



MBDA Central Region Officers

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MBDA Central Board of Directors

Michael Knutson, Membership Chair
Brett Krohn, 9-10 Honor Band Chair
Susan Potvin, 6-8 Honor Band Chair
Laura Boillat, Beginning Band Chair

September 17, 2011
Linda's Café, Rogers, MN

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 am.

AGENDA:

I. Review of previous meeting minutes. Brett moved to approve the minutes of the June 13 meeting, second by Steve Boulka.

II. MBDA Meeting Report on September 10, 2011 @ MMEA Offices.

III. Treasurer report:

A. MBDA financial reporting update: Steve Lyons included a financial report, and has determined after checking with the state board that we are financially on track as a region both with balances and reporting systems. Treasurer's report approved by Steve Boulka, second by Brett.

B. Current balance is \$5,452.13.

IV. 2011-12 Calendar Review:

- A. Week of August 15-19, 2011 – mailing was sent to region directors (generically labeled “band director” on the address label) encouraging membership and explaining benefits available to members. Mailing actually went out around September 1.
- B. Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011: Fall meeting date to review Honor Band information.
 - a. Draft of new nomination form was presented and discussed. Susan & Brett will make updates to it and then forward to webmaster for posting.
- C. Week of Sept. 19-23, 2011: Mailing dates for Regional 6-8 & 9-10 Honor Band information. We amended this timeline by stating that before the end of September, an email will be sent to directors with attachment of nomination form.
- D. Nov. 1, 2011: Nomination deadline for honor band members.
- E. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011: Folder stuffing at 1:00 pm Monticello HS; mail envelopes to schools following stuffing.
- F. MUSIC – Schmitt Music has kindly agreed to donate 2 copies of each piece to our event, with the final intent to be that the music be given out to directors.

We will recognize Schmitt in our concert program. HB Coordinators should order music directly from Schmitt.

G. Week of Nov. 7-11, 2011: notification of honor band members via email to directors

H. Saturday, January 7, 2012: Meeting at 8 am at Linda's Cafe
-brainstorm new people to fill officer and coordinator positions.
-finalize honor band details, etc.

I. Saturday, January 21, 2012: 6-8/9-10 Honor Band Festival
Location: Elk River High School

Host: John Rosner (763)241-3434x2158 (612)743-0621(cell)
john.rosner@elkriver.k12.mn.us

6-8 Conductor: Paul Kile (952)250-3372 (cell)
paukile@edina.k12.mn.us

Literature selections forthcoming at the time of this writing.

9-10 Conductor: Dr. John Ginnochio (507) 537-7209
john.ginocchio@smsu.edu

Potential literature selections were discussed from a list provided by Dr. Ginnochio.

Guest conductors will each receive a stipend of \$350. Each section coach will receive a stipend of \$50. Motion by Laura to approve these amounts, second by Steve Boulka.

Student fee for participation will be \$25. This will include a t-shirt. Motion by Steve to approve fee and t-shirt, second by Laura. Steve will check into creation of t-shirts. Coordinators will be certain to include t-shirt size on the student acceptance form.

J. Week of January 30-February 3, 2012: email communication review of 2012 Regional Honor Band Festival. –

K. Week of February 6-10, 2012: mailing of Regional Beginning Band Festival information. Mailing may include ballots for Officers and Board of Directors for 2012-13; summary report of recent honor bands; possible newsletter??

a. Discussion on best way to distribute information – email? Survey Monkey for ballot? Steve Boulka will check on whether Survey Monkey includes a fee for usage.

K. Feb. 16-18, 2012: @ MMEA Convention: state meeting to report CMBDA events, progress, etc. on Friday afternoon around 2 pm. Gather together and share info with other regions.

