

Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Association Spring/IBA Conference Meeting – May 15, 2009

The NWIBA Spring Meeting was called to order by President Kurt Schwarck at 12:20 p.m. on May 15, 2009 in Room 302 of the Hotel Ft. Des Moines at the annual IBA Conference.

I. Secretary's Report – The Secretary's report from the January 10, 2009 meeting was read by Secretary Paul Jepson. MM/2nd – approved.

II. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Curt Ohrlund reported that NWIBA has a balance of \$14,260.82 in checking and CD's at this time. The District Jazz Festival reported a small loss due to the purchase of digital recorders for all judges this year. This system worked very well to the approval of all participants. As a one-time purchase, this will not affect the profit/loss of the Jazz Festival in the future. MM/2nd – approved.

III. Committee Reports

A. Concert Band Affairs – Tom Musel gave the highlights of his written report. The Concert Band Affairs Committee met February 26. The main topic of discussion was the All-State survey. The recommendations of the committee were:

1. Promote participation of IBA members and college/university faculty to serve as auditors for the All-State audition process. Of the 227 that had completed the All-State survey, 82 percent have not served as an All-State auditor.
2. Provide feedback from the audition to directors and students with a modified ballot.
3. Develop a rubric for the All-State audition ballot.
4. Promote and All-State round table discussion to reflect upon concerns, challenges, and philosophy of the audition and auditing process.
5. Communicate the current quota process to the membership.
6. Creation of a Site Supervisor position for the purpose of: a. Running the auditors meeting the morning of auditions. B. Communicating a specific set of guidelines for the auditing process. c. Supervising the preparation and set-up of the host site. D. Interceding on behalf of the IHSMA if an auditor issue arises during the audition process. e. Interceding on behalf of the directors and students if an instrument quota is not filled.
7. Survey the IBA membership every five (5) years in regard to attitudes and satisfaction level of the IBA membership in regard to the All-State Band experience.

Much discussion regarding the All-State concerns followed.

Tom also reported on changes in the IBA resolution regarding performing bands at the conference. Essentially, if a band is a performing band one year, they may be selected as a clinic band the next year. Serving as a clinic band does not affect a band's 3 year waiting period before being eligible to be a performing "honor band". Also, the CB Affairs committee has been asked to do a review of the State Large Group ballot.

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 – Discussion of the effect of issues such as H1N1 virus on beginner try-out procedures. Cedar Rapids schools used a product called Clorox Anytime to sanitize mouthpieces for use during tryouts.

F. College Affairs – Jerry Bertrand – No report.

G. Student Affairs - No report.

H. Research and Development – no report – position needs to be filled today.

I. Public Relations – No report.

J. Mentorship – No report – a new mentor chair needs to be chosen as Cliff Towner is leaving Morningside College.

K. IBARD – Ken Sabers – The IBARD band performed at the conference this year. Will play again in two years. If you retire in that time, you are welcome to join the band and play.

L. Endowment – Jack Ryan – No report.

M. Major Landers – Bryan Mahler – no report.

IV. President's Report

President Schwarck reported that the IBA Conference will be moving to the Marriott Hotel for at least the next two years as the Ft. Des Moines will be undergoing a two year complete renovation. If they follow “Plan A”, the current exhibit hall would be converted to offices, and the third floor conference rooms will be converted to guest rooms. The following changes will be made to the IBA Constitution and By-Laws: 1. The IBA Treasurer, Secretary, and Magazine Editor positions will all convert to three year terms with a max of two terms. A replacement will be elected to serve an “apprentice” year before taking over the office.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. JH/MS Honor Band – MS/JH Chair Russ Nagel reported that the etudes and information is posted on the website. There were technological problems that delayed their posting. If you are unable to access them, please email Russ and he will send them directly to you. Trudy Timblin, who has served as nominations chair is leaving teaching. Russ is seeking a replacement for this position.
- B. HS Honor Band – Casey Kingdon submitted a written report. Dr. Calvin Hofer, Director of Bands at Mesa State, and Dr. Jay Gilbert, Director of Bands at Doane College will serve as guest conductors. If you have any of the pieces listed on his report that you could loan, it would be greatly appreciated. Casey also reported that the Honor Band Review Committee is in place. Members include: 1A - Melissa Holter, Shelli Rens, 2A - Al Yeager, Rod Shedenhlem, 3A - Holly Safley, Steve Connell, 4A - Joe Hardin, Dustin Bliven.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mentor Position – President Schwarck will send an email out seeking a volunteer.
- B. Election of Secretary position – Michael Prichard of Heelan HS. Elected by acclamation.
- C. Leon Kuehner spoke briefly to the meeting regarding mentorship. The statewide mentor grant has been reapplied for and should be approved soon. This will extend the mentor program for another three year. He also reported the IAAE is working with the DE on the Iowa Core Curriculum.
- D. David Holsinger will be the clinician at the USD Summer Band Director's Workshop.

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Jepson, NWIBA Secretary