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*The 2019 FBA SUMMER CONFERENCE - Our Summer Professional Development Conference will be held at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, **June 24-26, 2019**, and will have as our Keynote: Alfred Watkins, retired Director of Bands, Lassiter High School, and current Director of the Cobb Wind Symphony. Some great clinics are planned and will also feature a Masterworks session with Mr. Watkins. 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 Jason Duckett, Director of Bands at Bartram Trail HS, as well as the Florida All Star Community Band, coordinated by Ivan Wansley.*

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:

- North, Central, & South:** Seminole High School (Sanford): March 20-23, 2019
Districts: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21
- NorthWest:** Rutherford High School (Springfield/Panama City): March 30, 2019
Districts: 1, 2, 3

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 considered 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.

2019 STATE BAND MPA

- North/West:** Ft. Walton Beach High School (Ft. Walton Beach): April 22-23, 2019
Districts: 1, 2, 3 (optional for all others)
- Central:** Titusville High School (Titusville): April 25-27, 2019
Districts: 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 19-Lake/Sumter (optional for: 6)
- North:** University of North Florida (Jacksonville): April 29-May 1, 2019
Districts: 4, 6, 17, 19-Marion, 21 (optional for: 5)
- South:** Florida International University (Miami): May 1 (tentative), May 2-4, 2019
Districts: 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20 (optional for: 13)

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 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President **Cathryn Leibinger**. 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 Richard Davenport for his work 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 who have passed away during this past year.

Tom Damato (February, 2018)

Ervin J. Hamme (April 26, 2018)

James W. “Chief” Wilson (December 5, 2019)

William T. Reinecke (December 9, 2018)

Thomas Ewing (January 2, 2019)

Attendance was recorded electronically by 305, and 35 additional signed in on the Attendance Sheet.
340 registered attendees

Minutes of the July 2018 Board and General Business meetings, and the December 2018 Executive Board meeting stand approved as posted on the FBA Website with no corrections noted.

TREASURERS REPORT - As of Jan. 7, 2019 (indicates report at the December Board Meeting)

FBA Operating Account (\$97,777.40)	\$ 80,464.74	
FBA Commissioning Acct (\$22,980.86)	\$ 22,981.25	plus additional \$8,550.00
FBA Transfer Account (\$71,410.28)	\$ 71,411.48	
FBA Emergency Fund Ck. (\$121,658.19)	\$125,658.19	
FBA Severance Fund CD (\$34,744.75)	\$ 34,744.75	
FBA Hall of Fame Fund CD (\$24,013.99)	\$ 24,013.99	
FBA Reserve Investment Acct. (\$148,582.27)	\$148,582.27	

Henry Fillmore Composition Award Jason Hatfield, Chairman of the Fillmore Contest Committee, announced this year’s winner of the Henry Fillmore Composition Contest.

Elijah Wheat - Tarpon Springs High School
Music title: *Onamazu* - Concert Band
Band Director: Kevin Ford

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS & MEMBERS

- a. Special Guest: None
- b. **All State Band Clinicians:** Dr. Sarah McKoin (Symphonic Band), Travis Cross (Concert Band), Ryan Kelly (HS Honor Band), Alan Baylock (HS Jazz Band), Michele Fernandez-Denlinger (MS Jazz Band), David Hedgecoth (All State MS Band), Ann Adams (MS Honor Band)
- c. **All State Band Coordinators:** Joel Quina (11/12 Symphonic Band), Keith Griffis (9/10 Concert Band), Amanda Griffis (High School Honor Band), Jeremy Langford (HS Jazz Band), Edgar Rubio (MS Jazz Band), Hannah Jennings (All State MS Band), Jeff Cayer (Middle School Honor Band)
- d. FBA Past-Presidents in attendance stood and were recognized by President Leibinger
- e. Recognize **Hall of Fame** and **Roll of Distinction** Members present
- f. New members to FBA were asked to stand and be recognized - Welcome all new FBA members.
- g. Members were asked to stand and be recognized as to the number of years a member of the FBA.
The winner was: Lee Ponder
- h. **Presentation of newly eligible 25-year Life Member Pins:** Jody Dunn, Michael German, Kathy Johnson, James LeBon, Dennis Line, PL Malcolm, Edgar Rubio, Sarah Shearon-Smith, Scotty Vance, Ann Adams, Jeanie Berry, Lee Sellers, Sonya Shearer, John Southall

- i. Presentation of **LINDA MANN FIVE-YEAR SUPERIOR PLAQUES** to Middle School/Jr. High Directors for 2014-18.

