

SEIBA Meeting Minutes
SEIBA Honor Band Festival
Iowa City West H.S.
Saturday, January 19, 2002

President Mark Eveleth called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Secretary's Report

Copies of the minutes from the October 20, 2001 meeting were distributed to members present. Moved by Mike Nuss, seconded by Bob Soule, to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Sherry Christensen reported that there is approximately \$15,000 in the account. There is an issue with interest being reported as profit if SEIBA grosses more than \$5,000. As the account is in Sherry Christensen's name, the bank wants to report the interest on her social security number, which would cause her to have to pay taxes on it. In order to avoid this situation, she would like to give the interest earned on the account back to the bank. Moved by Mary Anderson, seconded by Jim DePriest, to give the interest back to the bank in order to avoid a tax penalty. Motion carried.

Further discussion centered around the advantages to establishing a not-for-profit status for SEIBA. We are unable to use the tax-exempt status of IBA. Moved by Rob Medd, seconded by Pam DeBoer that SEIBA look into establishing itself as a not-for-profit organization. Motion carried.

It was also mentioned that contest hosts should maintain and submit a ledger sheet for their income and expenditures.

SEIBA Committee Reports

Honor Band - Derrick Murphy reported that receipts from entry fees totaled \$3624. Conductors will be paid \$400 plus mileage. Current budget figures were taken from a comparison done three years ago.

Elementary/Junior High Solo Contest - No report

Jazz Festival - Rich Medd reported that the SEIBA Jazz Festival will again be held at Iowa City West H.S. Procedures will be the same as in recent years. 60% of the anticipated entries have been received. Assistance is needed for the changeover to the jazz band at 12:00 today in the auditorium. Anyone who is free is requested to help.

Sherry Christensen asked if there were any guidelines/requirements for size/instrumentation of middle school bands. In the past, middle school bands have been (unfairly) criticized because they have had larger than standard size jazz bands in order to accommodate student interest. Rich Medd responded that the judges should/will be advised to take this factor into account when making comments/ratings.

The question was raised about the possibility of dividing the high school second band class to make competition more equitable for smaller bands. Moved by Jerry Zinn, seconded by John Henson, to divide the high school second band class for this year as follows: a) 4A; b) A/1A/2A/3A. Motion carried.

Junior High Concert Band - Sherry Christensen reported that the host sites are as follows: Durant, Montezuma, and WACO (for Mt. Pleasant). Please notify Sherry Christensen of your site preference.

Major Landers Auditions - Steve Stickney reported that the SEIBA Major Landers audition was held this morning. Meredith Warner from Davenport Assumption was awarded first place, will receive a \$500 scholarship, and will represent SEIBA at the IBA Major Landers audition in May. There was only one candidate this year. There are also awards for 2nd and 3rd place if there are sufficient candidates.

Mentorship - Craig McClenahan has copies of Beginning Teacher and Mentor guides which have been compiled by several state music associations. Members should contact Craig McClenahan if they would like a copy of this information. There will be a mentorship roundtable discussion at 2:00 p.m. today. If you have comments/questions you would like to voice, but cannot make the meeting, please contact Craig McClenahan. Jim Bawden commended Craig McClenahan on his work with mentorship in SEIBA.

Membership - Jim DePriest asked members to send any new membership information to him. The membership information needs to be redone. Contact Jim DePriest or Mark Eveleth if you'd like to take over this project. (Note: Drew Anderson, Carl Collins, and Tara Daurer contacted Jim DePriest later that day, and volunteered to revise the membership directory.)

IBA Committee Reports

Elementary Affairs - No report

Junior High Affairs - John Henson reported that the folders were available for those junior high students who were selected for the IBA Honor Band. Cost is \$15. There is a possibility that this fee will increase to \$20 next year in order to make the price of the commission more competitive.

Marching Band Affairs - Al Paulson reported that two rules changes will be in effect for the 2002-2003 State Marching Band Festival. They are as follows: 1) the five-yard area in front of the front sideline will be extended from goal line to goal line; 2) the judges' ballots have been rewritten for simplicity. Interested directors should contact Al Paulson for copies of these changes.

Jazz Affairs - Rich Medd asked directors to forward any comments/concerns regarding State Jazz Festival to him.

Concert Band Affairs - Rob Medd reminded directors that the Prescribed Literature List will be in effect this year. Directors performing at State Large Group Festival must select and perform one piece from any grade level on the established list. Procedures for petitioning a piece not on the list, or to request that a piece be included in subsequent revisions are detailed in the list, which is

available at the IBA web site (www.bandmasters.org) or from the IHSMA. To request permission to perform a piece not on the list at this year's Large Group Festival, petitions must be postmarked no later than February 1. Rob Medd explained that two facts about the list are worth mentioning: 1) the list is Iowa-specific (i.e. it is not simply a copy of another state's list), and 2) all pieces on the list were suggested by Iowa directors, not publishers or composers. Rob Medd also explained that questions or concerns regarding Solo/Ensemble, Large Group, and All-State Festivals fall under the jurisdiction of the Concert Band Affairs Committee.

