

**Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association
District V**

General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 14th, 2013

Spencers Route 46 - Saginaw

Attendance: Steve Shaw – Freeland, Roger Stevens – Midland, Ed Turner – Durand, Mike Bentley – guest (retired), Mike Tolrud – Owosso, Carl Knipe – Owosso, Jillian Schlegel – Owosso, Linda Murray – Midland Northeast, Garret Ernst – Perry, Nicki Bruski – Midland, Amanda Thoms – Midland, Scott Vetter – Bath, Jim Burkhardt – Coleman, Craig Heydenburg – Bay City Western, Kristy Keenan – Bay City Central, Heidi Schlosser – Bay City Western, Katelyn Aikens – Merrill, Eric Clauder – Frankenmuth, Phil Baker – Fulton, Chad Parmenter – Carson City-Crystal, Katie Harris – Bay City Handy, Jeanine Ignash – Ovid-Elsie, Chris Deming – Saginaw Swan Valley, Matthew Shephard – Meridian, Steve DeRees – Midland, Chris O’Connell – Midland, Jim Huber – Midland (retired), Kathy Peretz – Midland, Jo Ann Gross - Shepherd

- I. Meeting called to order – 7:02 pm
- II. Reports from Officers and Committees:
 - A. Secretary – Matthew Shephard
 - 1. Minutes are posted online
 - 2. Motion to accept – Keenan/Burkhardt – motion carries
 - B. Treasurer – Steven Shaw
 - 1. Solo & Ensemble is about even from previous years
 - 2. Marching Festival down in gate from previous years
 - 3. Motion to accept – Turner/Baker – motion carries
 - C. President – Jo Ann Gross
 - 1. Please attend MMC this weekend
 - 2. Teacher of the Year nominations – no one from District 5 has been nominated in recent years, please download application and return by deadline of March 1, 2013
 - 3. Thanks to all hosts, chairs and vice presidents for your hard work thus far and for your service through the remainder of the year
 - 4. Motion to accept – Turner/Stevens – motion carries
 - D. Solo and Ensemble - Heidi Schlosser
 - 1. High School festival appears to be consistent in size with previous years
 - 2. Jr. High festival registration (winter) is slightly up from last year
 - 3. High School schedule will be posted within the week
 - 4. Motion to accept – Keenan/Baker – motion carries
 - E. Band and Orchestra – Jeanine Ignash
 - 1. Only 87 events registered this year – down 17 from last year
 - a. The previous year we were down 10 events
 - 2. Check required pieces, number of parts (not players), etc. previous to attending festival
 - 3. Hosts will be sending paperwork as the date draws nearer
 - 4. Motion to accept – Burkhardt/Keenan – motion carries
 - F. Workers – Matthew Shephard
 - 1. Worker Assignments for Solo & Ensemble and District Festival will be posted shortly after the schedules are released
 - 2. Motion to accept – Murray/Bruski – motion carries
 - G. Orchestral Activities - Linda Murray
 - 1. Alternate Styles Day – broke even this year
 - 2. Proficiency Scales
 - a. Added tempo markings

- b. Adjusted order to match common teaching practices
 - c. Survey to membership coming soon
 - 3. New Orchestral Program added in Madison (near Tecumseh/Adrian)
 - 4. Looking for All-State Conductor and All-State Excerpt suggestions from membership
 - 5. Motion to accept – Keenan/Burkhardt– motion carries
 - H. Marching Band – Roy Davis
 - 1. 16 bands participated in this year’s festival
 - 2. 2 groups transferred from another district (Holt & Waverly HS)
 - 3. Motion to accept – Ernst/Heydenburg– motion carries
 - I. Festival Improvements – Roger Stevens
 - 1. Bassoon Prof. I and Prof II scales are “reversing”, but NOT this year
 - a. A chromatic (2 8vas) will become Prof. II
 - b. Bb chromatic (2 8vas) will become Prof. I
 - 2. FIC has recommended the potential change of one piece PER classification
 - 3. Looking into adding a classification of “Jr./Sr. High School Band” for festival registration
 - 4. Motion to accept – Baker/Knipe – motion carries
 - J. Music Education – Nicki Bruski
 - 1. Survey results will be posted on the state website shortly
 - 2. Music advocacy “target audience” is being addressed
 - a. To whom are we communicating? Governor? School Districts? Parents?
 - 3. Teacher Evaluations
 - a. Results are posted online of various districts methods of teacher evaluations
 - b. Band/Orchestra Director evaluations are unique – please keep that in mind
 - 4. MAEIA (Model Arts Education Instruction and Assessment) Project
 - a. Participants will draft blueprint of ideal arts program (based upon the state content standards) as well as an audit tool and assessment specifications
 - 5. Motion to accept – Stevens/Burkhardt– motion carries
 - K. Member Emeritus – Jo Ann Gross
 - 1. Mike Bentley is being recognized as Member Emeritus
 - L. YAF/All State – Kristy Keenan
 - 1. Support young musicians by encouraging them to audition for All-State ensembles each year
 - 2. Please remember that District 5 will cover half of the registration costs for students in our district that participate in Youth Arts Festival in May
 - 3. Motion to accept – Turner/Stevens– motion carries
- III. Old Business – All Star Weekend
 - a. Committee was formed to determine key components of the “makeup” of All Star Weekend but has not met to date
 - b. The committee will be comprised of Mike Tolrud, Linda Murray, Roger Stevens, Heidi Schlosser, Kristy Keenan, Chad Parmenter, Eric Clauder, Katie Harris
 - c. Mike Tolrud will head the fact-finding committee
- IV. New Business
 - A. Dates for next year:
 - 1. Fall Meeting: **Monday, September 9th, 2013**
 - 2. Marching Festival: **Monday, October 14th, 2013**

