

**SEIBA Meeting Minutes
IBA Conference Meeting
Hotel Fort Des Moines
Friday, May 10, 2002**

President Mark Eveleth called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. Mark began the meeting by thanking the membership for the opportunity to serve as president. The meeting was then turned over to President-Elect Steve Stickney, who in turn thanked Mark Eveleth for all his work as president this past year.

Secretary's Report

Copies of the minutes from the January 19, 2002 meeting were distributed to members present. Moved by Mark Eveleth, seconded by Don Howard, to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Anderson is assuming the duties of treasurer, and thanked Sherry Christensen for her work as treasurer. Copies of the treasurer's report were distributed to members present. Moved by Jennifer McKenna, seconded by Steve Harbaugh, to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried.

SEIBA Committee Reports

Honor Band - No report

Elementary/Junior High Solo Contest - No report

Jazz Festival - Rich Medd reported that both the SEIBA and NEIBA Jazz Festivals were postponed due to weather. Bands were given the opportunity to perform on an alternate date in order to qualify for the Iowa Jazz championships. Not all bands were able to perform on the alternate date for various reasons. There are two options available with regard to entry fees: 1) schools may carry their entry fee over and apply the amount toward next year's festival; 2) a refund will be issued (or the original check will be returned) if requested. The date for the 2003 Jazz Festival is March 8. All dates are listed on the web site (<http://www.bandmasters.org/users/seiba/>)

Junior High Concert Band - Sherry Christensen reported that there is interest in investigating a non-competitive format for the JH Concert Band festival. Steve Stickney indicated he is interested in getting further input from JH directors, and would like a chairperson to organize a committee to look into this. Randy Oldfield volunteered to chair the committee.

Major Landers Auditions - Steve Stickney reported that Meredith Warner is the Southeast District's candidate for the Major Landers scholarship. She has completed her theory test and interview, and will perform her solo at 1:30 in Room 320.

Mentorship - Craig McClenahan thanked everyone who participated in the mentorship program. 1st and 2nd year teachers will be meeting at the Captain's Table restaurant in Washington, IA on August 18, 2002. Directors new to SEIBA were introduced:

Craig Bullis - Keokuk, 5th grade band
Chad Allard - Iowa Valley, 5-12 band
Krystal Hunt - Keokuk, 5th grade band
Valerie Barton - English Valleys, 5-12 band
Dan Jecks - Durant, MS band
John Klopp - Durant, HS band

Rob Medd commented that the IBA mentorship committee is compiling a list of vacant jobs, and why people left.

Membership - Tara Daurer will be assuming membership duties.

IBA Committee Reports

Elementary Affairs - No report

Junior High Affairs - Bob Seoule reported that the directors for the next two IBA MS Honor Bands will be Richard Saucedo and Mark Williams (2003 and 2004, respectively). There was an issue this past year with one audition center recommending too many students for membership in the IBA MS Honor Band. It is imperative that judges know and/or be made aware of the correct quotas for nomination in order to avoid this situation in the future. The ticket system for the IBA MS Honor Band performances is working well.

Marching Band Affairs - Al Paulson reported that new ballots will be used at the IHSMA Marching Band Festivals beginning in the fall of 2002. Copies of these ballots were distributed in a clinic at the IBA Conference on May 9, 2002.

Jazz Affairs - Rich Medd reported that the IBA Jazz Affairs committee will be meeting at 1:00 p.m. today, and the IAJE meeting will take place at 2:45 p.m. today.

Concert Band Affairs - Rob Medd distributed minutes from the March 6, 2002 meeting of the Concert Band Affairs Committee. Salient points of the minutes are as follows:

1. The number of schools participating in IHSMA events is declining. Possible causes: lack of budget, teacher turnover, decreasing enrollment, other available performance/critique opportunities. Steve Harbaugh commented that a decrease in music staffing might also contribute to this trend. Fred Stark commented that students are also involved in more activities, which could preclude their participation in music events. Alan Greiner will continue to study the issue. Concerns/solutions pertinent to the issue should be directed to Rob Medd or Alan Greiner.
2. The first Large Group Festival to utilize the Prescribed Literature List went well. The committee would welcome feedback on this issue.
3. Work is being done to simplify the ensemble classification system used at Solo/Ensemble Festival. The intent is to simplify the rules and to encourage participation.

