

# THE FLORIDA BANDMASTER

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*The 2024 FBA SUMMER CONFERENCE - The Summer Professional Development Conference will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton Orlando SeaWorld, July 15-18, 2024, and will have as our Keynote: Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser. Some great clinics are planned and will also feature a Masterworks session with Dr. Tim (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 Seven Star Honor Band to be conducted by Chris Tredway (Retired Life Member, Niceville), the Nine Star Honor Band to be conducted by Chandler Wilson (Florida State University and the Florida All Star Community Band conducted by Mark Humphreys (Bravo Music). In addition, look for information about the FBA Jazz Institute.*

## ATTENTION SENIOR HIGH DIRECTORS

### STATE S&E MPA 2024

State S&E South: March 20-21, 2024: A.W. Dreyfoos SOTA, West Palm Beach

State S&E Central: March 22-23, 2024: Horizon High School, Orlando

State S&E North: March 25-27, 2024: DeLand High School, DeLand

State S&E Northwest: March 30, 2024: Rutherford High School, Panama City

State Auxiliary (Collier Only): April 2, 2024 (tentative): Palmetto Ridge HS

### STATE BAND MPA 2024

State Band Central: April 22-24, 2024: Vero Beach HS (Vero Beach)

State Band North: April 25-27, 2024: Phillips Center at UF (Gainesville)

State Band South: April 29-May 1, 2024: Broward College (Broward County)

State Band Northwest: May 1-2, 2024: Opperman, Fla. State Univ. (Tallahassee)

Check the FBA Web Site under MPA/State Solo & Ensemble or State Band 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 a site outside your assigned Region. The Entry Instructions and Information is posted on the FBA website under "MPA" - "State Solo & Ensemble" or "State Band".

## OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

*Look for the State Bulletin which will be posted early February on the FBA website.*

*Be sure to READ the State S&E Instructions posted on the FBA website.*

# GENERAL MEETING of the FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION

## Tampa Convention Center - Tampa - January 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President **Bernie Hendricks**. Big THANK YOUS go out to everyone who helped with setting up the conference, and especially a big “thank you” to the All State Band Committee, Hannah Jennings, & Jeremy Williamson Co-Chairs, and Kristy Dell, Percussion Coordinator. Kudos to Richard Davenport for his work in the roll as 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 2023.

Robert Allen - December 18, 2022  
Donald Varner - February 25, 2023  
John Wicker - July 26, 2023  
Eric J “Rick” Miles - September 8, 2023

L.C. Coney - January 27, 2023  
George Walters - April 2023  
Wayne Miller - August 2, 2023  
Ernest Hebson - September 14, 2023

Attendance was recorded electronically and by sign-ins. 420

Minutes of the June 2023 Board and General Business meeting stands approved as posted on the FBA website. Minutes of the December 2023 Executive Board meeting were amended with the addition of the Commission Committee Report and were approved by the membership.

**TREASURERS REPORT** - As of Jan. 1, 2024 (figures in () indicates report at the December 2023 Board Meeting)

FBA Operating Account (\$91,923.18)	\$ 76,648.33	
FBA Commissioning Acct (\$33,404.87)	\$ 33,405.42	Additional in checking: \$1,341.30
FBA Transfer Account (\$27,715.53)	\$ 27,716.00	
FBA Severance Fund CD (\$50,234.05)	\$ 50,234.05	
FBA Hall of Fame Fund CD (\$48,390.44)	\$ 48,390.44	
FBA Emergency Fund Ck. (\$132,951.92)	\$132,951.92	
FBA Reserve Investment Acct. (\$111,559.64)	\$111,559.64	

**FBA Composition Contest Award** - Chandler Wilson, Composition Contest Committee Chair, announced this year’s Composition Contest winner.

Anderson Aiken from Edgewood Jr/Sr High School in Merritt Island. Band Director: Andrew Kropp  
Saxophone Quartet entitled “Danse d’Habitats d’Foret” (Dance of the Forest-Dwellers)

### 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:** Robert Carhochan (Symphonic Band), Shelby Chipman (Concert Band), Ted Shistle (HS Honor Band), Ellen Rowe (HS Jazz Band), Bobby Keating (MS Jazz Band), Paul Distino (All State MS Band), Kerry Waldo (MS Honor Band)
- c. **All State Band Coordinators:** Michael Weintraub (11/12 Symphonic Band), Lee Commander (9/10 Concert Band), Pablo Elias-Rodriquez (High School Honor Band), Jeremy Langford (HS Jazz Band), Rick Fowler (MS Jazz Band), David Morden (All State MS Band), Ashley Crosby (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: Phillip Wharton, Neil Jenkins, Richard Davenport, Jason Duckett, Cathi Leibinger, Ian Schwindt
- f. Recognize **Hall of Fame** and **Roll of Distinction** Members present: Neil Jenkins, Phil Wharton, Randy Sonntag, Eddie Steadman, Tim Willis, Lee Ponder
- g. Welcome all new/first year members to FBA
- h. Recognize 1-5 year FBA members. Recognize those with 45 or more years as an FBA member (Chuck Beutel and Lee Ponder with 54 years of FBA membership).