Wanda J. Berry: Hunters Creek MS **Kathy Johnson:** Lakeland Christian Sch **Zanetta Barnes:** Galaxy MS
Michelle Birdwell: Mowat MS **Christopher Ellis:** Osceola MS **Veronica Curran:** DeLaura MS
Carolyn Deck: Windy Hill MS **Holly Dunaway:** William J. Montford MS **Melissa Ellis:** Sunridge MS,
Aron Friedman: Palm Springs MS **Ronald K. Jules:** New River MS **Angela McKenzie:** Laurel Nokomis
Eric Mendez: Maitland MS **Paul D. Morton:** Driftwood MS **Gary Ulrich:** Tuskawilla MS
Allen Venezia: Clermont MS **David Wing:** Woodland MS **Amy Beres:** Howard Bishop MS,
Francisco Williams: South Miami MS

- j. The **ANDREW J. CREW FIVE-YEAR SUPERIOR** plaque was presented to:

Mara Rose - Fleming Island High School

- k. The **TOM BISHOP Award** was presented to:

JR Boatwright - Louise R. Johnson Middle School

John Egan - David L. Anderson Middle School

Amanda Griffis - Chamberlain High School

John E. Harcus - Vernon High School

David Jones - Forest High School

Devan Moore - Fairview Middle School

Schelvin Robinson - Northeast High School

Kevin Devitt - Challenger Middle School

- l. The **OLIVER HOBBS Award** was present to:

Jeffrey Adams - Niceville High School

Shawn Barat - Buchholz High School

Jeff Cayer - Woodrow Wilson School

Lee T. Ponder - Christ's Church Academy

- m. All recent retirees were recognized - Jim Bruce

RECOGNITION OF DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS

Dist. 1 - Anthony Denaro	Dist. 6 - Bill Muse	Dist. 11 - Tamara Lewis	Dist. 16 - Brent Mounger
Dist. 2 - John Harcus	Dist. 7 - Keith Griffis	Dist. 12 - Zachary Murdock	Dist. 17 - Asa Jernigan
Dist. 3 - Devan Moore	Dist. 8 - Charlene Cannon	Dist. 13 - Clint LaFlam	Dist. 18 - Mark Dahlberg
Dist. 4 - Michael Loffredo	Dist. 9 - Greg Urban	Dist. 14 - Mary Oser	Dist. 19 - Matt Flenner
Dist. 5 - Travis Henry	Dist. 10 - Jessica Russell	Dist. 15 - Richard Uhler	Dist. 20 - Timothy Miner
			Dist. 21 - David Morden

RECOGNITION OF STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS

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| a. Adjudication Committee - Shawn Barat | b. All-State Bands Committee - Kristy Dell |
| c. Clinics Committee - Cathryn Leibinger | d. Concert Music Committee - Ted Shistle |
| e. Ethics Committee - Jody Dunn | f. MPA Committee - Ian Schwindt |
| g. Finance Committee - Jason Duckett | h. Past-Presidents Advisory Committee - Jason Duckett |
| i. Prof. Resources Comm - Shelby Chipmam | j. Sight-reading Music Committee - Zach Murdock |
| k. S & E Music Committee - Dayna Cole | l. Benevolence Committee - Mara Rose |
| m. Commissioning Committee - Brian Dell | n. Technology - Josh Bula |
| o. Auxiliary - Chris Bonner | |

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS

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| a. Jazz Band Committee - Edgar Rubio | b. Mentoring Committee - Karen Crocco |
| c. Conference Facilitator - Richard Davenport | d. Legacy Committee - Tina Laferriere |
| e. Fillmore Composition Committee - Jason Hatfield | f. Adjudication Training - Jon Sever |
| g. Small Schools - Kelly Dorsey | h. Hall of Fame - Paula Thornton |
| i. Financial Advisor - Ryan Whalen | j. Membership Category Committee - Dayna Cole |
| k. Marching Band MPA - Shawn Barat | |

HALL OF FAME REPORT

Paula Thornton presented the Hall of Fame report. The 2019 Roll of Distinction inductee will be Leander Kirksey, Posthumously (former Director of FAMU and Roosevelt HS), and Gary Green (retired Director of Bands, Univ. of Miami Frost School of Music). The 2019 Hall of Fame inductees will be Eddie Steadman (Eglin Elementary) and Joe Hooten (Retired Director at J.M. Tate HS). Dates: November 23 & 24, 2019 at Stetson University.

Jr. HS/MS Directors Meeting, Senior HS Directors Meeting, and Small Schools Meeting Reports are found at the end of these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (these motions come to the membership after being previously Passed by the Board - motions passed here will take affect beginning the 2019-20 school year)

#1 - MOTION: R. Uhler/T. Henry
MOTION PASSED by BOARD

Motion to change **General Information Regarding Music Performance Assessments, Entry Rules and Procedures**, FBA Handbook, page 11, III-C.3.b, which currently states "ENTRY FORMS MUST BE printed from MPA On-Line and signed by the Band Director and Principal", to read: *"Entry forms must be printed from MPA Online and signed by the Band Director and Principal. In the event of a Principal absence, a next-in-command Official Principal Designee may sign in the place of the Principal."*

PASSED by the MEMBERSHIP

#2 - MOTION: T. Miner/A. Jernigan
MOTION PASSED by BOARD

Motion to add to III-A.9 **EXCEPTION**, schools that meet the qualifications for section III-A.6, *and J/S Classification*, may Request Classification to MC for District (known as the 75% Rule).

