

South Dakota Bandmasters Association
Executive Board Meeting
Online via Zoom
May 12th, 2020 – Special Meeting

Members in Attendance: Vice President Mary Cogswell; Past President Larry Petersen; Region Representatives Dan Carlson, Renee Munsen, and Jordan Seidel; Representative of Young Bands Jared Opp; Summer Symposium Representative Helen Mogen; Secretary/Treasurer George Dragoo

The executive board meeting was called to order by Vice President Mary Cogswell at 3:04 p.m.

Minutes – The minutes from the February 2020 Executive Board and General Membership Meetings were presented to the board by George Dragoo. Larry Petersen motioned for the minutes to be approved. Jared Opp seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report – The financial report since the February 2020 meeting was shared. There was minimal activity due to the short timeframe.

Summer Symposium Report – Helen Mogen reported on the 2020 Summer Symposium. The date for this year's event in July 25th, 2020. The event will not be canceled in order to support continuity in the event for this and future years. The symposium will be offered online through portals such as Zoom with multiple sessions being offered and major keynote speakers presenting. Northern State University is moving forward on offering graduate credit for the symposium and will have details soon. The board discussed reaching out to additional nationally recognized presenters willing to do a "guest spot" during the symposium. Any thoughts regarding the symposium should be shared with Helen Mogen.

Midwest Clinic Scholarship – The board discussed the Midwest Clinic Scholarship going forward in 2020. It was decided to continue to offer the scholarship and stay aware of what happens with the event considering the COVID-19 situation. The applications for the Midwest Clinic Scholarship will be due September 15, 2020 and will be available on the SDBA website. It was discussed about how the distance learning across the state may have impacted the elementary contest fund balance. Jeff Patzlaff will be asked about this.

SD Bandmasters Reception – The board discussed having a reception at the State In-Service each year in order to help recognize the Hall of Fame and other award recipients at the convention. Vice President Cogswell will look into the details of this going forward.

SDBA College Scholarships – The board discussed making it a requirement for applicants of the SDBA College Scholarship to be members of the organization (as the college memberships are free to the students). Larry Petersen made the motion that from this point forward all college students who apply for the SDBA Scholarship will be required to be active members in the South Dakota Bandmasters Association, which is free of charge for college students in the state. The motion was seconded by Jordan Seidel and approved unanimously. This information will be

shared with the post-secondary institutions moving forward and included in the application process.

Other New Business – Items brought forward by membership for future discussion.

A proposal was discussed regarding possibly offering quarterly SDBA General Membership online via Zoom for those who would like to participate.

It was brought forward that the SDBA could possibly work to be a more visible presence at various events around the state. Perhaps it could have receptions or informational tables at applicable events throughout the year.

An idea was shared to compile a list that can be shared online and across the state that lists the dates and locations of elementary and middle school contests across the state. This would be very valuable for new and veteran teachers alike. This will be shared with elementary music contest representative Jeff Patzlaff.

Discussion was held regarding the 2020-2021 school year and how it may look with new policies and guidelines put in place due to COVID-19. The SDBA will be looking to work with other organizations in the state, and on a national level, to help meet the needs of students and staff.

Jared Opp made the motion to adjourn the Executive Board Meeting. Dan Carlson seconded the motion and the board unanimously voted to adjourn at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
George E. Dragoo
SDBA Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Bandmasters Association
General Membership Meeting
SDSU Performing Arts Center
February 14th & 15th, 2020 – State In-Service

Board Members Present: President Jeff Patzlaff; Vice-President Mary Cogswell; Past-President Larry Petersen; Region Representatives Dan Carlson, Kelly Van Overbeke, Renee Munsen, and Jordan Seidel; Young Band Representative Jared Opp; and Secretary/Treasurer George Dragoo

Called to order by President Patzlaff at 4:13 p.m.

Minutes - Secretary/Treasurer George Dragoo distributed the Minutes from the March 2019 SDBA General Membership Meeting. John Patzlaff motioned that the minutes be approved as presented. Phil Carlson seconded the motion. After no discussion from the floor the motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Report - Secretary/Treasurer George Dragoo distributed the 2019-2020 Financial Report to general membership. Tim Eckert motioned that the financial report be approved as presented. Patty Baule seconded the motion. After no discussion from the floor the motion was approved unanimously.

The unapproved minutes from the Executive Board Meeting on February 13, 2020 were shared with the general membership. President Patzlaff then reviewed the items discussed one by one.

SDBA Website – Website Manager Jason Groon was not in attendance, so no report was given.

Membership Report – President-Elect Mary Cogswell reported that currently there are 186 paid members of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association. The SDBA Facebook Page, which has 258 likes, will begin a pilot program livestreaming the conference performances this year.

College Scholarship Report – Scholarship Chairperson, Stephanie Wranek, reviewed the process of the two \$500 college scholarships presented annually at the Intercollegiate Concert by the SDBA. Communications to the state colleges and universities was sent both prior to the New Year, and after the New Year detailing the application process. As of today, there have been to applications received yet.

All State Jazz Band Report – All State Jazz Band Chairperson, Ryan Stahle, reported on the 2020 All State Jazz Band that will take place on May 7-9 in Aberdeen on the campus of Northern State University. Directors were strongly encouraged to have students audition. The materials are all available on the SDHSAA website and the recordings are due by March 13th. This year's clinicians are: Saxophonist Adam Larson from Kansas City, Bassist Kris Berg from Dallas, and Trombonist Matt Niess from the Washington D.C. area.

2020 All State Band Host Site Report – Site Host Ryan Stahle shared that Mitchell is excited and getting ready for a great All State Band Event. This year Mitchell is hosting multitude of

state music events in the facilities, and it will be a busy few weeks. Music for the students who made All State Band should be received at the schools next week. If you do not receive your music, or have any questions, contact Brooks Bowman or Mackenzie McKeithan in Pierre.

