, was defeated by the Board on the 2nd vote (By-Laws change). As a result, President Duckett formed a Committee to study, revamp, and make corrections to the Membership Section in the FBA By-Laws and to report at the May Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - no New Business

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Teachers of the Year:

Laura Bass - Aventura Waterways K-8 (Rookie Teacher of the Year & North Region Finalist – 16)

Kenneth Boyd - West Orange High School (District Finalist - 8)

Cheryce Harris - Shelley S. Boone Middle School (12)

Bernie Hendricks - Ocoee High School (District Finalist - 8)

Hannah Jennings - Lake Nona Middle School (8)

Asa Jernigan - Fernandina Beach Middle School (Nassau County Teacher of the Year - 17)

Erich Rivero - Glades Middle School (16)

Jennifer Wingate - Trenton High School (4)

Congratulations to the Gulliver Academy MS Jazz Band, Robert Keating, director, for their Mid-West Clinic Performance.

Brian Dell, State Chairman for the National Band Association, presented several certificates of recognition to FBA members.

NBA Citation of Excellence Award presented to Ted Shistle and David Waybright for their performances at FMEA.

NBA Citation of Jazz Excellence presented to Bobby Keating for their performance at the Midwest Clinic

Congrats to Douglas Anderson SOTA and Ted Shistle for winning the NBA National Program of Excellence Blue Ribbon Award that was announced at the Midwest Clinic. The presentation will take place sometime this spring at a DA Concert.

Congrats to Vero Beach HS for being selected as a Southern Division Winner for the same award. The deadline to apply for this award for 2019 is June 2018; details and forms are on the NBA website.

Congrats to Winter Park HS and Dreyfoos SOTA for representing Florida at the 2018 NBA/CBDNA Southern Division Conference held at USF February 22-24.

FSU Symphonic under the direction of Patrick Dunnigan will be touring central Florida and performing Saturday at USF

Congrats to Josh Hobbs, Director of Bands at Wiregrass Ranch HS, for being selected as one of the young composers this past summer at the Young Composer Project held in DC. His piece was premiered by the US Air Force Band.

Joseph Luechauer presented the Phi Beta Mu “Outstanding Band Director” Award to Chuck Fulton and Eddie Steadman. The “Outstanding Contributor” Award was presented to Neil Jenkins.

Information for the 2018 Nine Star High School Honor Band to perform at the 2017 FBA Summer Conference, including the nomination form, will be found on the FBA Web site soon.

Being no further business, the Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, *Neil E. Jenkins*, Executive Director

FBA High School Meeting

Jan 11, 2018

6:30 pm

1. Intro from Cathi - welcome
2. Marching Band changes
 - Timing and performance space issues in the Handbook
 - Some districts have given input and ideas
 - Special committee for marching band will be looking at the issues
3. Possible Solo and Ensemble changes
 - HS students to be allowed to perform grade 1 and 2 solo and ensemble for comments only.
 - Voted on in general meeting after passing the Dec. Board Meeting
 - If implemented, will be put in effect for the following school year (2018-2019)
 - There was a bit of discussion about whether they should be allowed to play for a rating as opposed to comments. Directors were reminded that if they felt strongly about that, they would have to DEFEAT this motion and either present one from the floor that passes OR send it from their district, meaning their students could be disqualified in this scenario if it doesn't pass.
4. January MPA meeting
 - Add extra meeting between May and July meeting so that the implementation can be done faster
5. Introduction of candidates for FBA president elect
 - Shawn Barat and Ian Schwint were introduced by Jason Duckett
 - Get to general meeting early to get ballots to vote
6. Board defeated the Life Membership qualification revision
 - Current rule: 25 years consecutive years of membership
 - People wanted to change it to 25 years of cumulative membership
 - New committee with Dayna Cole as chair will be meeting to discuss membership revision issues
 - Suggestion is to discuss it at the January meeting with your district. If you have a strong opinion, put it in your minutes as suggestions to committee to note for the special committee to see them at their meeting.
 - Have district chair contact Dayna if there are suggestions so they can be reviewed at their meeting.
7. By-laws changes
 - 7 changed will be presented in May and are pretty much cosmetic changes One is on next in line succession.
One is a district line change
One is to add MS All State Jazz Band and Nine Star Honor Bands to sponsored activities. (We already sponsor them; just need to reflect that.)
8. Committee changes:
When a President has finished their term, they relieve all the committee chairs and the new president selects new chairs. Sometimes chairs stay on, but other times people are replaced. Often, they ask to step down their level of participation for a variety of reasons.
9. Meeting Adjournment- 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cathi Leibinger

