

**SEIBA Meeting Minutes
Honor Band Meeting
Iowa City West HS
Iowa City, IA
Saturday, January 24, 2004**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Steve Stickney. Directors present introduced themselves to the membership.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the Fall Meeting were approved (Eveleth/Bawden).

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mary Andersen presented members with a copy of the Treasurer's report. Current balance is \$4391.35.

SEIBA Committee Reports

Mentorship - Gary McCurdy reported for Craig McClenahan. There are 12 people interested in a mentor visit. Responsibilities for these visits were split between Gary McCurdy and Dan Anderson. In order to evaluate the success of the program, feedback from those who participated needs to be solicited. Salient points of the program include:

- The need for at least one personal contact (as opposed to phone or e-mail)
- Give advice as welcomed by the teacher
- Empathy for the teacher's situation
- The need to be a resource, rather than a critic
- Follow the protocol of the school
- Set up a timeframe for the visits with the teacher
- The importance of listening and questioning

Suggestions for future years include:

- Develop a handbook for mentors/mentees
- Mentees (and mentors) need to get over the fear of evaluation, and approach the process with a non-adversarial attitude

Membership - Drew Anderson reported for Tara Daurer. The membership was presented with a membership report. Tara is working on a long-range study of the SEIBA membership trends. The membership directory will be posted as a PDF file on the SEIBA website.

Honor Band - Derrick Murphy presented the membership with copies of the 2004 SEIBA Honor Band Budget and Expenditures. The balance before gate receipts and souvenir sales is \$10.51. Steve Harbaugh raised a concern about the participation level of small schools. The following suggestions were noted: a) a school only needs to send three students to audition to guarantee one accepted, b) send a letter inviting schools to participate, c) directors need to (informally) encourage their colleagues to participate. Stickney thanked Derrick Murphy and Marcia Korb for their work in preparing the Honor Band festival.

Elementary/JH Solo & Ensemble Contest - John Klopp reported that he is still in need of judges, and asked members to please consider making themselves available to judge. Highland needs two judges on February 7, and Central Lee needs eight judges on February 21. The festival pays \$125 for the judging day, plus \$0.25 per mile, up to a maximum of 120 miles. He also reported that the possibility of rotating the host sites is being considered. Steve Harbaugh raised the concern about the level of small school participation. Possible causes suggested by the membership include a) the possibility that the solo/ensemble festival is not meeting the needs of those schools, b) the possibility of too many Saturday conflicts, c) it is often more cost effective for schools to run their own festival and hire their own judges.

Jazz Festival - Rich Medd reported that the Jazz Festival will be held on March 6. He needs all requests for scheduling by next week.

JH Concert Band - Stickney reported for Tom McNamar. There is currently an overbalance of bands at the two sites (17 at WACO, 6 at North Scott). Tom may ask for some bands to switch sites if possible to alleviate this imbalance.

High School Concert Band Festival - Stickney reported that the HS Concert Band Festival will be held at Iowa City City High on February 27-28. The University of Iowa Symphony Band will perform on both dates. Directors are encouraged to contact him with any concerns which preclude their participation in this festival.

Major Landers Auditions - Nora Reiter reported that there was one Major Landers candidate this year, Brian Gartner (trumpet) from Davenport Assumption. Thanks go to Dennis Mott and John Klopp for adjudicating.

Elections - Jane Triplett reported that the new election process went well. Results of the elections are as follows:

SEIBA President-Elect: Dave Newport

Karl King Active: Steve Harbaugh

Karl King Retired: Charles DCamp

These awards will be presented at the Spring Meeting at IBA.

IBA Committee Reports

Elementary Affairs - no report

Junior High Affairs - John Henson reported that the IBA Middle School Honor Band folders are available. Cost is \$20.

Marching Band Affairs - Al Paulson reported that the new ballots for the IHSMA State Marching Band Festival will be ratified within the week.

Jazz Affairs - no report

Concert Band Affairs - Pam DeBoer reported that the committee met in the fall, and made recommendations about Solo/Ensemble Festival which include unifying the size of the various instrumental choirs, recognizing steel drum as an accepted instrument for use in performance, and allowing the videotaping of performances by audience members. The committee will discuss rules changes in March. Members are reminded that petitions for the performance of pieces not on the IHSMA approved list (for Large Group Festival in May) are due February 1.

College Affairs - no report

Mentorship - Craig McClenahan thanked Gary McCurdy and Dan Anderson for their work in the mentorship program. Craig suggested that members wear name tags at district events. He asked all 1st and 2nd year teachers who have been missed in the mentorship process to contact him. A 1st and 2nd year roundtable discussion will be held today at 1:00 p.m. All directors are invited to attend.

Research and Development/Historian - Kim Benson thanked the members for completing the Job Satisfaction surveys. Blank surveys are available for those who have not yet completed one.

Old Business

Non-profit status - Mary Andersen reported that the paperwork has been sent, and the one-time \$500 filing fee has been paid. The process is in its final stages and will be complete soon.

New Business

Retiring Directors/Tenure Awards for 30, 35, 40+ years of teaching - Stickney needs the names of directors who qualify for these awards.

IBA President - Stickney reminded members of the importance of their participation in the election process, and thanked the members of NEIBA for their support of the SEIBA candidate in last year's election.

Dominican Republic Band Project - Tony Guzman (Luther College) is heading participation in this project, an effort to collect and refurbish unused instruments for use in Dominican Republic band programs. Stickney will forward an e-mail from Guzman with more details.

Other

- a) Collins encouraged members to become members of the Iowa Alliance for Arts Education
- b) Stickney solicited members' participation in an informal discussion among directors at 2:00 p.m. Craig McClenahan suggested integrating this meeting with the 1st and 2nd year meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- c) Stickney informed members that a 2nd (annual) informal networking gathering will be held at IBA. More information will be forthcoming.
- d) Pam DeBoer asked members if they knew of any good classes or workshops that could be used for renewal credit.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. (Triplett/DeBoer)

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Collins
SEIBA Secretary