



**WTSBOA Membership Meeting
University School Jackson
May 6, 2023**

Call to Order President Jennifer Cupples called the meeting to order at 9:39am

President's Report Jennifer Cupples: Thank everyone for your work to make this year so successful! None of what we do could happen without you. Thanks also for keeping the students centered that all we do is about them.

Minutes Carol Chipman: Motion made and 2nd to approve the Feb. 2023 Minutes as posted on the WTSBOA website.

Treasurer's Report Darrell Evans (Absent): Motion made and 2nd to approve the treasurer's report as posted on the WTSBOA website.

All-State Report Barry Trobaugh:

Good morning everyone Great to see you!
Great Convention!

Opened with the TBA Honors Recital, represented exceptionally well from the West. CBHS, Collierville HS and White Station HS (Membership applauded!)

Incredible concert presented by the Collierville High School Wind Ensemble (Membership applauded!)

Two full days of concerts and amazing clinics, including three outstanding workshops from our very own Ms. Katherine Sam (teacher recruitment/retention) Tony Hendron (Student recruitment/retention) and Mr. Jeff Mayo (intonation initiation). (Membership applauded!)

There is a great deal of professional development as well as networking-camaraderie each year at All State for both HS and MS Directors. This is NOT just for Directors with students in the All State ensembles. If you are having difficulty with your administration with approval to attend or funding for your travels, feel free to connect with me or Jennifer for specifically tailored help in getting YOU involved with our State Music Convention. We are developing some statewide measures to help & prevent issues. If you go once, you get it.

Band Report

Tom Grant: I want to thank everyone for your support and help throughout this year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this position. We had a larger number of students participating & top notch clinicians.

Mary Armstrong: We had a great convention! I could not have done this without everyone's help! Thank you for letting me serve as middle school chair.

Orchestra Report

Pam Wilensky: We had an amazing orchestra experience at the AW Clinic! The students were amazing! One of our clinicians were at AW, will also be at the Summer at the Scheidt Camp. ASTA is now offering an Orchestra of Distinction similar to the ASBDA Award of Distinction where ensembles must earn superior ratings in all categories & sub categories. We are also trying to start a state-wide string solo & ensemble so we can also have participation in TMEA S & E.

Jazz Report Cameron Ross: Absent

TBA Report Barry Trobaugh:

Greetings Again! Amazing turnout for the meeting, SRO. It's an exciting time for TBA. We were past capacity in the All-State TBA meeting. Only 47 total members from the West. If you don't get involved, then you're letting down this side of the state...please, please get involved! East & Middle both had over 100 members. We are THE Band Association in TN.

Adoption is in progress for a Handbook for both event-organizers and participating Directors for TN marching contests and adjudication. This is a combined effort with our friends in the South Carolina School Band Directors Association. No changes to the adjudication sheets or contest guidelines, rather a concise source of information for better clarity and execution on every aspect of our Marching Arts adjudication systems. Adoption and ratification are scheduled for the summer meeting during the ASBDA/TBA Summer Symposium.

Speaking of which, Scott Rush and Jeff Scott, co-authors of the "Habits for Successful Musicians" series of publication will be this year's clinicians at the ASBDA/TBA Younger Directors Summer Symposium at Freedom MS in Franklin TN. This is free to all regardless of

TBA membership and will take place June 16-17. Again, not only clinics and workshops but also a cook-out for casual conversation and frivolity. The BEST part. I've posted information on the Band App and our website complete with QR codes for more information.

If you are not familiar with the many outreaches from TBA, this association develops the systems we currently utilize for marching bands and concert bands adjudication, solo/ensembles, All State participant recognition certificates, TBA HOF, TBA Sweepstakes Awards and countless other professional-development opportunities each year. You need to be involved.

I am proud to announce that after last year's cancellation, the State Concert Band Festival is back on the schedule for 2023-2024, now under the control umbrella of TBA. This is a very big deal and should ensure a strong future for this event.

