

Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Association Fall Meeting – September 6, 2008

The NWIBA Fall Meeting was called to order by President Kurt Schwarck at 1:15 p.m. on September 6, 2008 at the Coyote Canyon restaurant in Sioux City, Iowa. President Schwarck thanked Mike Hogan of Jay's Music, and Ray and Mike Guntren of Ray's Midbell Music for their support of our sightreading clinic and for providing lunch.

I. Secretary's Report – The Secretary's report from the May 9, 2008 meeting at the IBA conference in Des Moines was read by Secretary Paul Jepson and approved.

II. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Curt Ohrlund reported that NWIBA has \$11,216.58 in checking and \$8362.00 in CD accounts for a balance of \$19578.58 at this time. MM-Seconded - Treasurer's report approved.

III. Committee Reports

A. Concert Band Affairs – No report – Tom Musel sent information regarding an All-State survey that will be going out to HS directors. Please take time to fill out the survey and give your input on the All-State festival.

B. Marching Band Affairs – Peter Carlson - No report.

C. Jazz Band Affairs – Paul McEntaffer - No Report.

D. Junior High/Middle School Affairs – Holli Safely - No report.

E. Elementary Affairs – Rich Nicklay – Rich is organizing the database of all music teachers in Northwest Iowa for the mentor programs. He especially needs information on elementary general music teachers new to the district. There are funds available for first year teachers to attend the various association conferences.

Rich also shared concerns regarding our economy, increased number of students on free and reduced lunches, and students who cannot afford instruments. What affect will this have on enrollments in our band programs, not only at the elementary level, but in the future at middle school and high school? Also, as students lives become busier and busier, more and more scheduled – how do we keep students involved in our programs? Send ideas and input to Rich Nicklay.

F. College Affairs – Jerry Bertrand – no report. Jerry did share information on a seminar for first year teachers to be held in Ames on November 1. College students are also welcome to attend. Buena Vista Honor Band Festival is Feb. 28th, 2009. BV Solo & Ensemble contest is March 14, 2009.

G. Student Affairs - no report

H. Research and Development – Ryan Rager – no report

I. Public Relations – Brad Anderson resigning. Position will need to be filled today.

J. Mentorship – Cliff Towner – reiterated information about the first year teacher seminar in Ames. Gas and food costs will be reimbursed. College Juniors and Seniors are also eligible to attend. One session will feature second and third year teachers – “How I survived my 1st year of teaching”.

If anyone knows of new first year directors in NW Iowa please let Cliff know.

The grant to pay for \$200 scholarships for first year teachers to IBA Conference has been renewed.

K. IBARD – No report – Position needs to be filled.

L. Endowment – Jack Ryan – the fund is well endowed. Contact Gene Gross if you need something.

M. Major Landers – Bryan Mahler – no report.

IV. President's Report

President Schwarck welcomed new members and encouraged them to ask other members for help. Our district has many good teachers who are willing to help. New members introduced themselves. Please pay your dues so that your students can participate in our district activities. Kurt was not able to attend the summer IBA board meeting but sent a report. IBA President Meunier is making a special effort to increase communication with district Presidents. Please check NWIBA and IBA websites for info, dates, etc.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. JH/MS Honor Band – Paul Jepson reported that Larry Mitchell and Jay Nugent will be guest conductors for 2008. Entries are due by September 19 electronically or by snail mail. He introduced Trudy Timblin who has replaced Anna Plagman as Nominations Chair. Shelli van Stelton, Judges Chair asked for judges to sign up with her before they left.
- B. HS Honor Band – Casey Kingdon reported that entry due date is in Oct. Pay your dues or your students will not be scheduled. Directors are Scott Weiss of Kansas University and Bill Carsons of Coe College. Check the website for the music to be used for the festival. If you have it, please let us borrow it.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. NWI Honor Orchestra proposal – The NWI String teachers need help getting qualified wind and percussion players for the district honor orchestra. They are asking if we would consider putting a checkbox on our ballots for a student to indicate a willingness to be considered for membership in the orchestra. We would send the information on to them and they would fill their sections. Discussion – Curt Ohrlund – has attended many of their festivals and is supportive of the idea. Winds and brass have been weak at some festivals.

MM – Seconded – To support the NWI Honor Orchestra in this project. **Vote - Approved.**

B. Membership Chair position – **MM – seconded** – to create the MC position, and to appoint Rich Nicklay as our first person in that position. Discussion. **Vote - Approved.**

C. IBA Committee replacements –

- 1. Public Relations – **Nominated** – Tiffany DeVries. Tiffany DeVries elected by acclamation.
- 2. IBARD – **Nominated** – Ken Sabers. Ken Sabers elected by acclamation.

D. Nominations – Service Awards

IBA Karl King - Active – nominated and approved - Curt Ohrlund

IBA Karl King Distinguished Service Award - Retired – nominated Frank Hoskins, Jane Berger. Elected – Frank Hoskins

NW representative to IBA Hall of Fame – Bob Lowry. Bob was nominated by NWIBA last year, but his nomination will be voted on by IBA Board in November. We are renominating him in case he does not get selected at the Fall 08 IBA Meeting. Approved.

NW nominee for IBA President-elect – nominated and approved Curt Ohrlund.

Marty Crandell Excellence in Education Award (Active) – nominated and approved Kurt Schwarck.
Jay Wicker Excellence in Education Award (Retired) – nominated and approved Mike Hogan.

VII. Other Announcements

A. Cliff Towner – MORNINGSIDE dates –
Sunday, October 5th - All-State Prep Workshop
January 23rd – Jazz Festival
March 17th - Trombone Festival
April 24th – Concert Band Festival

B. Al Yeager – IBA Super-All-State Band? Anybody heard anything?

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.