- i. Presentation of newly eligible **25-year Life Member Pins**: Amy Beres, Heston Curry, Brian Dell, Maria Dix, Jon Eckman, Chuck Evans, Jeanne Harvey, Les Kraus, Christina Moffat, Julie Murray, Kelly Hardman-Parker, Dennis Scaccia, Farryn Weiss, Connie Wilkes
- j. Presentation of **LINDA MANN FIVE-YEAR SUPERIOR PLAQUES** to MS/Jr. High Directors: Joshua Autrey (Milwee MS), Dayna Cole (Pembroke Pines Charter MS West), Ashley Crosby (Golden Gate MS), Todd Eckstein (Abraham Lincoln MS), Kathy Johnson (Lakeland Christian School), Michael McElwain (Lawton Chiles Middle Academy), Tim Ostrow (L.A. Ainger MS), Joseph Powell (Southwestern MS/Silver Sands MS), Edith Shendel-Frankel (Pembroke Pines Charter MS Central), Marie VanDean (Bear Lakes MS/Watson B. Duncan MS)
- k. Presentation of **MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BAND FIVE-YEAR SUPERIOR PLAQUES**: Christopher Banks (LaVilla School of the Arts)
- l. Presentation of **HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND FIVE-YEAR SUPERIOR PLAQUES**: Justin Goff (Gulf Coast HS)
- m. Presentation of **ANDREW J. CREW FIVE-YEAR SUPERIOR AWARD**: Dan Dubay (Howard Blake HS)
- m. **TOM BISHOP AWARD PRESENTATIONS**: Ian Crumpton (Rockledge Sr. High School), Victor Villaorduna (South Broward High School), David Wing (Venice High School)
- n. **OLIVER HOBBS AWARD PRESENTATIONS**: Hannah Jennings (Lake Nona Middle School), Scott Laborde (Max Bruner Jr. Middle School), Tamara Lewis (Riverview High School), Lawrence Shane (West Boca Raton Community High School)
- o. Recognition of recent Retirees

#### 9. RECOGNITION OF DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS

Dist. 1 - Derek Fields	Dist. 6 - Kerry Waldo	Dist. 12 - Mindi Mulligan	Dist. 18 - Mark Dahlberg
Dist. 2 - John Harcus	Dist. 7 - Heather Lundahl	Dist. 13 - Clint LaFlam	Dist. 19 - Brittany Schofield
Dist. 3 - Haley Shimer	Dist. 8 - Michael Clemente	Dist. 14 - Lawrence Shane	Dist. 20 - Austin Tindall
Dist. 4 - Amy Beres	Dist. 9 - Katie Aucremann	Dist. 15 - Ronald Jules	Dist. 21 - Brett Pikuritz
Dist. 5 - Johnathon Mulder	Dist. 10 - Jennifer Zahn	Dist. 16 - Francisco Williams	Dist. 22 - John Rosbottom
	Dist. 11 - Chuck Evans	Dist. 17 - Paul Arnold	Dist. 23 - Scott Abbott

#### 10. RECOGNITION OF STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

- a. Adjudication Committee - Michael Antmann
- c. Clinics Committee - Bernie Hendricks
- e. Ethics Committee - Tamara Lewis
- g. Finance Committee - Ian Schwindt
- i. Prof. Resources Committee - David Plack
- k. S&E Music Committee - Dayna Cole
- m. Commissioning Committee - Tremon Kizer
- o. Auxiliary Committee - Chris Bonner
- b. All-State Band Committee - Hannah Jennings
- d. Concert Music Committee - Charles Watford
- f. MPA Committee - Jeff Cayer
- h. Past-Presidents Advisory Committee - Ian Schwindt
- j. Sight-reading Music Committee - Nick Eggen
- l. Benevolence Committee - Mara Rose
- n. Technology - Josh Bula
- p. Historian - Brent Mounger

#### 12. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

- a. Awards - Charlene Cannon
- c. Composition Contest - Chandler Wilson
- e. Hall of Fame - Randy Folsom
- g. Jazz Band - Jeremy Langford
- i. Marching Band Task Force - Jody Dunn
- k. Reclamation - Chad Norton
- m. Small Schools - Kelly Dorsey
- o. Summer Conf. Facilitator - Cathi Leibinger
- b. Classification Task Force - Ian Schwindt
- d. FMEA Conf. Facilitator - Richard Davenport
- f. Health & Wellness - Dre Graham
- h. Legacy Project - Tina Laferriere
- j. Mentoring - Mario Ford
- l. Retired Members - James Matthews
- n. Strategic Planning - Cathi Leibinger

