

# THE FLORIDA BANDMASTER

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*The 2022 FBA SUMMER CONFERENCE - Our Summer Professional Development Conference will be held at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, **June 28-30, 2022**, and will have as our Keynote: Gary Green, Professor Emeritus, Frost School of Music, the University of Miami. Some great clinics are planned and will also feature a Masterworks session with Gary Green (bring your instrument). 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, along with a concert by the highly successful Nine Star Honor Band to be conducted by Kelly Dorsey, Director of Bands at Union County HS, and the newly added Seven Star Honor Band to be conducted by Lee Sellers, Director of Bands at Pacetti Bay Middle School. The All Florida Community Band will be back, under the direction of Robert Longfield, presenting their concert during the opening session on Tuesday morning. In addition, look for information about the FBA Jazz Institute.*

## ATTENTION SENIOR HIGH DIRECTORS

**STATE S&E MPA 2022**, which will include solos and ensembles and auxiliaries, will be held on the following dates:

North Site: March 17-19, 2022 at Bartram Trail HS  
Central Site: March 21-23, 2022 at Vero Beach HS  
South Site: March 21-22, 2022 at American Heritage School  
North West Site: March 26, 2022 at Rutherford HS

Check the FBA Web Site under MPA/State Solo & Ensemble for further information. Please adhere to the assigned site as shown on the FBA website. Refer to the FBA Handbook, page 13, #7.b. if you find it necessary to attend outside your assigned Region. The Entry Instructions and Information is posted on the FBA website under "MPA" - "State Solo & Ensemble".

## OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

*The State Band Bulletin is posted on the FBA website under "MPA" - "State Concert MPA".*

# GENERAL MEETING of the FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION

## Tampa Convention Center - Tampa - January 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by President **Ian Schwindt**. Big THANK YOUs go out to everyone who helped with setting up the conference, and especially a big “thank you” to all the All State Band Committee, Hannah Jennings, & Jeremy Williamson C0-Chairs, and Kristy Dell, Percussion Coordinator. 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, the attendees were asked to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of FBA members who have passed away during 2021.

Michael Ginesin - February 13, 2021  
James Hacker - February 21, 2021  
Janie Walker - May 29, 2021  
John Aiello - August 25, 2021  
Stanley Dmitrenko - January 12, 2022

Harold Moyer - February 17, 2021  
Roderster Brandon - March 30, 2021  
Allan Williams - August 14, 2021  
Jerome Edwards - September 2, 2021

Attendance was recorded electronically at 363.

Minutes of the June 2021 Board and General Business meetings, and the December 2021 Executive Board meeting stand approved as posted on the FBA Website.

### TREASURERS REPORT - As of Jan. 1, 2022 (figures in () indicates report at the December Board Meeting)

FBA Operating Account (\$54,118.28)	\$ 45,463.44
FBA Commissioning Acct (\$33,398.54)	\$ 33,398.82
FBA Transfer Account (\$13,596.48)	\$ 13,596.60
FBA Emergency Fund Ck. (\$127,922.83)	\$127,922.83
FBA Severance Fund CD (\$50,224.01)	\$ 50,224.01
FBA Hall of Fame Fund CD (\$48,380.76)	\$ 48,380.76
FBA Reserve Investment Acct. (\$155,689.78)	\$155,689.78

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

Christian Sochor from Barron Collier High School in Naples. Band Director: Brett Robinson  
Jazz Band Composition entitled “Pyrothermal.”

