

SDBA Executive Board Meeting
All State Band - March 25, 2023
Sioux Falls O’Gorman HS – Admin Conference Room

Board Members Present: Ben Koch-President, Susan Karels-President Elect, Mary Cogswell-Past President, Dan Sip-Region 1/2 Representative, Wendy Thorsen-Region 3/4 Representative, Elizabeth Bengs-Region 5/8 Representative, Andrea Harstad-Young Bands Representative (Mick Dragoo-Region 7/8 Representative Absent)

Executive Board Meeting called to order by President Ben Koch at 10:47 a.m. No past minutes of financial report.

Members Mary Ellen Kennedy and Ali Dunbar have expressed an interest in helping with the SDBA social media presence.

Summer Symposium updates were shared. Helen Mogen shared that she has Kevin Kessler and another presenter set up for the Symposium. She is still open to other presenters/session ideas such as: possible drumline group to talk marching percussion basics; young director basics versus veteran mentorship plans; All State Band solo repertoire thoughts; Drew Balta jazz presentation.

Discussion was held regarding updates to the SDBA Logo. Wendy Thorsen said update thoughts will be coming when the graphic designer’s schedule allows.

The Board discussed potential award engraving location changes. We currently have multiple locations that we use the variety of awards we present. Now that we are awarding everything at the annual conference, perhaps we could explore moving all engraving and awards creation to one location (possible Bookings) so that it could be a one-stop transaction. President Koch will talk with the parties involved with the engraving to discuss logistics.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed All State Band Handbook language regarding “Live auditions in case of inclement weather”. President Koch has prepared information to share with the SDHSAA regarding our concerns with the proposed handbook changes.

The board discussed names we could share as ideas for conference headliners. Ideas included Randall Standridge, Peter Boonshaft, Brian Balmages, Willie Murillo, Darcy Williams, MJ Robinson, Carol Britton Chambers, and Julie Giroux.

Discussion was held regarding future SDBA needs and offerings. We need to start a discussion on how we keep being relevant to ALL 5-12 band directors in our state. What are the needs of our membership, and how can we support those needs? We’ve been on a great track of targeting 5-8 bands and directors, especially with recent conference sessions and

performances. How do we continue that momentum? Discussion was held on where we can reach more people, and have a bigger impact on the collegiate level.

Susan Karels motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mary Cogswell seconded the motion and the board unanimously voted to adjourn at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Dragoo
SDBA Secretary/Treasurer