#### 13. HALL OF FAME REPORT - Randy Folsom/Eddie Steadman

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

#### 14. JR. HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL DIRECTORS and HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORS FORUM REPORT - No Written Report

#### 15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

- 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. FBA ELECTION RESULTS: Congratulations to  
PRESIDENT ELECT: Michael Antmann (Note: 404 votes were cast and recorded)  
JR. HS/MS REPRESENTATIVE: Ashley Crosby**

**18. GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

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

Christal Bennett: Director at Central School: Santa Rosa County Teacher of the Year

**NBA Citation of Excellence Awards:**

James Barker and the Bishop Moore Catholic Black and Gold Brigade for their performance at the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland.

Lee Commander and the Leon High School Band for their upcoming performance in the 2024 National Concert Band Festival.

Evan Rogovin and the Dreyfoos School of the Arts Wind Ensemble for their performance at the 2022 Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago.

Michael Antmann and the Freedom High School Symphonic Winds in their upcoming performance at the CBDNA/NBA Southern Regional Conference in Memphis, TN.

Nick Eggen, Maria Dix and the Viera HS Wind Ensemble in their upcoming performance at the CBDNA/NBA Southern Regional Conference in Memphis, TN.

Brian Dell and the H.B. Plant HS Wind Ensemble for being the National winner for the 2023 Foundation of Music Education Mark of Excellence Award, their 2023 performance at FMEA, and their upcoming performance at Carnegie Hall.

Dan Wooten and the Niceville High School Eagle Pride Marching Band and their performance at the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA.

Steve Rivero, Robert Rivero, and the Stoneman Douglas Eagle Regiment Marching Band for their performance at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the London New Year's Day Parade.

**2024 Music Mentor Network Adjunct/Accompanist grant winners.**

Stacey Jones, Davidsen Middle School (Tampa, FL)

Anthony Ruffin, Largo Middle IB World School, (Largo, FL)

Emily Roberts, Stuart Middle School (Stuart, FL)

Amanda Griffis, Alonso High School (Tampa, FL)

Joseph Powell, Silver Sands Middle School (Port Orange, FL)

Timotheus Harper, Amos P. Godby High School (Tallahassee, FL)

Amy Beres, Howard Bishop Middle School (Gainesville, FL)

Samual Kofil, Palmetto High School (Palmetto, FL)

Scotty Vance, West Port High School (Ocala, FL)

**Other notable performances:**

West Boca Raton Community High School, Larry Shane, Director: New Year's Day Parade in Rome, Italy

Seminole High School (Sanford), PL Malcolm, Director: New Year's Day Parade in Rome, Italy

University High School (Volusia), Jarod Koskoski, Director: London New Year's Day Parade

Key West High School, Gary Hernandez, Director: London New Year's Day Parade

Steinbrenner High School, Daniel Wood, Director: London New Year's Day Parade

A.Crawford Mosley High School, Douglas Dobos, Director: London New Year's Day Parade

Park Vista Community High School, Amrutha Murthy & Christopher Rodriquez, Directors: London New Year's Day Parade

Blake High School Jazz Band and Winter Park High School Jazz Band for their performances during the FMEA Conference.

**Recognition of FBA Partners:** see listing on the FBA website home page:

All County Music - Fred Schiff

J.W. Pepper Music - Amber Loper

Lung Trainers - Bill Rose

Music Mentor Network - Cathi Leibinger

Michele Fernandez Music - Michele Fernandez

Penny's Camp - Ashby Goldstein

Special thanks to our Accounting Firm: Barefoot Accounting, PA - Jo Hagan

Special thanks to all Past District Chairs and Committee Chairs for your hard work serving the FBA membership.

Congratulations to Don Zentz for being awarded Music Educator of the Year by the Jazz Education Network. Scott Casagrande spoke about the Dr. William Foster Foundation Project.

**18. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned by President Hendricks at 8:37 pm (Malcolm/Mounger).**

**REMINDERS:**

**SUMMER CONFERENCE 2023** Dates: July 15-18, 2024 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld  
The All-Star Community Band: Clinician/Conductor - Mark Humphreys  
The Nine Star High School Honor Band: Clinician/Conductor - Chandler Wilson  
The Seven Star Middle School Honor Band: Clinician/Conductor - Chris Tredway  
The Southern Winds: Dr. Douglas Phillips, Director  
Keynote: Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser

**FMEA CONFERENCE 2025:** January 8-11, 2025 - Tampa Convention Center  
**FBA SUMMER CONFERENCE 2025:** July 7-11, 2025 - DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld  
**FMEA CONFERENCE 2026:** January 14-17, 2026 - Tampa Convention Center

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

*Neil E. Jenkins*