PASSED by the MEMBERSHIP

NOTE: There are several 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 Summer Conference General Business Meeting. Refer to the December 2018 Board Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS - no New Business

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Teachers of the Year:

JR Boatwright - Johnson Middle School (Dist. 11)
Ashby Goldstein - Sebastian River High School (Dist. 13) Also Finalist for TOY Indian River County
Dr. Dakeyan Graham - King High School (Dist. 7)
Amber Hansen - Lakeland Highlands Middle School (Dist. 12)
Spencer Katz - Mulberry Middle School (Dis. 12)
Ross McCarthy - Powell Middle School (Dist. 5)
Philip Porter - Mt. Dora Middle School (Dist. 19)
Brittany Schofield - Howard Middle School (Dist. 19)
Daniel Taylor - Thurgood Marshall Fundamental MS (Dist. 9)
Marli Varnadoe - Odyssey Charter School (Dist. 10)

Brian Dell, State Chairman for the National Band Association, offered congratulations and recognition to the following FBA members.

Shelby Chipman and the FAMU Marching Band for representing Florida in the Rose Bowl Parade
Patrick Duncan and the Park Vista HS Marching Band for representing Florida in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade
Bernie Hendricks and the Ocoee HS Marching Band for representing Florida in the Chicago Thanksgiving Parade
Don Zentz and the Douglas Anderson SOTA Jazz Band for representing Florida at the Midwest Clinic
Alex Kaminsky and the Stoneman Douglas Wind Symphony for representing Florida at the Midwest Clinic
Shawn Barat and the Buchholz HS Wind Ensemble for their performance at the President's Concert

Want to encourage directors to apply for the Blue Ribbon Program of Excellence award for both high and middle schools. Application is due in June

Applications to perform at the CBDNA/NBA Southern Division will be out later this spring and due in June to perform at the 2020 Conference

Want to encourage directors/composers to apply for the Young Conductor/Composer Project, which is held in DC with the Air Force Band. Applications will be on the NBA website and due in April. Must be under the age of 30.

Check out the NBA website for more resources and information

Information for the 2019 Nine Star High School Honor Band to perform at the 2019 FBA Summer Conference, including the nomination form, will be found on the FBA Web site soon.

Being no further business, the Meeting Adjourned (Motion by Dunn/Wooten) at 8:19 pm.

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

FBA High School Directors meeting
Thursday, Jan. 10
6:30 PM TCC 5

The meeting was called to order by FBA President Cathi Leibinger at 6:30 PM. There were three items to be discussed.

- The Finance Committee is working on a contract with Barefoot Accounting to centralized/streamline the FBA financials, similar to how FVA handles theirs (also with Barefoot Accounting). This will cause assessments to go up a bit but will make our financial process more efficient.

There were many questions about logistics but no negative reactions to this proposal.

- There are two motions from the jazz committee to create 5 year Superior Jazz plaques (district for MS/JH and state for HS). This is a by-laws change so it requires two boards and one membership vote. It passed the first board vote in December. The second comes in May and if it passes, it will come to the membership in July.

- There is a motion to add an Adjunct members category (see Dec. minutes page 19). Again - Bylaws. Passed first board vote in December, second vote comes in May and if passed, goes to membership in July.

No discussion

- Motions being voted on by the membership at the general meeting are: #1 - MPA forms can be signed by principal OR DESIGNEE in the principal's absence. #2 - Handbook clarification: J/S schools can request MC when 75% of the band is middle schools. (This was the original intent of the motion as presented by district 20 but the way it made it into the handbook states this only applies to SEPARATE schools.)

No discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM

Small Schools Breakout Session Minutes

Thursday, January 10, 2019

6:30pm TCC 7

Kelly Dorsey presided. Gave overview of the motions to be voted on in general session, upcoming votes at Summer meeting, and new financial program. A BIG plug was made for attending the summer conference.

Kelly gave an overview of the limited instrumentation literature project that the Small Committee is coordinating with Steve Kelly at FSU (and possibly other Universities). The goal is to post this resource under the Small Schools Tab on the FBA website.

Jessica Russell shared that the SS Cte is working on a resource and forum website where directors can send questions anonymously and a panel of mentors will post answers intended to assist small school directors in overcoming the unique challenges of their program. The link to this site will be available under the Small Schools Tab on the FBA website.

There was a follow up to the “How to Fix It” series engaging a positive and encouraging conversation of collaboration among directors.

Suggestions were solicited from the room for topics for future clinics.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Dorsey, Chair
Small Schools Committee