President Elect

Meeting notes taken by Jennifer Jimenez

Junior High / Middle School Directors Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 201 6:30PM TCC West Hall

Dayna Cole, Presiding

Topics of Discussion

1. The Honor Band Form - are there any suggestions/ideas that you think would make the form better or more user friendly?
 - A. Some people were unhappy that all 12 scales were on the form. This form is the same for both the MS and HS Honor Bands. Also, there are many MS students who do know all 12 scales. The more information we have, the easier it is to select the ensemble..
 - B. PLEASE encourage your students to do solos at S&E. This is a time consuming venture that requires money, finding an accompanist, Smart Music, recordings, etc. I took this section of the form seriously in terms of grade literature/ratings and selection. Because all of our judges have to go through the training and certification process, this section provides a lot of insight as to a student's level of preparation and follow through based on common criteria. It will also benefit your band.
 - C. As a result of this form over the past nomination process, I feel the level of the MSHB has improved tremendously.
2. Middle School Honor Band Issues
 - A. Still many issues with paperwork. **DO THE CHECK LIST ON THE COVER PAGE AND INVOICE!** This check list addresses the inclusion of Student Participation Contracts, the fact that I cannot accept personal checks, signatures needed, and whether the director is a member of FBA. Many are not reading the directions on the form - just merely filling it out. In the end, this hinders your school's opportunity of having a student in the Honor Band.
 - a. No contracts
 - b. Personal checks submitted
 - c. Missing signatures
 - B. The number of emails I send regarding the above issues is staggering. I can only send out those emails when the paperwork is submitted BEFORE the deadline and there is still time for you to get it in. ***But this is done as a courtesy.*** I am not obligated in any way to email directors when there is a problem with their paperwork.
 - C. There are several directors that go online and go through the process that do not actually send in their materials. You show up on my Ensemble Administration Site on MPA Online, but there is no follow through. You are not included on the current Schools Not Selected List for first consideration the following year.
 - D. Schools that did not have a student selected, that had incomplete paperwork, or the director was not a member of FBA - you are also not included on the current list for first consideration next year.
 - E. Only schools that had everything in order and did not have a student selected are on the list for first consideration next year.
 - F. There are MANY DIRECTORS who submit only 1 student nominee (44 schools this year) - and usually those student play the flute (32) or alto saxophone (22). Also, there were 45 schools that nominated 2 students.
3. The Process
 - A. I look for the instrument with the fewest number of nominees. This year it was Bass Clarinet. Once I select the 4 BCL's, I move on to the other instruments with a limited number of nominees.
 - B. If I have enough students to take 1st choices without doubling a school, I go ahead and do that. If I have too many, I take 8th graders first.
 - C. S&E participation is also a huge factor for me. There are many bands across the state that do not participate in Concert MPA, but waivers are available to allow your bands to participate in S&E. FBA S&E has approved adjudicators and the standard by which we adjudicate is held according to the Adjudicator Comment Sheet - our rubric. I consider a superior to be pretty much the same across the board. This will also MAKE YOUR BAND BETTER!!!
 - D. I am bound to one student per school, so if your 4th choice BCL was one of my picks, then your 1,2, & 3 were left home. This is Wizard's Chess at its' finest!!!
4. FBA President Elect Candidates - Shawn Barat and Ian Schwindt were introduced.
5. The JH/MS Representative for 2018-2020
 - A. Nominations - Jeff Cayer and Dayna Cole
 - B. Elections
Vote Counters - David Morden and Paul Morton
Jeff Cayer is the JH/MS Representative for 2018-2020
6. Other Concerns
7. Adjournment