Denny Hegg Young Bandmaster Award Report – Award chairperson, Brian LeMaster, reminded people that the nomination forms are on the SDBA website. Nominees need to have less than 10 and more than 2 years of teaching experience. Nominations are not carried over year to year, so nominations are encouraged. Submissions are due by March 7th. To see a list of past recipients, go to the SDBA website (sdbandmasters.org).

Elementary Contest Report – Contest chairperson, Jeff Patzlaff, share the status of the SDBA sponsored Elementary Contests across the state. Last year’s weather caused some contests to be cancelled. Ribbons are available in the lobby for people to take home for local contests.

Midwest Scholarship Report Mary Cogswell reported on the Midwest Band Clinic Scholarship that is in its 3rd year of rewarding \$1000 to a director of young bands in their 1-5 year of teaching. 2019 Scholarship recipient, Nick Ries, took an opportunity to thank the SDBA for the scholarship and opportunity to attend the Midwest Band Clinic. He shared some of his highlights and encouraged young directors across the state to apply for this scholarship if they are eligible. The SDBA Midwest Scholarship is funded through \$500 from bandmasters and another \$500 from private donor in our organization. If other members would like to donate to the scholarship it would always be appreciated.

SDBA Collegiate Membership - Mary Cogswell shared the discussion the board had regarding college student’s membership and involvement with the SDBA. In order to be more present and active with college music students in the state a free membership could be offered. Don Crowe made the motion to accept the executive board’s recommendation that the South Dakota Bandmasters Association offer a free, non-voting college membership option from this point forward. John Alpers seconded the motion. After no discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

New Communications Liaison Position - Mary Cogswell reported that the executive board decided to add a position to the board that will be known as Communications Liaison. This position will be a central contact point for communications statewide and work towards a regular communication to all members (i.e. newsletters, conference pictures and recaps, etc.). Any member(s) interested in serving in this position should contact a member of the executive board.

SDBA History Update – Arlen Hofer shared a glimpse of the immense research he has done to preserve the history of the South Dakota Bandmasters. All membership was asked to share any historical pictures or items found in their schools for archival purposes. Members were also encouraged to attend the “Bandmaster Breakfast” to see a slide show created by Arlen Hofer and to learn even more about our history.

Summer Symposium Update – Helen Mogen shared that the 2020 Summer Symposium will take place July 25th in Chamberlain. Feel free to email Helen Mogen with ideas for presenters or subjects for the symposium. Paula Crider was great in 2019 and we will be looking into how

often Conn Selmer would be willing to support doing this again. Helen will also follow up on credit availability at the symposium through Northern State University.

Rock and Roll Association Report - This year the South Dakota Rock and Roll Association will again be providing ten \$1000 grants. Over \$50,000 of grants have been given throughout the state over the past several years. Helen Mogen will be sending application information in the near future. A motion was made by Andrew Belsaas to have the SDBA buy a \$250 ad for the SD Rock and Roll Associations Hall of Fame induction concert program. Ryan Stahle seconded the motion. After no discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

SDBA Hall of Fame Report – Chairperson Phil Carlson spoke about this year’s Hall of Fame process and nominees. Ballots were handed out with the five candidates names listed: Michael Coyne, Leo Warnke, John Colson, Joseph Pekas, and Marklen Bray. The floor was then opened for several members to speak in support of the nominees. Ballots were collected to be counted and results shared at the meeting the following day.

SDHSAA Report - No report submitted from SDHSAA for this meeting.

Members Retiring – Lola Bartels from Clark

Members In Distress – Phil Carlson shared that his grandfather, Dennis Carlson’s Father, could use our thoughts and prayers.

Music Advisory Items – Ben Koch asked that anyone who had students audition for All State should please fill out judge’s survey. Ben also spoke of this being the 1st year of committee formed to review the All State Band results. This committee was able to verify the calculations of scores, but were unable to see specifics such as sightreading, terms, ballots, etc. If membership has thoughts of how to make this committee more effective and useful, they are asked to talk to any of the members (Ben Koch, Ryan Stahle, and Phil Carlson).

The meeting was put into recess until February 15th by President Jeff Patzlaff at 5:06 p.m. (A group picture of the membership present was then taken.)

The meeting of the SDBA General Membership was reconvened at 12:41 p.m. on February 15th by Jeff Patzlaff.

Beginning Band SDBA Project - The board shared that it voted to support a motion that stated “to help create a sense of unity with beginning band programs across the state, The South Dakota Bandmasters Association will have an annual recommended beginning band piece that could be played by individual schools or festival bands statewide”. The hope is that the SDBA can take a more active role in the young band programs across the state and help in creating an opportunity to connect programs though out the state.

Convention Band Report – Chairperson Dan Carlson spoke regarding convention band applications for next year. It is great to see a diversity of groups perform (younger/older, small school/large school, concert/jazz, etc.). The form to submit your band is on the SDBA website.

You just need to submit two pieces of varying styles. Membership is asked to have their submissions in by all state band. Schools are also encouraged to respect and try to implement diversity in their programming of convention performances.

2021 Convention Invitation - Dr. Reynolds shared that SDSU was honored to have us at their annual music in-service and would like to invite us for next year (same weekend). The SDBA again shared the great appreciation and thanks to SDSU for finding a permanent home for our Hall of Fame plaques.

Hall of Fame Results – Phil Carlson shared that this year we will be inducting TWO members in the SDBA Hall of Fame. This year's recipients are John Colson and Leo Warnke.

John Patzlaff motioned to adjourn the meeting. After a second by Patty Baule the membership unanimously approved to adjourn at 1:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Dragoo
SDBA Secretary/Treasurer