

South Dakota Bandmasters Association
Executive Board Meeting
Online via Zoom
February 11th, 2021 – State In-Service

Board Members in Attendance: President Jeff Patzlaff; Vice President Mary Cogswell; Region Representatives Dan Carlson, Kelli Van Overbeke, Renee Munsen, and Jordan Seidel; Representative of Young Bands Jared Opp; Secretary/Treasurer George Dragoo

The executive board meeting was called to order by President Jeff Patzlaff at 5:03 p.m. (CST).

Treasurers Report – The financial report of February 2020 through January 2021 was presented to the board by George Dragoo. That report will be provided to the General Membership for approval at the February 13th meeting.

Minutes – The minutes from the May 2020 Executive Board Meeting was presented to the board by George Dragoo. Jared Opp motioned for the minutes to be approved. Renee Munsen seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Conference Updates – Dr David Reynolds and Dr Jacob Wallace spoke to the board about the 2021 Conference. We are missed on the campus of SDSU, but much credit was given to Mary Cogswell and Dr. Wallace for their work to make the convention proceed with a very impressive offering of sessions. This year's conference has reached well beyond South Dakota. There are over 200 registrants from a variety of states and countries. SDSU is planning on the 2022 Conference being back on campus, but some ideas from this year's plan could definitely carry over into future conferences.

Membership Report – Mary Cogswell reported that there are currently 205 members of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association (23 of those are collegiate members). The SDBA Facebook Page has been “liked” by 457 people and has 481 Followers.

Rock and Roll Association Report – Helen Mogen reported that the 2021 Hall of Fame Induction Concert has been postponed to September (as of now). The organization wants to continue their grants to schools statewide, but some changes may have to take place. They are considering moving the application timeline to May, and the announcement of recipients to the following fall. The Rock and Roll Association is also looking for high school bands (garage-style bands) to potentially perform at the Friday night of the event.

Summer Symposium Report – Helen Mogen reported a very positive response to the 2020 Summer Symposium. People very much appreciated the recorded presentations and the national presenters. For the 2021 Summer Symposium the keynote speaker being booked is Dr. Tim Lautzenhiser. If people have ideas for specific additional presentations, please reach out to Helen Mogen. The date being considered is July 24th and we will work to have the availability to take the symposium for credit again (please explore this amazing and affordable opportunity this year).

Midwest Clinic Scholarship – There were no applicants for the 2020 Midwest Clinic Scholarship, but we will move forward with the Scholarship in 2021 and beyond.

Elementary Contest Report – Jeff Patzlaff shared the financial report for the state elementary contest. As of last year, the balance in the Elementary Music Contest account was \$18,424.88. Through the process of bringing some sites current, or closing dormant accounts, the current balance in the account is \$19,108.51. Jeff especially wanted to congratulate sites that have made, or will be making, contest opportunities for students with safe considerations during the pandemic. Based on specific sites situation there will be contests unable to take place this year, and others that will with modifications.

Hall of Fame Report – Phil Carlson reported that this year there are 5 nominees for the SDBA Hall of Fame ballot. Names carried over from last year include Marklen Bray, Michael Coyne, and Joseph Pekas, while new nominees include Dale Fiedler and Larry Johnson. There will be no awards presented at All State Band this year, so we will likely wait and recognize the new Hall of Fame members at the 2022 Bandmasters Convention. Voting on this year’s nominees will take place at the General Membership meeting on February 13th following introductions, opportunities to speak, and a review of voting protocol.

SDHSAA State Music Report – Brooks Bowman (SDHSAA) spoke to the board regarding the state events taking place this school year. All State Band is moving forward with a modified format that has been shared with directors. There will now be 4 smaller bands with 2 rehearsing/performing on a Friday, and 2 rehearsing/performing on a Saturday. The guest conductors will be SD College Directors John LaCognata, Jacob Wallace, Haley Armstrong, and Rolf Olson. The SDHSAA is hoping to have the 2021 results done by Monday, February 15th.

