

# **SDBA Executive Board Meeting**

## **Thursday, February 9, 2023 – 1:00 PM**

### **Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center at SDSU – Conference Room**

In attendance: President-Mary Cogswell, President Elect-Ben Koch, Past President-Jeff Patzlaff, Region 1 Representative-Dan Sip, Region 3 & 4 Representative-Kelli VanOverbeke, Region 5 & 6 Representative-Renee Munsen, Region 7 & 8 Representative-Mick Dragoo, Young Bands Representative-Jared Opp, Secretary/Treasurer-George Dragoo

Meeting was called to order at – 1:05 by President Mary Cogswell.

Minutes from the Fall 2022 Executive Board Meeting were presented by Secretary/Treasurer Dragoo. Jared Opp moved to approve the minutes. Ben Koch seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to accept the minutes as written.

The Financial Report of February 2022-February 2023 was presented by Secretary/Treasurer Dragoo. The current balance of all SDBA Financial Accounts is \$10,412.09. Kelli VanOverbeke moved to accept the report. Mick Dragoo seconded the motion, and the report was unanimously approved.

Conference updates-Dr. Reynolds stopped by the meeting to give his official welcome and introduction of conference. Dr Tim Lautzenhiser is coming in from the Texas Music Educators Association Conference and is excited to be in South Dakota. Dr. Reynolds reported that having people apply to present at the conference has been very successful. He also made a special point about how happy the conference is to have a west river collegiate band performing (Black Hills State University). Preregistration for the conference has been very strong. Once walk-in registrations are completed the conference numbers will likely be the highest since 7 or 8 years ago.

Membership Report – Ben Koch reported that the South Dakota Bandmasters currently has 195 members (150 standard members ... 10 student memberships... and the remaining retired memberships). The board discussed approaching college music education departments more directly about having students sign up for the free SDBA membership that is available to them. The SDBA Facebook Page is at 599 followers currently.

Dr. Jake Wallace and Dr. Karen Fannin stopped by the board meeting to say hello, and to introduce guest clinician Dr. Fannin, who is currently the President Elect of Nebraska Bandmaster Association. A discussion about collaboration between Nebraska and South Dakota's Bandmaster Organizations was encouraged.

Summer Symposium – Helen Mogen share that the 2022 Symposium was outstanding event with 45 participants who signed up. There were great presentations, and the social events of boats and golf were excellent. The date for 2023 would be July 20<sup>th</sup> in Chamberlain. Any ideas for sessions are welcome to be shared with Helen Mogen.

#### Midwest Clinic Recipients

Andrew Belsaas sent a very nice communication to the SDBA Board discussing his appreciation of receiving the \$500 iJazz Midwest Scholarship. He discussed many of the amazing clinics and performances he attended, as well as how he has brought that knowledge back to his own jazz program.

Lucas Fredrick came to the board meeting report on experiences at the Midwest Clinic (as the recipient of the Midwest Clinic Scholarship of \$1000). Lucas talked about his amazing experience on the exhibition floor, seeing phenomenal performances, and attending clinics with lots of information to bring back to his school.

He also talked about the great opportunity to meet people from around the country, and to network with all sorts of people. One of his pieces of advice for future scholarship recipients is, “Don’t let yourself be overwhelmed... just take it in”.

#### Midwest Scholarship Change Proposal

Ben Koch motioned, and Kelli VanOverbeke seconded, to open up the Midwest Scholarship to all SDBA members with preference given to young directors and/or first-time attendees to the conference. The board unanimously approved presenting this proposal to the General Membership at the Saturday meeting for approval.

Dennis Hegg Young Director Award Report – Brian Lemaster wanted to share again that he would like the membership to help support this program and nominate the exceptional young band directors across South Dakota. The board discussed helping to promote the recognition through the Department of Education mentorship program, and by reaching out to administration groups to make available for them to nominate their exceptional young band teachers.

Elementary Contest Report – Jeff Patzlaff reported that the Elementary Music Contest Program is in good financial situation, but the participation is getting smaller and smaller each year.

The current number of contests is 12 Instrumental and 7 Piano. Directors who are interested in doing local contests for their own school and getting ribbons through SDBA is supported. The board also discussed situations where accompanists are not available. It was agreed that recorded accompaniment (or even no accompaniment) will be acceptable to allow the student an opportunity to participate.

SDBA Hall of Fame - Phil Carlson was proud to report that Jerome Letcher will be inducted as the newest member of the South Dakota Bandmasters Hall of Fame. Phil discussed how honored he is to hold the position of coordinator for the Hall of Fame. Discussion was held regarding the sharing of candidate information and voting. At Saturday’s General Membership Meeting, Phil Carlson will share an idea of a “committee format” to use in the future to help nomination and selection of inductees.

SDHSAA State Music – Communication was shared from Brooks Bowman (SDHSAA). Brooks wanted to thank the SDBA for working with SDMEA to bring Paul Cravens in for this year’s All State Band event. He is the composer of one of the pieces to be performed. Information was shared that in the near future the SDHSAA will be reviewing the activities calendar to find dates for new activities approved recently, and they will be reviewing classifications for schools (which may have a minor effect on All State Chorus Quartets). Finally, Brooks Bowman shared that if anyone would like to propose a rule change for the Music Advisory Committee, they should go to <https://www.sdhsaa.com/Forms/FA-AdvisoryCommittee.pdf>.

Composer stipend for All State Band – Thanks to Ben Koch for all the work he did coordinating with SDMEA to allow for the Paul Cravens participation at All State Band. SDBA will share in covering travel and hotel for Cravens.

SDBA College Scholarship Award – Last fall the SDBA Board discussed raising the SDBA College Scholarship from \$500 to \$1000 per participant, starting in 2023. With the positive financial situation the SDBA is in, along with the understanding of college costs, the board unanimously supported bring this recommendation to the general membership for approval.

#### Other New Business

Discussions are continuing regarding a potential update to the SDBA logo

Conference performance day/time assignments – The board discussed a plan to help streamline the selection and communication process with bands selected to perform at the South Dakota In-Service Music Conference. This will hopefully alleviate any potential miscommunication in the process.

Language in SDBA by-laws - Article III Section 5 – states that the SDHSAA representative serves as parliamentarian for the SDBA Board Meetings. It has been requested, by the SDHSAA, to have this removed from the by-laws. This will require a majority approval from membership at the Saturday meeting.

Thanks to all the members who completed the “State of Band” survey earlier this year. The board hopes to use the information gathered to help better serve the band directors of South Dakota by seeing a snapshot of the bands across the state.

Nominees for the Board Election on Saturday were confirmed, and the election is set to take place during the meeting with results shared before adjournment.

There will be a reunion of members of the Cresbard Band at the Friday evening SDSU Band Concert. This band performed at the Midwest Band Clinic in Chicago in 1953. It will be an honor to have them at our conference.

Board member Dan Sip shared information regarding the need for communities to have musicians to perform Taps at military funerals and various events. Dan discussed the idea of creating a network for our students to have the opportunity to take on this honored tradition and realize the importance of this service.

#### Recognition of Membership

Members in distress – None were shared.

Members that have passed – None were shared.

Members Retiring – Kathy Leisinger - Mitchell Christian; Mick Dragoo – Lead-Deadwood; Vicki Bjerke – Castlewood

Mick Dragoo motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Dan Sip seconded the motion, and the board adjourned their meeting at 4:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Dragoo  
SDBA Secretary/Treasurer