L. Week of April 2-6, 2012: notification of selected band members for Beginner Band Festival via email

M. Saturday, April 7, 2012 , 8:00am (Linda's Café in Rogers): Spring meeting date to review needs for Beginning Band Festival

N. Saturday, May 5, 2012: Beginner Band Festival (Laura Boillat, coordinator)
Festival date: Saturday, May 5, 2012
Possible clinicians: Lee Kjesbo, Paul Schierenbeck
Location: Brett will check on Monticello HS
School Host: ??
Beginner Band Chair: Laura Boillat
Conductor: \$250 for BBF conductor, \$50 for section coaches
Fee: \$15 which includes a souvenir metal (no t-shirts) Motion to approve
by Laura, second by Brett.
For Beginners, keep fee at \$15, include metals instead of t-shirts (?) moved by Laura B
and second by Brett. Okie dokie.
O. Week of May 7-11, 2012: email communication to review 2011 Beginner
Band Festival.
P. Monday, June 11, 2012 , 8:00am (Linda's Café):
-set calendar for 2012-13
-transition of Officers and Board of Directors, etc.
-positions to be filled: Secretary, Treasurer, 6-8 honor band coordinator,

V. Compensation Confirmation

- A. Festival coordinators = \$150 for work performed & site hosts
(unless same person is coordinator) then = \$50 for work performed.
- B. See above for decisions.

VI. Native American Band Commission Proposed at MBDA Meeting on Sept. 10, 2011.

Proposed by: Bruce Olson, CMBDA President
bruce.olson@anoka.k12.mn.us (763)506-6570
Request: Funding from MBDA for two commissions for 6-8 & 9-10 festival
bands.
Re: Two Native American compositions to meet the new MN Arts Standards.
When: Director input given at MBDA Festivals January 2012.
Premiered at MBDA Festivals January 2013.

Steve Boulka will talk to Wendy Barden & Nyssa Brown about how the meaning
of the new standard and ways to apply it to the band setting. Discussion centered around
information presented below, with the agreement that we want the end product to be
useful and effective and non-offensive to the population.

The intent is that the composer would attend honor band event this January and
potentially offer the professional development session for directors.

Below is the information collected by Bruce Olson and summarizes what was presented
to the state board of directors.

INFORMATION GIVEN TO COMPOSERS:

We are considering the possibility of commissioning a concert band work for two bands. Both bands are a
standard concert band instrumentation that tends to border on the large size (80+ players). The 6-8th grade

honor band would need a Grade 2+ work that is in the 3-5 minute range. The 9-10 band would require a grade 3 – 3 1/2 work that is 4-6 minutes in length. We would like each tune to incorporate a Native American theme, to align with our new state arts standards.

We would invite input from directors at our January 21, 2012 Festival. We would then plan to premier the pieces January 2013, with a completion date of November 2012, when music would be sent to students. At this time, we are collecting information regarding your interest in this project and commission fees. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

POTENTIAL COMPOSERS:

Native American Composers:

- Lyz Jaakola lyz_jaakola@hotmail.com Fond du lac Tribal and Community
- Neil McKay mckay020@umn.edu Univ of MN
- Brent Michael Davids http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brent_Michael_Davids

(b. Madison, Wisconsin, United States, June 4, 1959) is an American composer and flautist. He is a member of the Stockbridge Mohican nation of American Indians. He has composed for Zeitgeist, the Kronos Quartet, Joffrey Ballet, the National Symphony Orchestra, and Chanticleer.

He holds a B.M. degree in music composition from Northern Illinois University (1981) and an M.M. in music composition from Arizona State University (1990), and is currently pursuing an M.A. in American Indian religious studies from Arizona State University.

In addition to concert music, Davids writes music for films. He composed music for the 2002 film The Business of Fancydancing and has composed a new score for the American 1920 film The Last of the Mohicans.

Davids' Mohican name is Blue Butterfly. He lives in Saint Paul, Minnesota and is an active participant with the First Nations Composer Initiative. He has also served as Composer-in-Residence with the Native American Composers Apprenticeship Project.

Other Composers:

- Bruce Pearson
- TJ Cross
- J. Robert Hanson
- Mike Halstensen Very interested. (6 min. = \$1500ea??)
- Lane Powell 2 pieces for 6-8 & 9-10 = \$2000 total
- Tim Mahr 2 pieces for 6-8 & 9-10 = \$7000 total with \$1500 advance.

VII. Other Business

A. Concert Program – table for next meeting

-set program edit deadline, print at ???

-include MBDA info, website, & upcoming events. Include Schmitt

music thank you, ad, etc., in addition to someone writing them a thank-you note.

B. Newsletter update & ideas? – tabled for next meeting, possibly distribute to membership at end of February

C. Future agenda items: process for raffling off/distributing donated music; use of Survey Monkey for elections; streamline registration process for honor band

Steve Boulka motioned to adjourn at 10:11 am, second by Brett. Meeting adjourned.