All State Orchestra and Choir is still be discussed. A survey was sent out to directors across the state and based on that the Music Advisory has recommended to go forward with “Option 4” (which cancels the chorus and continues the orchestra with safety protocols). This recommendation now goes to a task force that was set up for this matter. They will come to a recommendation and that will all be presented to the SDHSAA Board of Directors at their meeting on March 3rd. A decision is scheduled to be made at that time.

All State Jazz Band is good to go for this year. With the smaller number involved, and the facilities available in Mitchell, the event can be run in a safe and educational manner.

Discussion over General Membership Meeting normally held at All State Band – Due to the format of this year’s All State Band event, and the close proximity between the convention and the All State weekend the recommendation is to coordinate a SDBA General Membership Meeting to take place on the Saturday morning of All State Jazz Band in a virtual setting just like our February meeting. Details regarding this meeting will be shared as it gets closer.

Dennis Hegg Young Bandmaster Award – This year’s award will be presented at the General Membership Meeting. As we go forward, membership is encouraged to consider and nominate the great young band directors that exist across our state in programs big and small. This can be shared and encouraged at the fall region meetings by our membership.

Other New Business –

Discussion on SDBA/Phi Beta Mu Awards Presentations – Mary Cogswell brought up the idea of presenting our SDBA and Phi Beta Mu awards at the annual state convention. This would allow for a very appreciative audience as well as an opportunity for a reception or recognition for new and past award recipients. A motion was made by Jordan Seidel that starting in 2022 the SDBA and Phi Beta Mu Awards will be presented at the annual February convention. Kelli Overbeke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with the board.

Members in Distress – Jim Smith, Duane Niles, and Dennis Carlson’s father could all use our thoughts and prayers currently. Mel Thistle, Wayne Friez, Larry Tolzin, and Leonard Vellek have passed away over the last year.

Members Retiring – Jeff Patzlaff (Platte/Geddes)

Mary Cogswell made the motion to adjourn the Executive Board Meeting. Dan Carlson seconded the motion. The board unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. (CST).

Respectfully Submitted,
George E. Dragoo
SDBA Secretary/Treasurer

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The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Patzlaff at 1:00 p.m. (CST).

Minutes – The minutes from the February 2020 General Membership Meeting was presented by George Dragoo. John Patzlaff motioned for the minutes to be approved. Jordan Seidel seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. The minutes from the May 2020 and February 2021 Executive Board Meetings were also shared for membership to review.

Treasurers Report – The financial report of February 2020 through January 2021 was presented by George Dragoo. Ron Stary motioned for the financial report to be approved. Pat Simon seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Membership Report – Mary Cogswell reported that there are currently 205 members of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association (23 of those are collegiate members). The SDBA Facebook Page has been “liked” by 459 people (that number was 250 one year ago).

Conference Updates – Dr David Reynolds showed appreciation to all the people involved with making this year’s Virtual Conference a great success. He was very hopeful that the 2022 conference will be in person again.

Executive Board Elections – Candidates were presented for each open position, secure voting then took place online, and the results were shared with membership.

President-Elect – Candidates: Susan Karels and Ben Koch

Winner: **Ben Koch**

Region 1 & 2 Representative – Candidates: Tessa Belgum, Holly Gage, and Dan Sip

Winner – **Dan Sip**

Region 7 & 8 Representative – Candidates: Katie Appl, Mick Dragoo, and Jennifer Larson

Winner – **Mick Dragoo**

Hall of Fame Report – Phil Carlson reported that this year there are 5 nominees for the SDBA Hall of Fame ballot. Names carried over from last year include Marklen Bray, Michael Coyne, and Joseph Pekas, while new nominees include Dale Fiedler and Larry Johnson. Membership had time to speak on behalf of the candidates, then the election was held in a secure online manner.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Association – Helen Mogen gave a report on business connected to the SD Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Association. Last year the grant program was canceled due to the pandemic canceling their event. The induction concert has been moved to the fall of

2021. Grant applications will be due in May, with awardees being announced in the fall. The number of grants will be based on the ability to fund them. Helen also reported that at their induction event they are looking to start a Friday Night HS Battle of the Bands to provide an opportunity for “garage bands” across the state.

