

**South Dakota Bandmasters Association
General Membership Meeting
SDSU Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center – Choir Room
February 12, 2022 – State In-Service**

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Cogswell at 8:33 a.m.

Minutes were presented from the February 10, 2022 Executive Board Meeting.

The **Treasurer's Report** was shared with the General Membership. 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).

The **Membership Report** was given by President-Elect Ben Koch. Currently the membership of the South Dakota Bandmasters stands at 209 members, including 20 Collegiate Members. The SDBA Facebook Page has grown to 529 followers.

Young Bands Report was given by Jared Opp. He shared about the progression of the Bandmasters Consortium for Young Bands, and the rehearsal held in preparation for the premiere performance at the conference.

Elementary Contest Manager Jeff Patzlaff shared that any site contest managers may contact him with any questions regarding their contests going forward.

Convention Band Report from Dan Carlson stated that all applicants for the 2023 Convention need to be turned in by All State Band for review and selection.

Summer Symposium was discussed by coordinator Helen Mogen. The tentative date is Thursday, July 21st in Chamberlain. This year's event will include social activities as well as a multitude of valuable sessions. Membership is asked to share any topic ideas with Helen Mogen or Mary Cogswell.

SDBA Hall of Fame report by Phil Carlson stated that the process used in 2022 seemed to be quite successful, and that going forward we will use the format with some room for refinement. If anyone has questions about who has been previously nominated, they can email Phil Carlson.

Dennis Hegg Young Band Director Award coordinator Brian LeMaster wanted to remind membership to promote nominations from programs of all sizes throughout the state.

All State Band Report – Dr. Reynolds spoke about the 2022 All State Band being hosted in Brookings on the SDSU campus. This year's schedule will be adjusted slightly due to the amazing opportunity for the students to attend a concert performed by the Mnozil Brass. This

concert will be free of charge to the students (and directors). There will also be a possibly be a Master Class by the Mnozil Brass at 3 p.m. the Thursday of All State Band weekend. This year's conductors will be Dr. Aaron Perrine (Cornell College) and Dr. Travis Cross (UCLA).

All State Jazz Band Report – Dr. Reynolds spoke about the 2022 All State Jazz Band, which will include the first ever All State Show Choir. This event will be hosted on the SDSU campus May 5-7, which is the same weekend as the SDSU Graduation. Directors should plan accordingly for hotel rooms. This year's clinicians will be James Pisano (Wichita State University), Marcus Lewis (University of MO-KC), and Ben Markley (University of Wyoming).

SDHSAA SURVEY – A survey has been sent to the band directors of South Dakota regarding processes used in All State Band Auditions. Membership is strongly encouraged to complete the survey before the deadline.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY in the past year were shared with membership: Duane Niles, George Gulson, Earl Sherburne, Sharon Rishoi, Jim Smith, Larry Mitchell, Lee Ferguson, and Esther Thistle. A moment of silence was held.

MEMBERS RETIRING were recognized: Jackie Stacey, Patty Baule, and Dr. Don Crowe received a rousing ovation to celebrate their amazing careers and best wishes for a great retirement.

NEW BUSINESS SHARED

- Bands interested in announcing live streams of their concerts through SDBA are encouraged to share that information with Mary Cogswell.
- Membership was reminded that there are several ways to help young directors in the state, including the Department of Education Mentor/Mentee program.
- All membership is encouraged to reach out to each other for any help or assistance throughout the year. We are an organization that is here to help each other in any ways possible.
- College Directors are reminded about the mid-March deadline for the SDBA Scholarships. Students are required to be SDBA members (free for college students).
- Jerry Letcher shared that the SD Ambassadors of Music will be back for the summer of 2023 (under a new name) for all programs interested in participating.
- Dr. Kevin Kessler encouraged membership in the Nation Band Association. Resources provided are a valuable asset for members.
- Lots of new beginning band pieces are being commissioned in our area. Directors are encouraged to watch for these pieces for that would work for their individual programs.
- Membership was encouraged to take part in their area Elementary Band Contests. These have been a great asset sponsored by the SDBA for decades.

2023 SD MUSIC INSERVICE CONFERENCE – Dr. Reynolds formally invited the SDBA to attend the 2023 Conference which will take place February 9-11, 2023. Lots of amazing clinicians and sessions will be there.

Jerry Letcher moved to adjourn the meeting, Del Huber seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. The SDBA General Membership Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Dragoo
SDBA Secretary Treasurer