It was BIG day for West TN at this year's Convention. With the Nolensville Wind ensemble's concert, we witnessed our very own Mr. John Easley inducted into the TBA Hall of Fame. I make mention of the Nolensville WE as they are led by the equally amazing Benjamin Easley (John's son) as they were coincidentally selected for this year's TBA HOF Concert ensemble. And the biggest news coming from our Convention and TBA, I am honored to announce that Ms. Jennifer Cupples is the newest President-Elect of TBA. We are again well-represented by leadership from the West, now YOU must join the TBA ranks to ensure a prosperous future for Bands in West TN and across our state.

As we now have leadership representation from the West, I will hand my reporting duties to Jennifer as she will speak from the driver's seat on all things concerning Band and TN Bandmasters Association.

Finally, TBA is dedicated to provide all Band Directors with never-ending assistance of all kinds, so please strongly consider adding your input and ideas to TBA as together we will develop the most unique experiences for ALL our students. As I understand, we will have a new All-State Chair for this coming year.

Jennifer Cupples: I think if anyone has a passion for this organization and students it's Barry Trobaugh. I hope you know that we love you! (Membership applauded!)

Old Business

- Update membership information on the website: Jennifer Cupples reminded all to do this!! Also, if you haven't joined the Band App yet, please do so today! That's how we're getting information out quickly. There's a QR Code on the website.

New Business

- **2023-2024 Unfinalized Calendar** Jennifer will send the 2023-24 calendar to the membership
- **Election of officers for the next term:**
 - President Elect:
 - Chelsea Subick nominated by Pam Wilensky Motion made & 2nd
 - Pam Wilensky spoke on behalf of Chelsea & shared her numerous areas of work for WTSBOA
 - Susan Spain nominated by Motion made & 2nd
 - Thomas Richardson spoke on behalf of Susan Spain & shared her numerous areas of work for WTSBOA
 - Membership voted: Chelsea Subick 20 Votes
 - Susan Spain 25 Votes

Jennifer Cupples: Our WTSBOA Roberts Rules of Order require that we have a quorum present and over ½ membership must vote approval for one candidate. The membership discussed having a zoom meeting in the near future...which would be a live meeting. In the past, we haven't had a quorum at the 3rd membership meeting and did elect officers. However this is a new situation for the membership. We have two nominations for president elect. Barry Trobaugh said I think that per Roberts Rules, we're required to have a live meeting for elections.

Motion made & 2nd to table the motion for President-Elect.

Trevor Rundell: made the Motion to make this the quorum. The motion was 2nd.

President Jennifer Cupples: Per Roberts Rules of Order, we cannot declare that we have a quorum when we don't.

Barry Trobaugh & Chris Piecuch: Roberts Rules states that we must have a membership quorum present for voting purposes.

Sheryl Lane: Suggestion to make the nominees published on the website before the meeting. Membership discussion about the situation and possible resolutions.

President Jennifer Cupples stated that we will call a special meeting for all elections planned for today.

Majority voted verbally to table the election.

Additional tabled elections include:

Secretary: Carol Chipman

Treasurer /Exec. Secretary: Darrell Evans

Announcements

President Jennifer Cupples: Please turn in Hall of Fame nominees today.

1. Recognition of retiring members:

Tom Grant

Richard McNaulty

Deanna Graham

2. Hall of Fame:

Brad Turner

Announcements:

Pam Wilensky - Summer at the Scheidt

Chris Piecuch – Andre Newsome, Band Director at White Haven School passed on his Atlanta Band Trip; Jennifer Cupples – We will have a moment of silence for him at the conclusion of this meeting.

Van Wadley – shared information about Taps Across America

Jennifer Cupples – I'd like to share that Ollie Liddell has done outstanding work on this board...he's a great guy!! The membership gave him a round of applause!

The membership shared a Moment of Silence for Andre Newsome

Jennifer Cupples thanked everyone for a great meeting and adjourned the meeting at 10:40am and adjourned the meeting at 10:40am.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carol King Chipman, D.M.A.
WTSBOA Executive Board*