### RECOGNITION OF GUESTS & MEMBERS

- a. Any Special Guests – All FBA Collegiate members present were asked to stand and be recognized.
- b. **All State Band Clinicians:** Dr. Rodney Dorsey (Symphonic Band), Dr. Gordon Brock (Concert Band), Alfred Watkins (HS Honor Band), Robert Griffin (HS Jazz Band), Christopher Dorsey (MS Jazz Band), Susana Lalama (All State MS Band), John Rosbottom (MS Honor Band)
- c. **All State Band Coordinators:** Michael Weintraub (11/12 Symphonic Band), Lee Commander (9/10 Concert Band), JT Patrick (High School Honor Band), Jeremy Langford (HS Jazz Band), Edgar Rubio (MS Jazz Band), David Morden (All State MS Band), Tamara Lewis (Middle School Honor Band)
- d. **All State Committee Coordinators:** Hannah Jennings (All State Chair), Jeremy Williamson (All State Co-Chair), Kristy Dell (All State Percussion Coordinator)
- e. Recognize **Past-Presidents** in attendance: Phil Wharton, Neil Jenkins, Chuck Fulton, Richard Davenport, Jason Duckett, Cathi Leibinger
- f. Recognize **Hall of Fame** and **Roll of Distinction** Members present: Neil Jenkins, Phil Wharton, Randy Sonntag, Eddie Steadman
- g. Welcome all new/first year members to FBA
- h. Recognize 1-5 year FBA members. Recognize those with 40 or more years as an FBA member (Chuck Beutel and Lee Ponder with 52 years of FBA membership).
- i. Presentation of newly eligible **25-year Life Member Pins:** **Russell Bertles, Joseph Dallas, Charles Duran, Jeneve Jarvis, Kent Kesler, Cleve Maloon, Carlos Perez, Erich Rivero, Dan Wooten, Calista Zebley**
- j. Presentation of **LINDA MANN FIVE-YEAR SUPERIOR PLAQUES** to MS/Jr. High Directors for 2016-20: **Amy Wacksman** (Southwest Middle School) and **Kimberly Zipoli-Martins** (Corner Lake Middle School)

- k. Presentation of **MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND FIVE-YEAR SUPERIOR PLAQUES:**  
**Amy Wacksman** (Southwest Middle School) and **Kimberly Zipoli-Martins** (Corner Lake Middle School)
- l. Presentation of **HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND FIVE-YEAR SUPERIOR PLAQUES**  
**James Yaques** (Palm Beach Central High School)
- m. **TOM BISHOP AWARD PRESENTATION:** **Daniel Bates** (St. Paul Lutheran School), **Robert Colon** (R. Hobbs Middle School), **Matthew Malhiot** (Harmony High School), **Angela Maxion** (Hollywood Hills High School), **Timothy Nemzin** (Piedmont Lakes Middle School), **David Norona** (Rutherford High School), **Erin Whalley** (Elizabeth Cobb Middle School)
- n. **OLIVER HOBBS AWARD PRESENTATION :** **Kristy Dell** (Gaither High School) & **Janie Walker** (Ransom Middle School-Posthumously)
- o. **Recognition of recent Retirees**

**9. RECOGNITION OF DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS**

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dist. 1 - Lawrence Young   | Dist. 6 - Kerry Waldo      | Dist. 11 - David Wing     | Dist. 16 - Kennan Torgerson |
| Dist. 2 - John Marcus      | Dist. 7 - Amanda Griffiths | Dist. 12 - Jon Eckman     | Dist. 17 - Paul Arnold      |
| Dist. 3 - Lee Commander    | Dist. 8 - Bryan Munera     | Dist. 13 - Clint LaFlam   | Dist. 18 - Brian Grieb      |
| Dist. 4 - Amy Beres        | Dist. 9 - Cory Simpson     | Dist. 14 - Lawrence Shane | Dist. 19 - Ariel Reddick    |
| Dist. 5 - Johnathon Mulder | Dist. 10 - Jennifer Zahn   | Dist. 15 - Ronald Jules   | Dist. 20 - Gary Hernandez   |
|                            |                            |                           | Dist. 21 - Richard Fowler   |