College Affairs - Dr. Andrew Mast offered to help with mentorship issues, and commented that directors must be alert to recognize the potential of their own [HS] students to become future music educators.

Mentorship - (Note: Craig McClenahan combined this report with the SEIBA Committee report earlier in the meeting.) Marty Crandall commented that in a mentorship capacity, he personally visits new directors and meets with them at least twice a year. Steve Stickney commented that he is pleased to see all the new teachers at the luncheon. Craig McClenahan recognized the directors who served as mentors this past year for all their efforts.

Research and Development - Fred Stark reported that the Research and Development Committee is looking for new membership. Interested persons should contact Fred Stark. Ideas for research topics should also be forwarded to him. The Curriculum Framework and Curriculum Benchmarks Assessment are available on the IBA website (www.bandmasters.org) and are available in a variety of formats (.PDF, etc.).

Old Business

SEIBA HS Concert Band Festival Proposal - Dr. Andrew Mast distributed the final draft of the proposal. Registration fee is set at \$250, and it was decided to limit participation at this time to HS bands. Scheduling bands by class (i.e. A/1A/2A etc.) is not an issue for this format. Steve Stickney emphasized the importance of this event, and encouraged directors to not be intimidated by the clinicians or the format. The focus is on individual improvement, as well as the opportunity to perform in a good facility and to receive a quality recording of your group. Dr. Myron Welch strongly recommended participation in the festival, emphasizing that it is not the same as State Contest. Directors are encouraged to schedule their day so that students are able to hear performances by other bands (large bands should listen to small bands and vice-versa.) Moved by Drew Anderson, seconded by Don Howard to accept the proposal. Motion carried.

By-laws and Non-profit status -

By-Laws

Steve Stickney provided a draft copy of the By-Laws for further discussion and modification in 2002-2003. Possible topics for discussion include the creation of associate and student member categories, and the need for term limits for the Board of Directors and Chairpersons. Currently there are no limits on terms. Imposing limits on the length of time required of an individual would be healthier for both the individual and the organization. It was asked if there were other districts in the process of revisiting the idea of incorporation. Mark Eveleth replied that there were. The point was made that there might be a need for state-organized (IBA) guidelines for districts pursuing such issues. Fred Stark commented on points of the bylaws. Steve Stickney asked that with his expertise in such matters, would Fred please revise and edit the draft for consideration at a later date? Dr. Myron Welch reiterated the need for a centralized set of By-Laws.

Non-profit status

Mark Eveleth reported that the non-profit status of SEIBA should fall under the umbrella of the IBA. It is not currently possible for this to happen. Otherwise, no reportable progress has been made on the issue.

District Chair Openings

These open positions were filled as indicated:

JH Large Group - Randy Oldfield

Elementary Solo/Ensemble - Dan Jecks

The county chairs for the following counties remain vacant: Iowa, Washington, Wapello, and Muscatine. County chairs serve as the contact person for personnel and membership. Steve Stickney indicated he would contact directors about serving as County Chair.

Craig McClenahan is making an effort to concentrate directors' e-mail addresses. Steve Harbaugh asked about the possibility of having e-mail addresses available on the SEIBA web site. Rob Medd commented that this would possibly expose directors to much unsolicited e-mail.

Committee volunteers to discuss proposed expansion to two district HS Honor Bands - deleted from the agenda

Other Old Business - none

New Business

Fall District Meeting

Steve Stickney proposed that the fall SEIBA District meeting be held on Sunday, August 18 at the Captain's Table Restaurant in Washington, IA, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Meeting at this time would give members needed time to discuss and act on important topics. Moved by Pam DeBoer, seconded by Craig McClenahan. Motion carried.

District Karl King Active and Retired Award Winners

Ron Coberley (Karl King Active) stated that it was an honor for him to receive this award.

Dan Anderson (Karl King Retired) also was honored to receive this award, and commented that, although he is retired, he still wants to help.

Other new business

Rob Medd encouraged directors to attend events with SEIBA ties.

Steve Stickney commented that he is looking forward to serving as president of SEIBA. Members are encouraged to contact him with questions or concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Collins
SEIBA Secretary