

MSBOA District IX Minutes
Monday, September 13, 2021
Tait's Bill of Fare
Oscoda

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by District IX President, Jason Lowe.

Present: Mark Andersen (Ogemaw Heights), Phil Baker (Houghton Lake), Brad Beyer (Alpena), Shane Billingsley (Hale), Garrett Ernst (Executive Director, MSBOA), Kim Gordon (AuGres-Sims), Gregory Jacot (Student Teacher - Oscoda), Brandon Jerashen (Tawas), Cathy Kintner (Beaverton), Karen Lopez (Oscoda), Jason Lowe (Clare), Emma Pendergrass (Alcona), Paul Shimmons (Farwell), Kaylee (Student Teacher - Farwell)

Highlights from the Spring meeting were shared. Cathy Kintner moved to accept the report. Karen Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Emma Pendergrass

Current balance: \$10,381.69

Reconciliation report was made in July.

We are committed to a \$2,000 commission payable to Peter Terry.

Karen Lopez moved to accept the report. Paul Shimmons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vice President of Adjudicators Report - Megan Wolfgang (absent)

Jason Lowe shared the names of the adjudicators who have been hired so far. He will share that list in our MSBOA meetings folder in the shared drive.

Everybody seems to understand that it's possible that Solo and Ensemble may have to be virtual this year, although we are planning for an in-person event at this time.

Cathy Kintner moved to accept the report. Shane Billingsley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vice President of B/O - Karen Lopez

It is not yet finalized what the requirements for Band and Orchestra Festival will be this year. So far, ensembles will be required to play only two pieces if they choose. One piece must be from a list (any list), and one does not have to be a march. It has not yet been determined what the criteria will be to qualify for State Band and Orchestra Festival. There will be a survey from Heidi Schlosser shared to Jason which he will share to each of us. Please take the time to complete this survey so that this event can move forward in a way most acceptable to MSBOA members.

Karen Lopez will investigate where the 2021 Band Festival plaques are.

Cathy Kintner moved to accept this report. Phil Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Vice President of S/E - Brandon Jerashen

In the event that MS Fall Solo and Ensemble Festivals become virtual, accompaniment and timing rules are already in place. Garrett Ernst has confidence that Brandon can listen to all of the events to make sure that they have met the requirements of this event.

It is up to each district to set fees, hire judges and set the upload window.

MS Solo and Ensemble will take place in December in Tawas.

HS Solo and Ensemble will take place in February in Clare.

President's Report - Jason Lowe

It is important to meet deadlines. In the event that you are unable to meet a deadline, contact the state office, or the district v/p prior to the deadline to get the help that you need. Membership deadline is September 20. Adjudicator workshop (S/E and B/O) deadline is October 1. Workshop will be held in Flushing this year. Karen Lopez moved to accept the report. Shane Billingsley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

All State - Kim Gordon

Deadline to register is October 1. Auditions will be held in AuGres on October 23 and 24.

All-Star Band - Kim Gordon

January 21-22 at Alpena High School. The commission is written and Lucia's piece is selected. The listening session will be on January 4 and Paul will put all audition music on the shared drive.

Emeritus - Cathy Kintner

No Report

Since Cathy is retiring, this position will need to be filled. Let Jason know if you are willing and able to help out.

FIC - Shane Billingsley

Solo and Ensemble groups of 8 or more: "Choir" can have up to 2 per part. "Chamber Ensemble" can only have 1 per part.

Flex Band Arrangements B/O - must use original score (if it is a simplified version) for music used as required piece. You may use the Flex Score for selected piece or if no original score exists (if the music was written only for Flex Band).

Music Ed - Brandon Jerashen

You should have received the September, 2021 newsletter. Brandon will send it out again, as it may have been overlooked by some. Included in the newsletter: resources for SEL incorporating music, tragedy in music, a beginning of the year checklist, festival rules reminders. If you are not receiving the Music Ed newsletter, let Garrett know and he will check that the email address that MSBOA is using for you is correct. The newsletter is bi-monthly and comes out in odd months.

Old Business

The District 9 calendar is on the shared drive.

Do you want to be a part of the dialog about COVID protocols for festivals? Get to the meeting on November 6 in Okemos.

There should not be concerns about hosting or participating in events, as all schools have fully active athletic programs running.

New Business

Is each band contributing \$100 for the commission? Will each school receive a copy and permission to perform? Cathy Kintner moved that MSBOA District 9 pays for the entire commission. Paul Shimmons seconded the motion. The motion passed. Kim will ask the composer for an invoice.

Paul will soon delete old All-Star Band performances from the shared drive to make room for new and exciting things.

Garrett Ernst - Executive Director MSBOA

New for 2021-22 you can pay via check or credit card. A paylink will be generated that can be sent to business offices or boosters.

All adjudicators are required to go through anti-bias training. Trainings are available November 2 (virtual), April 2 (virtual) and at MMC at the Adjudicator Update session. Going forward, this will become part of new adjudicator training.

The yearbook was emailed out and is on the MSBOA website.

All-State audition requirements were posted on August 25.

MMC is January 27-29. All participants will be asked to sign a "Hold No Harm" waiver. All vendors and employees of the venue will wear masks. Participants are not required to wear masks at this time.

Please remember Social Media Etiquette and call the state office or the relevant District Officer if you have a grievance. This is much more effective than complaining on FaceBook!

Shane Billingsley moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Cathy Kintner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen R. Lopez
Acting Secretary
MSBOA District IX