**10. RECOGNITION OF STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS**

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| a. Adjudication Committee - Jon Sever        | b. All-State Band Committee - Hannah Jennings/Jeremy Williamson |
| c. Clinics Committee - Ian Schwindt          | d. Concert Music Committee - Charles Watford                    |
| e. Ethics Committee - Jody Dunn              | f. MPA Committee - Bernie Hendricks                             |
| g. Finance Committee - Cathi Leibinger       | h. Past-Presidents Advisory Committee - Cathi Leibinger         |
| i. Prof. Resources Committee - Kyle Prescott | j. Sight-reading Music Committee - Nick Eggen                   |
| k. S & E Music Committee - Dayna Cole        | l. Benevolence Committee - Mara Rose                            |
| m. Commissioning Committee - Tremon Kizer    | n. Technology - Josh Bula                                       |
| o. Auxiliary Committee - Chris Bonner        |   |

**12. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS**

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| a. Jazz Band Committee - Edgar Rubio               | b. Mentoring Committee - Mario Ford      |
| c. Conference Facilitator - Richard Davenport      | d. Legacy Project - Tina Laferriere      |
| e. Composition Contest Committee - Jason Hatfield  | f. Adjudication Training - Ravae Douglas |
| g. Small Schools Committee - Kelly Dorsey          | h. Hall of Fame - Paula Thornton         |
| i. Historian/Resource Library - Brent Mounger.     | j. Strategic Planning - Cathi Leibinger  |
| k. Summer Conference Facilitator - Cathi Leibinger | l. Classification Study - Ian Schwindt   |

**13. HALL OF FAME REPORT - Paula Thornton (the 2020 inductees will be inducted at the 2022 Hall of Fame)**

**\*\*See report at the end of these minutes**

**14. JR. HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL DIRECTORS and HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORS FORUM REPORT presented.**

**15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None at this time.**

**Pending Motion to By-Laws, Article VII-Awards:** updates and clarifications to the criteria for the Tom Bishop Award. Requires another vote by the Board in May or June before presentation to the General Membership at the 2022 Summer Conference.

*Can be found in the December 2021 State Board Minutes, page 25, #12.*

**16. NEW BUSINESS:** Any NEW proposals - in the form of written motions. (All motions must be in written form and presented to the Chair. These require a 2/3 majority for passage (more than twice as many voting for as against - abstentions are not considered). Indicate names of persons making motions and seconds. Action or changes to UNFINISHED BUSINESS will require a Motion to send back to the Board.

**17. Announcement of President Elect voting (will assume office at the 2022 Summer Conference). Jeff Cayer Congratulations Jeff.**

## 18. GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

### Teachers of the Year announcements Emailed to the Exec. Director

Emily Goode - Dunnellon Middle School - District 19  
Richard Uhler - Pioneer Middle School - District 15

### NBA Awards & Recognitions - Tremon Kizer

H.B. Plant High School Jazz Ensemble was invited to perform at the 2021 Florida Music Educator State Conference.

In addition, H.B. Plant Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band was a Commended winner through the Foundation of Music Educator Mark of Excellence Program.

The Miami Arts Studio @ Zelda Glazer Concert Jazz Band under the direction of Erich Rivero was a state commended winner through the Foundation of Music Educator Mark of Excellence Program.

The LaVilla School of the Arts Wind Ensemble under the direction of Ann Adams Valle performed at the Southern division NBA/CBDNA conference in Natchitoches, Louisiana on February 20, 2020.

The LaVilla School of the Arts Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Christopher Banks performed at the Midwest clinic December 19, 2019.

H.B. Plant High School Wind Ensemble under the direction of Brian Dell will perform at the NBA / CBDNA Southern Division Conference at the University of South Carolina in February 2022.

The Douglas Anderson School for the Performing Arts Wind Ensemble under the direction of Ted Shistle will perform at the NBA / CBDNA Southern Division Conference at the University of South Carolina in February 2022.

Congratulations to The Dreyfoos School of the Performing Arts Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Christopher De León and the Dillard Center for the Arts Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Christopher Dorsey for being selected as finalist for the 2022 Essentially Ellington Jazz Competition at Lincoln Center.

