

**WTSBOA Membership Meeting #2**  
**All-West Clinic/Cook Convention/Cannon Center**  
**Thursday, January 29, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President, Brad Turner at 7:35 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the August 16, 2008 meeting as they are posted on the website.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Darrell Evans with a balance of \$27, 090.25 with \$30,724.25 in reserve. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read.

## **SEGMENT REPORTS**

**JAZZ REPORT.** Tom Hay encourages directors to participate in the Jackson Jazz Festival site. Several directors express an interest in attending. A reminder was Made that sight reading would not be used and a performance critique by a judge will be provided.

**ORCHESTRA REPORT.** Karla Philipp reminds director's to send Concert Festival Entries to Paula Turner.

**BAND REPORT.** A reminder about Concert Festival deadline and registration is up and running on the website. See Barry Trobaugh to get scores that you submitted for approval. Brad Turner asks for feedback from the membership about how the Mega Weekend is working. From the Executive Committee standpoint the weather is the most uncertain part of the weekend. Thanks to Dru Davidson, Phillip Hughes and Michael Wilson for being ready at 8:00 a.m. to deliver equipment. A question was asked about the cost. The cost is the same as having 2 sites and it takes the risk out of the possibility of being bumped off the requested date by GPAC. Jeff Huddleston suggests the possibility of using one jazz band to keep the jazz performance quality high. Lucy Ofinowicz asks about the possibility of having a middle school jazz band. Brad Turner credits Dru Davidson for coordinating the professional development opportunities for the membership. After an informal vote by a show of hands the majority agreed that the Mega Weekend format at the Cook Convention/Cannon Center was preferred.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The first item was about the use of PDF excerpts for orchestral winds and percussion or to return to the use of method books. After discussion a **motion** was made: "to permanently use PDF files for orchestra wind and percussion All-West audition music." The **MOTION PASSES.**

The next item was regarding the recent TMEA ruling to allow 9<sup>th</sup> graders to

participate in All State Band. The comment was made that the other regions do not want 9<sup>th</sup> graders in the All State band. There has not been a plan made for how to implement this for 2009-2010. A question about why TMEA was pushing for the change brought us to the conclusion that because the choirs use 9<sup>th</sup> graders they want band students to have the same opportunities.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Article III section 1 and 3. The executive committee makes a **motion**: *to place the*

*WTSBOA All State Band Chair on the WTSBOA executive committee as a permanent member.* Motion for approval made and seconded. **MOTION**

**PASSES.** \*\*\*\*\*This motion needs to pass 2 more readings before it is a permanent constitutional change.

WTSBOA has concerns regarding ensembles from our association being selected as performance groups for the All State Convention. When asked about this oversight they cite the fact that we do not send applicants. Brad Turner shared that he researched how many WTSBOA groups had been selected in a 3 year span. During that same time over 50% of the groups selected were from middle Tennessee. WTSBOA only had 10 groups apply. WTSBOA will submit a proposal to TMEA that: "One performance group from each region is selected every year as well as three at-large ensembles." A **motion** was made and seconded to submit this proposal. The **MOTION PASSES.** We will submit this to TMEA. Only the TMEA executive committee votes. The selection policy is closed door.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Dru Davidson reminds members to attend in service sessions.
  - Karen Henning reminds us of All State deadlines.
  - Barry Lumpkin is offering CD recordings to directors at half price.
  - We need volunteers to help pass out programs at the concerts.
  - We need help at 4:30 on Friday striking rehearsal areas and moving equipment.
  - Brad Turner thanks all members who helped with organizing the Clinic Event
- A motion for adjournment was made and seconded at 8:45 p.m.