3. Marching (Rain Date): **Monday, October 21st, 2013**
 4. JH S/E Festival (Winter): **Saturday, December 14th, 2013**
 5. Winter Meeting: **Monday, January 13th, 2014**
 6. JH All Star Weekend: **To Be Announced**
 7. HS S/E Festival: ~~Saturday, February 15th, 2014~~ **Saturday, February 8th, 2014**
 8. B/O Festival (1st Weekend): **Friday/Saturday, February 28th/March 1st, 2014**
 9. B/O Festival (2nd Weekend): **Friday/Saturday, March 14th/15th, 2014**
 10. JH S/E Festival (Spring): **Saturday, April 12th, 2014**
 11. Spring Meeting: **Monday, May 5th, 2014**
 12. We need sites for all festival events. If you would like your school to host please fill out an Application to Host and return it to Jo Ann as soon as possible so that we can vote on it in the spring meeting.
 13. It is moved that High School Solo & Ensemble be changed to February 8, 2014 – Shaw/DeRees – motion carries
 14. Motion to accept dates as presented with the addition of the amended date for High School Solo & Ensemble Festival – Ernst/Heydenburg – motion carries
- B. **Executive Board Action:** It was moved by Schlosser and supported by Ignash to reassign the duty of our District 5 VP of Workers to VP of Adjudicators. In addition, our By-Laws will be amended immediately to reflect this change. It is located in Article II. Changes are reflected in italics and will read as the following: **(MOTION PASSED)**
1. Motion to accept executive board action – Ernst/Parmenter – motion carries

Section 2: First Vice President

- A. It shall be the duty of the First Vice-President to perform all the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence, inability, disability, or resignation, and to assist the President.
- B. The First Vice-President shall be the chairperson of the District Band and Orchestra Festivals. *He/she shall organize all details of the festival including assigning workers.*

Section 3: Second Vice-President

It shall be the duty of the Second Vice-President to be chairperson for the Senior High and Junior High Sections of the District Solo and Ensemble Festivals. *He/she shall organize all details of the festival including assigning workers.*

Section 4: Third Vice-President

It shall be the duty of the Third Vice-President to be chairperson for adjudication. He/she will hire adjudicators for all District V festivals.

2. Motion to accept – Knipe/Baker – motion carries
- C. Election of Officers
1. President
 - a. Matthew Shephard
 2. Secretary
 - a. Jim Burkhart
 3. VP of Solo & Ensemble
 - a. Heidi Schlosser
 4. VP of Orchestral Activities
 - a. Linda Murray
 5. VP of Adjudicators

- a. Steve DeRees
 - 6. Motion to accept recommended slate of officers from executive board and cast a unanimous ballot – Knipe/Baker –motion carries
 - D. The President speaks on State topics
 - 1. Possibility of conference being restructured to focus more on MSBOA topics (lab rehearsals, specific issues faced by B&O directors, etc.)
 - 2. To fix a problem, problem must be identified, and then solutions must be presented – PLEASE be a part of identifying solutions!
 - E. Membership Fees
 - 1. Proposal to eliminate current registration fees and replace with a \$75 per grade fee structure
 - a. This would result in a loss of revenue (\$64,050)
 - b. Loss of revenue COULD be made up by adding additional \$1-\$3 per solo & ensemble event BUT no decisions have been made to this point
 - c. Motion has been made that President Gross expresses that District 5 is not in support of the potential fee restructure proposal to the MSBOA State Executive Board – Heydenburg/Burkhardt – motion withdrawn
 - F. Other
- V. For the good of the order
 - A. Announcements
 - 1. Roger Stevens picked up handout on music apps from the Midwest Clinic
 - 2. Oakland University – free music app clinic on February 1, 2013
 - 3. Midland Dow HS will be hosting S&E adjudicator workshop next December, 2013
 - 4. Kristy Keenan offered thanks for condolences on her band family’s loss last fall
- VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm – Heydenburg/Keenan – motion carries