## 18. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned by President Schwindt at 8:28 pm.

### REMINDERS:

#### **2022 STATE S&E, JAZZ BAND & AUXILIARY** (see FBA Web Site for District Assignments)

State S&E North: March 17-19, 2022 - Bartram Trail HS (St. Johns County)

State S&E Central: March 21-23, 2022 - Vero Beach HS (Indian River County)

State S&E South: March 21-22, 2022 - American Heritage (Broward County)

State S&E North-West: March 26, 2022 - Rutherford HS (Panama City)

#### **2022 STATE BAND MPA** (see FBA Web Site for District Assignments)

State Band North: April 21-23, 2022: Univ. of Florida Phillips Ctr. (Gainesville)

State Band North-West: April 26-27, 2022: North-West Florida State College (Niceville)

State Band Central/South: April 27-30, 2022: Vero Beach HS (Vero Beach)

#### **SUMMER CONFERENCE 2022** Dates: June 27-30, 2022 at the Daytona Beach Ocean Walk Hilton Hotel

The All-Florida Community Band - James LeBon, Coordinator, Robert Longfield, Guest Conductor

The Nine Star High School Honor Band: Clinician/Conductor - Kelly Dorsey

The Seven Star Middle School Honor Band: Clinician/Conductor - Lee Sellers

The Southern Winds: Dr. Douglas Phillips (Stetson University), Director

Keynote: Gary Green, Director Emeritus, Frost School of Music, Univ. of Miami

**FMEA CONFERENCE 2023:** January 11-14, 2023 - Tampa TCC

**FBA SUMMER CONFERENCE 2023:** June 26-29, 2023 - DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld

**FMEA CONFERENCE 2024:** January 10-13, 2024 - Tampa TCC

**FBA SUMMER CONFERENCE 2024:** July 15-18, 2024 - DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld

**FMEA CONFERENCE 2025:** January 8-11, 2025 - Tampa TCC

## **FBA HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE REPORT, Paula Thornton, Chair, January 13, 2022**

The FBA Hall of Fame was established in 1990 “To honor those band directors who have obtained the highest level of accomplishment both as a musician and as a teacher, and to help preserve the history of Florida bands.” The inductees that first year were Oliver Hobbs and Peter Gustat.

The Roll of Distinction was created in 2001, with Richard Bowles inducted as the first member.

As you know, our inductees have waited for two years now for this exciting and prestigious event. Before I re-announce the names of the honorees, please help me thank Stetson University for hosting the annual Hall of Fame event, and recognize the dedicated service of Dr. Douglas Phillips, Conductor of the Stetson Symphonic Band and The Southern Winds. This year’s Hall of Fame will take place November 19-20, 2022.

Following an advanced degree in music performance and a highly successful career as a high school band director, our Roll of Distinction inductee became an amazingly effective and versatile teacher at the college level, quietly offering constant and invaluable service to FBA. Please join me in congratulating once again our Roll of Distinction inductee for 2022, **Dr. Jo Jossim**.

To be inducted into the Hall of Fame for 2022 are two exemplary music educators who have consistently demonstrated excellence, consistency, and service throughout their long and successful careers. Please recognize our first Hall of Fame inductee: **Lee Ponder**. And now, please congratulate 2022 Hall of Fame inductee, **Tim Willis**.



## FBA HS Directors Meeting Jan. 13, 2022 - 6:30 PM TCC Room 5

- Welcome Back to LIVE Face 2 Face Band and Music Education!!!
- Please Vote for FBA President Elect if you haven't already done so.
  - Jody Dunn and Jeff Cayer are the candidates.
  - Voting closes at 8:00pm today.
  
- MPA Accommodations for SPRING 2022 ONLY MPA's
  - 1. Temporary classification of "E".
    - The purpose of this classification change is to provide directors (with students who are in ensembles that may be challenged by instrumentation or other reasons) the opportunity to attend MPA.
  - a. Classification E - A band may pick any 2 pieces from the list not covered by another classification to be performed at concert MPA (along with a march) for a rating.
  - b. Band will sight-read the same as MD
  - 2. Bands may choose to perform a Flex Band arrangement of music that is currently on our music list, as long as the arrangement is done by the original composer. Any band that chooses this option will perform for "comments only".
  