SDBA Summer Symposium – Helen Mogen reported on the 2021 SDBA Summer Symposium event. The date of the event is set as July 24th, 2021 with keynote speaker Dr. Tim Lautzenhiser. This year’s event will again be done in a virtual format. If you have ideas for presentations, please reach out to Helen Mogen. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

All State Site Host Report – Ryan Stahle shared that Mitchel is excited to host All. State Band for the first time since 1999. Safety plans have been put into place and it should be a great experience for the students. Mitchell is also honored to host the 2021 All State Jazz Band. This year’s clinicians are Adam Larson from the Kansas City Area, Kris Berg from near Dallas, and Matt Niess from Virginia.

Phi Beta Mu Awards – The 2021 Phi Beta Mu Awards were presented by President Ryan Stahle:

Distinguished Service Award – Terry Keehn

Outstanding Bandmaster Award – Mary Cogswell

Dennis Hegg Young Director Award – The 2021 Young Director Award was presented by chairperson Brian LeMaster:

Dennis Hegg Young Director Award – Jordan Seidel

Young Bands Report – Young Band Chairperson Jared Opp reported on the prior discussed plan to help coordinate a beginning band piece of music that can be used to help unify programs across the state. Jared also requested to have regions share the names of the new (and veteran) young band directors in the state to help set up a database for communication and information dispersal.

Elementary Contest Report – Jeff Patzlaff reported on the state of elementary contest in South Dakota during this unique timeframe. Andrea Harstad and Mary Cogswell have worked hard on creating ideas for Safe Contests. Membership is asked to contact Jeff Patzlaff with any happenings in your regions or if we can help in any way.

Convention Bands – Dan Carlson reported that they will be listening to potential 2022 Conference Band applications at All State Jazz Band time (early May). Submissions are encouraged from ALL kinds of groups from across the state. The submission information is online.

Website Report – Jason Groon sent word that if anybody has questions or concerns regarding the SDBA website, they should reach out to him.

Future SDBA Awards Presentations – Mary Cogswell shared the new plan to award and recognize SDBA award recipients at the State Inservice going forward. The board feels that this will be an ideal audience for these presentations and that the recipients can be recognized in a better manner.

Hall of Fame Results – We will be inducting THREE new members to the SDBA Hall of Fame:
Dale Fiedler – Joe Pekas – Mike Coyne

Official Transfer of Board Positions - New SDBA Board Members were moved into their positions and those leaving their positions were recognized for their service and dedication.

Members in Distress – The following former band directors have passed away in the last year: Mel Thistle from Aberdeen, Wayne Friez from Lemmon, Larry Tolzin from Menno, and Leonard Vellek from Huron. Members in distress that we should keep in our thoughts: Jim Smith, Duane Niles, and Darwin Walker. A moment of silence was held.

Retirees – When asked for directors planning to retire this year Jeff Patzlaff from Platte-Geddes shared that he is retiring at the end of the school year. Membership shared their best wishes and happiness for Jeff.

New Business Items

Dr. David Reynolds invited the South Dakota Bandmasters Association back to SDSU for their convention in 2022.

Ron Stary shared the opportunity for band directors to take part in the Saluting America Band Directors Parade Band for the 2022 Rose Parade.

College Band Scholarships – Stephanie Wranek shared information about the scholarship program. Communication was sent to college directors in early January. Student auditions are due March 18th, and they must be members of SDBA (free college membership). The awards are typically given during the Intercollegiate Band during All State Band. A way to award and recognize these recipients this year will be organized with the college directors later this spring.

Kim Carda shared the process Region 4 used for a Virtual Contest Process. She is will to share ideas with anyone if they reach out to her.

SDBA President, Mary Cogswell, once again thanked everyone for the hard work to make this year's convention happen. It has been a great success, and that is due to a lot of people putting the time and effort to make it work for the entire membership.

Kevin Kessler motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Ron Stary seconded the motion and the membership unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
George E. Drago
SDBA Secretary/Treasurer