

**WTSBOA Membership Meeting #1**  
**Liberty Tech High School**  
**August 20, 2016**

Meeting Called to order at 9:44am by Stephen Price

Motion was made by David Chipman and was seconded to accept the minutes as posted at WTSBOA.com

Darrell Evans presented the Fall 2016 Financial Report showing a balance of \$20,563.84 Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> & approved to accept the report.

Plaques were presented to Leigh Boyce and Karen Henning in appreciation and recognition of their dedication & tireless work on behalf of WTSBOA.

**President's Report:**

NAfME fees are paid by individual members upon expiration of memberships; Pay WTSBOA / TBA dues through WTSBOA; Please call NAfME and update your information. Jazz & Orchestra Festivals are going well. Jazz Festival had 20 groups perform this past year. Orchestra Festival had 41 groups perform. Orchestra directors are initiating the process to create a state music list.

Introduction of New Members from the membership: New members are welcomed to WTSBOA and are encouraged to ask questions. For new directors on the website, under forms, is a tab for "Director Resources". Stephen reviewed Tips for New Members, membership meeting requirements, following the calendar especially deadlines.

**TMEA Report:**

Ollie Liddell shared financial information from the August 13, 2016 TMEA Council Meeting. Directors are encouraged to stay at Opryland Hotel during the All-State Convention.

The April 27-28 State Concert Festival will be held at Austin Peay.

Ollie presented some All-State revisions and updates including the revised Concert Festival Assessment Form (on power point).

**All-State Report:**

Barry Troubaugh shared that All-State will be the first week in April 2017;

Dr. Jonathan Vest, TMEA President shared TMEA information with the membership: David Chipman is serving as State Band Chair; Addressed concerns with All-State 2016, specifically the performance venue. To secure the Presidential Ball Room at Opryland, the membership must use a specific number of hotel rooms at the facility. He shared information concerning a "clearance house" type system to facilitate student room sharing.

Dr. Vest thinks that many conference issues will be improved this coming year. He wants to move us beyond just a conference venue, he wants TMEA to be identified

General Music Membership – increasing General Music membership and Teachers & offer more resources. Lyndsey Mullins, WTSBOA member, is the General Music State Chair.

Advocating for Teachers – Hiring a lobbyist for the TN State legislature; Concerns over computer science counting as a fine arts credit in TN; High School Activity time required now and is taking away from fine arts time. Encourages members to meet with senators / legislators; have students perform in the lobby....allow performing arts education to have a presence. He addressed NAFME Executive Director resigning – encouraged us to use that as a purpose to see how we can improve / diversify in TMEA. TMEA needs to have a purpose beyond just the conference. Music Education needs to move forward in a positive way throughout the state. He thanked all for their efforts and support. Stephen Price thanked Dr. Vest for attending & speaking today.

### **Band Report:**

Michael Parsons shared All-West Senior High Rehearsal Chair information:

9-10 Blue Jason Eckford

9-10 Red James Henning

11-12 Blue Marc Bonner

11-12 Red Jenifer Cupples / Carley Cherry

Carol Chipman shared All-West Middle School Rehearsal Chair Information:

Blue Band: Megan Woodring

Red Band: Mary Armstrong

### **Orchestra Report:**

Ptoia Furlow shared the All-West Orchestra Chair Information:

Middle School Andrew Knot

9-10 Daniel Strawser

11-12 - James Weil

### **Jazz Report:**

Ollie Liddell encouraged all programs to have a jazz ensemble, 4 West TN Band students were in All-State Jazz in 2016. The TMEA Jazz Caucus voted during the April Meeting to add improvisation of one chorus of "B-flat Rhythm Changes" to the All-State Jazz Auditions. We are adding this to the All-West Jazz Band Auditions to align with the state.

### **TBA Report:**

Chelsea Negray TBA Symposium held in Nashville in June 2016. The symposium was very beneficial Dr. Alfred Watkins was a clinician. The symposium will be held June 1-3, 2017.

We have two state level voices from West TN: Barry Troubaugh TBA President and David Chipman State Band Chair. Encouraged the membership to be members and involved with TBA.

### **Old Business:**

Stephen Price: Official Release date for All West music has been developed. It will be the Music Committee's responsibility to have all Orchestra and Band music ready to be posted on the WTSBOA website by the Monday following the August meeting.

All Orchestra auditions are on Nov. 19 – WW, Brass, Percussion & Strings. Reminder about new fees for festivals (concert, marching) and All-West Clinic registration; other fees remain the same.

### **Caucus Meetings:**

#### **Middle School:**

Kayla Price was elected as Middle School Coordinator. Lucy Presson shared concerns about the AW middle school audition scale requirements and that will be addressed at a later time, as it will take an approved motion. Discussion to clear up middle school scales in By-Laws. Discussion concerning middle school concert festival judges: members concerned that these should have middle school teaching experience. AW Clinicians: Linda Davis, Blue Band and Jamie Cummings Young, Red Band. Concern that festival costs are increasing.

#### **High School:**

Jennifer Cupples volunteered to be the 11-12 Red Band Rehearsal Chair. David Chipman shared All-State Concert Festival information. Members were encouraged to be involved in the All-West leadership group, rehearsal chairs, monitors...etc.

#### **Orchestra:**

HS Orchestra All-West Dress: Males – Tux or black suit; Females – Formal, all black dress; Clarify HS 9-12 to scale requirements; Event Chairs: Concert Festival – Francie Beard & Chelsea Subick Co-Chairs; Solo & Ensemble – Zach Corpus; Members discussed creating a committee to develop a new AW Audition rotation 3 year vs 4 year vs 2 year: James Weil, Andy Palmer, Daniel Strawser, Roboyn Green; Additional discussion on Orchestra List and possible composition competition to be presented when details are worked out.

**Jazz:**

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**New Business:**

Chris Piecuch presented to the membership (on power point) specific grammatical corrections, clarifications, procedure updates to the constitution that were discussed and presented to be changed, during the 15-16 membership meetings this past year. These items were added during the June 16 Summer Board meeting and presented via the power point presentation. He also went reviewed selected constitution / by-laws areas and reminded membership of the upcoming marching festival deadline. AW Orchestra scales were clarified.

Pam Wilensky questioned the AW orchestra concert dress attire and that portion of the constitution/by-law updates were tabled to be clarified later.

Ollie Liddell discussed concert festival entry rating classification: the higher music grade performed determines classification. The membership discussed this. Membership question concerning changing a selected concert festival piece of music prior to festival performance; Chris requested additional time and review.

**Lifetime Achievement:**

Carol Chipman presented a motion: Karen Henning, Lanny Byrd and Jeff Huddleston will be honored with Life Time Achievement Award recognition during the All-West Clinic. The motion passed.

**Announcements:**

See WTSBOA.com Membership Announcements: marching contests / festivals / All-West prep

Dr. Armand Hall University of Memphis – Bandmasters Competition Oct. 22,  
Nov. 12: U of M Band Day;

U of M Honor Band Feb. 2-4

The membership thanked the vendors at this meeting: David Lee, Thomas Tours, Galaxy Marketing, and Jack Mallard

**Adjournment:**

Motion for adjournment was made and Stephen Price adjourned Meeting at 11:50am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Carol King Chipman, DMA*  
*WTSBOA Recording Secretary*