- Reminders:
  - 1. Comments only may be opted for by the director up to 24 hours before their scheduled without district approval. (Must have letter to District Chair)
  - 2. Bands may opt for participation in S&E Only without penalty. This process will not deviate from the current handbook language (pg. 13, #7.a). A director will still request the waiver through the Executive Director. Bands will still pay the "S&E only" fee.
  - 3. 7/8 Grade bands will sight read at the MD level (Clay & Brevard)
  
- Classification Town Hall Meeting Friday 8 am TCC 18
  - Any FBA member can come and get your thoughts/suggestions heard, in regards to the current classification system.
    - Two opportunities were provided to discuss classification via Town Hall meetings with Ian Schwindt.
    - Classification meeting tomorrow morning at 8:00am in TCC 18-19. You are welcome to attend if you did not get a chance to attend the Town Hall and you have thoughts to share.
    - If you have something to say, come to the meeting and share. In order to make change, you have to be involved.
  
- SUMMER CONFERENCE June 27-30 Daytona
  - 7 Star Honor Band and 9 Star Honor Band and Florida All Star Community Band.... All back and live for this summer... All info on FBA Website
    - 7 Star Honor Band is 7th graders going into 8th grade.
    - 9 Star Honor Band is 9th graders going into 10th grade.
    - Nominate your students so they can bring all their positive experiences back to your program.
  
- ALL STATE CONCERTS
  - USF Wind Ensemble - 830 Tonight TCC Ballroom
  - Jazz Bands 730 Friday night Marriott Grand Ballroom
  - FSU Faculty Jazz Combo 930 Friday Marriott Grand ballroom
  - HS & MS Honor Bands - 11 am Saturday Marriott Grand Ballroom
  - HS & MS Concert & Symphonic Bands - 1:30 Saturday TCC Ballroom
    - Go to the concerts!



## FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

**TAMARA LEWIS**  
**JR. HS/MS REPRESENTATIVE**  
E-Mail: JHMSRep@fba.flmusiced.org

Middle School Directors Meeting  
1/13/2022 6:30 pm

### Agenda

Mrs. Lewis thanked everyone for allowing her to serve, especially at this difficult time.

#### Honor Band Report - Nominating Students/Representative Concerns

- Need more variety of instruments nominated
- Consider nominating more than one student so that we can build a more balanced band
- Give more information when nominating students:
  - solo/ensemble grade level and rating
- Students must know scales. They must know scales to be a successful member of the honor band

#### MPA Updates and Concerns

- Request for comments only up to 24 hours before performance.
- 7th and 8th grade centers - sight read MD
- Classifications have been lowered one level across the board, which puts most middle schools at MD

#### Introduction of FBA President Candidates

President, Ian Schwindt introduced the President Elect candidates: Jeff Cayer and Jody Dunn

#### Election - Middle School Rep for 22-24

Nomination: Ashley Crosby (Dayna Cole/Cathi Leibinger)  
Nomination: Dr. Ann Adams Valle (Paul Arnold/Chris Banks)

Ballots were distributed, collected, and counted.

Results: Ashley Crosby is the new Junior High/Middle School Representative on the FBA Board for 2022-2024

#### Other

All State Middle School Jazz: Edgar Rubio sends encouragement for more middle school students to audition for the All State Middle School Jazz Band

#### Summer Conference/Jazz Institute - June 28-30

Lee Sellers - 7 Star Honor Band  
Hilton Daytona Beach - FBA Conference rate \$143/night  
Nominate your rising 7th graders, may nominate up to 5 students.  
Cost for participation is \$15/student, \$10/chaperone, plus hotel and meals  
Director must attend Summer Conference.  
Edgar Rubio - Jazz Institute is great! You should attend.

Ann Adams Valle: The Commissioning Committee is working on grade 1-2-3 from young Composers.

Barry Heart is looking for connections to support MS programs.

FBA General Meeting is upstairs.

#### Adjournment

Minutes taken by Jamie Groves  
Report Submitted by Tamara Lewis, JS/MS Rep