

South Dakota Bandmasters Association
Executive Board Meeting
SDSU Performing Arts Center Conference Room
February 10, 2022 – State In-Service

Board Members in Attendance: President Mary Cogswell; President-Elect Ben Koch; Past President Jeff Patzlaff; Region Representatives Dan Sip, Renee Munsen, Kelli VanOverbeke, and Mick Dragoo; Young Bands Representative Jared Opp; Secretary-Treasurer George Dragoo

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Cogswell at 1:05 p.m.

Minutes were presented from the May 1, 2021 Executive Board Meeting. Jared Opp moved to accept the minutes as presented, Renee Munsen seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

The **Treasurer's Report** was shared with the Executive Board, showing expenses and earnings since the last Executive Board Meeting. As of February 10, 2022 the South Dakota Bandmasters had a balance of \$10,321.02 (\$8,195.33 in Checking, \$1030.31 in Savings, and \$1,095.38 in Paypal). Mick Dragoo motioned to accept the treasurers report as presented, Ben Koch seconded the motion, and the treasurers report was accepted unanimously.

The **Membership Report** was given by President-Elect Ben Koch. Currently the membership of the South Dakota Bandmasters stands at 207 members, including 20 Collegiate Members. The SDBA Facebook Page has grown to 529 followers.

Conference Updates were shared by Dr. David Reynolds. The 2022 SD Music In-Service is excited to welcome so many attendees (up from years prior to the pandemic), to a diverse and excellent collection of performers and presenters. SDSU worked closely with SDBA to find clinics and schedules that work best for all the teachers of the state. The schedule was set so that clinics do not run side-by-side with concerts. Ideas are starting to be generated for 2023, but no contracts have been locked in. Dr. Reynolds also shared that SDSU is working to potentially provide a masterclass, the afternoon before All State Band rehearsals start, with the visiting Mnozil Brass.

Region Updates were shared with the Executive Board. Discussion was held regarding the number of Music Majors in the state, the turnover in music teachers across South Dakota, and how the SDBA can best serve those teachers in our state that are new to teaching, or new to our area. The Mentor Program provided by the SD Department of Education could be a great tool for new teachers. Ideally a new music teacher's mentor would be a music teacher as well. Region Representatives can help to promote this program in their areas for both Mentors and Mentees. SDBA will reach out to membership with information to apply for the mentorship program.

President Mary Cogswell shared her idea to provide a **monthly newsletter** of sorts to membership across the state. This would be a tool for membership to share ideas, experiences, and growth with each other, and for the SDBA to continue to grow in its connectivity.

A thank you letter from Emily Deinken was shared with the board. Emily was the recipient of the annual **\$1000 SDBA Midwest Clinic Scholarship**. She was very appreciative of the opportunity and is excited to share the things she was able experience.

Tanner Goodall zoomed in to the meeting and shared his appreciation and experiences of the 2021 Midwest Band Clinic. Tanner was the recipient of the inaugural **\$500 iJazzMusic.com Midwest Clinic Scholarship** (courtesy of iJazzmusic.com and Gene Aitken). Tanner will be a presenter at the 2022 SDBA Summer Symposium.

Helen Mogen spoke regarding the **South Dakota Rock and Roll Hall of Fame**. After granting over \$50,000 in the past years, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is going to take some time and review their grant process for music education in the state. As soon as they have their plan in place, membership will receive information.

Helen Mogen then discussed the **SDBA Summer Symposium**. The last two years have had great presenters, and great participation, even with having to do the symposium online. As we look forward to 2022, and the SDBA Summer Symposium going back to in-person, Helen is going to look at possible dates, locations, and opportunities. As these things get set up, membership will receive details and directions on how to sign up and attend this well-received opportunity.

Brooks Bowman gave a report from the **SDHSAA**. This year's All State Band audition scheduling was very challenging with higher-than-normal special requests, and the Sioux Falls audition site got a bit overloaded. The "Varsity Bound" program used by SDHSAA will just be called "Bound" in the near future. The 2022 SD All State Band looks to be an amazing event. SDSU and the SDHSAA have been working closely together to make a smooth and positive event. A bonus of this year's All State Band is the opportunity for students, and directors, to get to attend the Mnozil Brass Concert taking place at SDSU during the All State Band weekend. All State Band music will be mailed out next week.

Brooks Bowman also discussed the survey recently sent out to all SD High School Band Directors regarding the All State Band audition process. Brooks encouraged all directors to take time to complete the survey. It will be available until approximately February 16th. After the results of the survey are compiled, the Music Advisory Committee will look at the responses. The Music Advisory Committee meets in April.

Jared Opp gave a report regarding **Young Bands**. Jared and Kelli are excited that their bands will be coming together to perform the premiere of an SDBA let consortium piece from composer Danielle Fisher from Austin, Texas. 30-32 Directors from 21 schools donated just of

\$1,000 to support this consortium piece. After its performance Saturday morning, the commission piece will soon be available to directors across the country to purchase.

Jeff Patzlaff gave an **Elementary Contest Report**, along with a financial report that the Contest Account Balance is currently at \$15,697. During the pandemic many schools had to do in-house contests rather than multiple schools gathering at one festival site. Jeff worked with those directors and helped supply ribbons to them. Many schools will still be doing the same thing this year, but more details will be available once contest season is complete. The Board discussed the future of Elementary Contests, and what we can do as an organization to continue to support these opportunities for all students across the state.

Discussion was held regarding when to schedule the **next SDBA Executive Board Meeting** (required to have a minimum of two per year). It was decided to delay scheduling until after the Music Advisory Committee meets in April. A board meeting will be set and held online.

The board discussed setting up a policy regarding **Memorials** for members of the South Dakota Bandmasters Association. Jared Opp made a motion that SDBA provide a minimum \$100 Memorial Contribution for SDBA Members that pass away. Ben Koch seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding **announcement and presentation of awards**. This year we will be recognizing multiple year's recipients prior to the SDSU Concert, but in the future some logistics will need to be coordinated between the different organizations involved with annual awards.

Discussion was held by the board regarding its continued **commitment to serving** its membership. This support can be given multiple ways, such as Slack or Podcasts. The board is dedicated to continuing work to find ways to help young and veteran teachers across the state.

The board took a moment to recognize known **members retiring** at the end of this school year. Known retirees include Jackie Stacey and Patty Baule. Best of luck to them as they move to this next step of their life and thank you for your service to the countless students.

The board took time to recognize those **members who have passed away** over the last year. Known members that left us include Duane Niles, George Gulson, Earl Sherburne, Sharon Rishoi, Jim Smith, Larry Mitchell, and Lee Ferguson. They will absolutely be missed.

Jeff Patzlaff moved to adjourn the meeting, Mick Dragoo seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. The SDBA Executive Board Meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Dragoo
SDBA Secretary Treasurer