College Affairs - Dr. Andy Mast deferred his report to the allotted time under New Business.

Mentorship - Craig McClenahan commented that the possibility for mentorship also includes teachers new to SEIBA.

Research and Development - no report

At this time, Mark Eveleth thanked Rob and Rich Medd from Iowa City West High School, and Jim Edgeton from Fairfield High School for their work with the SEIBA Honor Band Festival.

Old Business

High School Audition Limit Survey Results - the issue of raising from 10 to 15 the number of allowable students auditioning from any one high school was brought from the table. Mark Eveleth shared the results of the survey distributed to directors at SEIBA auditions. Discussion centered around the pros and cons of raising the limit, both to large and small schools. Salient points included: a) increasing the number makes it difficult for small schools to compete with large schools; b) increasing the number allows for greater student participation in the audition process; c) it must be clearly stated in the audition materials that students selected for participation in the All-State Band or Orchestra will not be allowed to audition for the SEIBA Honor Band. Moved by Rob Medd, seconded by Tara Daurer that the number of students allowed to audition from any one high school for the 2003 SEIBA Honor Band be raised from 10 to 15. Discussion of the motion followed. Steve Stickney suggested that a committee be formed to study the possibility of having two high school bands (perhaps one select, auditioned ensemble, and another ensemble selected on the basis of director recommendations). The motion was amended to allow for study of the effect of raising the limit on next year's audition process, and to have further discussion pending a committee report. A vote by show of hands was taken: 16 yes, 15 no. Motion carried.

Nomination and election of SEIBA Treasurer and President-Elect

Treasurer: Mary Anderson was nominated for the position of Treasurer by Steve Stickney, and seconded by Jane Triplett. All ayes.

President-Elect: Jane Triplett was nominated for the position of President-Elect by Jim DePriest and seconded by Mark Eveleth. All ayes.

Mark Eveleth reported that volunteers are needed for the following positions: Elementary/Junior High Solo Contest Chair, County Chairpersons for the following counties: Iowa, Washington, Des Moines, Wapello, Muscatine. Please see Mark Eveleth if you are interested in serving in one of these capacities.

Volunteers were requested for concert jobs for this afternoon. Areas where assistance is needed include Stage Hands, Rehearsal Rooms, and Ticket Takers. Those available to work should report at 4:00 p.m.

New Business

SEIBA Concert Band Festival

Dr. Andrew Mast presented a proposal for the creation of a SEIBA Concert Band Festival. The festival would be strictly non-competitive, with an emphasis on providing bands a quality performance venue, excellent feedback from prominent clinicians, and the opportunity to hear other bands. The festival would be held on March 7, 8, or 9, 2003, at Iowa City City High School. Entry fees would be approximately \$200-\$250. Each band would have 40 minutes on stage, to be used at the discretion of the director, followed by a 30-minute sight-reading session in another room. Some items will require membership input, including: a) what day of the week is best; b) are junior high/middle school bands interested in this, or do they wish to maintain the format of their current festival. (It was generally agreed that there was interest in replacing the current Junior High Large Group Festival with a festival of this format, but with less prominent clinicians in order that the cost would not prohibit participation by junior high/middle school bands. This idea will be pursued at another time.) The proposal will be voted on at the SEIBA district meeting at the IBA Conference on May 10 for implementation in the spring of 2003. Members should direct comments or suggestions to Dr. Andrew Mast, or another member of the SEIBA Concert Band Festival Committee (Drew Anderson, Tara Daurer, Rob Medd, Steve Stickney).

Other new business

Mark Eveleth recognized James Priebe who is retiring at the end of the year for his years of service.

Mark Eveleth announced that SEIBA supports Jim Fritz, Director of Bands, Decorah High School, as the NEIBA candidate for IBA President. His biography will appear in the next IBA magazine.

Rob Medd reminded directors who have percussionists selected to one of the SEIBA Honor Bands that they are responsible for bringing the necessary mallets and auxiliary percussion equipment to rehearsals and the concert.

Carl Collins alerted directors to check next year's IHSMA calendar, as many of the events fall a week later in the schedule than this year.

Carla Gaye brought up the issue of selecting a different date for the SEIBA Honor Band auditions and concert, citing concerns that auditioning so close to Winter Break is not in the students' best interests. Some discussion followed. The issue was tabled for later discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Collins
SEIBA Secretary