



# MSBOA District 9 - Fall Meeting

Thursday, 08.17.2023

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## Agenda/Minutes included

Meeting called to order: 1:26 PM

Members Present: Mark Andersen (Ogemaw Heights), Phil Baker (Houghton Lake), Meghan Corkey (Pinconning), Kim Gordon (AuGres-Sims), Emma Hilton (Alcona), Brandon Jerashen (Tawas), Jason Lowe (Clare), Paul Shimmons (Farwell), Justin Taylor (Clare - Teaching Intern), Megan Wolfgang (Standish-Sterling)

### Welcome - Acknowledgment of Guests

### Executive Reports

#### Secretary - Mark Andersen

- Move to accept: Wolfgang, support Baker
- PASSED

#### Treasurer - Emma Hilton

- \$5690.17 current balance
- Move to accept: Baker, Wolfgang
- PASSED

#### Vice President of Adjudication - Brad Beyer

- HS S&E: Greg Adamus, (James Huber - looking to replace), Roger Weyersberg
- MS S&E: Nicki Bruski, Tom Golden, Tim Mocny
- Band Festival: Howard Wilson, Joe Dobos, Dan Burdette, Chad Mielens
- Move to accept: Andersen, Baker
- PASSED

#### Vice President of Band - Megan Wolfgang

- Host: Standish-Sterling HS, March 5 & 6
- Move to accept: Hilton, Baker
- PASSED

#### Vice President of Solo & Ensemble - Karen Lopez

- Host: Standish-Sterling HS, March 5 & 6
  - Move to accept: Wolfgang, Shimmons
  - PASSED
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~~Executive Director - Garrett Ernst~~

President - Jason Lowe

- Written
- Move to accept: Wolfgang, Baker
- PASSED

## Committee Reports

**All-Star Band - Kim Gordon**

- Host: Alpena, Jan 19-20
- Audition Hearings: Jan 2
- 9th grade can audition for both
- Record in/Convert to mp3
- Developing repertoire list for Chris Chapman

**All-State Band - Kim Gordon**

- Deadline: October 2
- Check MSBOA website for audition information and music selection
- Host: AuGres-Sims, October 21 & 22

**Emeritus - Jason Lowe**

**Festival Improvements -**

**Music Education - Brandon Jersahen**

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Adjournment

## VP Solo and Ensemble Report

Karen Lopez

August 17, 2024

High School Solo and Ensemble

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Ogemaw Heights High School

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, November 29, 2023

State Solo and Ensemble

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Middle School Solo and Ensemble

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Tawas High School

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Refer to pages 21-48 in the MSBOA Yearbook for detailed information about Solo and Ensemble procedures and rules.

As always – if you are going to miss a deadline, please contact me before the deadline so that arrangements can be made.

If your school district or booster organization is slow to generate checks, please plan ahead to ensure that you meet the deadlines.

Karen Lopez

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## President's Report

Jason Lowe

August 17, 2024

**Great to see each of you...** sorry for the garbled communications in getting this meeting around. I forgot Mark had secured G's for us... and then the weather ruined golf for us. We definitely will have to have another social event as we begin a school year. Let's also consider our timing of this meeting - is August too early? We should review our individual school district calendars closely - because in our district, our membership is close-knit and important to have at each of our meetings.

**Important MSBOA D9 Documentation** Please remember almost all documentation is on the MSBOA D9 Shared Drive. Make that your first stop for calendars, invoices, and so forth.

**Festival Improvement and Music Education Committee meetings** will be held Saturday, September 9. I will not be available to attend; is there anyone who might be able to represent District 9 at FIC?

**Pioneer Marching Showcase** will be held Tuesday, September 26. We look forward to a couple of new features in concessions as well as a new clinician or two. Questions about start times for you: We are looking at having 12 or 13 groups this year. Can we move up the performance start time for some of you? How does that affect your travel? Schedule will be updated and sent out as soon as I get confirmation from all parties.

**Advocate for Your Kids and your programs.** Continue to be fearless advocates of your programs through involvement in School Improvement Teams, Curriculum Sessions, and other salient events in the life of your school. You are your students' best advocate - and encourage parents to be polite and firm in contact with those who have influence in decisions to be made at your building and in your district. If you need assistance, please reach out to me, Greg Holt, Matt Shephard or Garrett for support. Continue to provide, support and enrich their experience as only you can... but please, take care of yourself in the process.

**Echoing the reminder on Deadlines:** Some procedures in Administrative Offices are painfully slow. Since physically walking through the process is not always possible given your facility's layout. I advocate taking a picture of you processing forms/fees with a date/timestamp and holding on to it, as well as notifying the appropriate VP or Treasurer of any delay. We get it, there are delays all over, but **forewarning** our VPs and State Office of deadline concerns can alleviate headaches for you down the line.

Allow me to regale you with a quick occurrence that happened to me yesterday:

I was in the Commons area of CHS and saw an older couple looking around quizzically inside the building. I offered to help them find something... they so sweetly responded that they are visitors( Showing me their badges!) and were graduates from CHS in 1965. They were looking for the band room! Serendipitous! Larry and Lynn Norcutt were visiting some family and Wednesday they began their trip back to their home in Maryland. Larry and his twin brother Gary played euphonium and his oldest brother was first chair trombone in Lloyd Conley's band. I shared my too few interactions with Lloyd... and soon, Larry began to tear up hearing about Lloyd and just being in the band room of his youth. At the end of a great 15-minute conversation, they had to go. Larry grabbed some quick pictures... Alas, I didn't have my phone on me for one... but I gave Larry a business card and big hug and said I hoped he returned when we had the band in session; we would be honored to play the Fight Song and Alma Mater for him. Just a quick reminder of the profound impact we have on our students and the legacy we are charged with at each of our schools and communities.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jason Lowe**