



**WTSBOA Membership Meeting #1
Liberty Tech High School
August 17, 2024**

Call to Order

President Benjamin Martin called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM

Minutes

Ollie Liddell: Motion made (& 2nd) to waive the reading of the minutes.

Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Ollie Liddell: Motion made (& 2nd) to suspend reading/approval of the Fall 2024 Treasury Report. **Motion Passed.**

President's Report

Benjamin Martin:

- I. Registration link is posted on the website. Email Ben with any issues
- II. If you know of a new director in your area, please reach out to them. Direct them to the website or send them the registration link.
- III. Reminder of Policies:
 - a. You must attend 2 out of 3 meetings
 - b. Sign-In Sheets will be available at the end of the meetings
 - c. Please remember to sign in
- IV. If you've registered for the WTSBOA Marching Festival, the wrong address was originally posted on the invoice. This has been fixed. Registration should be mailed to Jason Deem.
- V. The board has tried to make All-West Auditions easier by moving to Competition Suite (instead of scantrons). There are too many issues with integrating data and keeping students anonymous. This year, we will continue to use our scantron. We are still looking for solutions.
- VI. Introduction of JR Baker and Michael Chester
Michael Chester:
 - a. TMEA Board of Directors and Council met concerning a bylaw provision – teachers would have the right to choose to join NafME
 - i. Results were 19 to 1 in favor of changing the bylaws. Membership in NafME is now optional.
 - ii. TMEA is working with NafME on next steps for those teachers that wish to join.
 - b. Regions are going to have more of a say in TMEA

- c. TMEA is committed to looking at the challenges that are facing directors and moving forward
 - d. 2025 TMEA Conference performing groups and PD sessions will be announced soon.
 - e. TMEA has a new contract with Opryland that extends from 2027-33. More info will be sent out about this.
 - f. The 2027 Conference will be moved to January (instead of April)
 - i. TMEA Conference is expanding to create middle school ensembles, Elementary Orff Ensemble, and will continue having an Elementary Treble Choir.
 - g. TMEA will possibly be offering or helping teachers secure grants to travel and attend future conferences.
 - h. TMEA will be working on finding other hotels in the area (besides Opryland) that will offer the TMEA Conference Rate. This will give educators a choice on where they stay.
- VII. Benjamin Martin: All-West Audition music revisions = Middle School wind instruments may play 2 excerpts instead of 3.

Floor was opened for debate

Motion: Chris Piecuch

Motion made that audition music is not changed until membership has had a chance to meet in committee and vote on it. Motion Seconded.

Motion Passed.

Motion: Mary Armstrong

Motion made to go to middle school band caucus (today) to vote on Changing middle school audition music from 3 selections to 2. Motion Seconded.

Motion Amendment: Mary Armstrong

Motion made that Middle School Band Caucus serve as the committee for Voting on changing the All-West Middle School Band Music. Motion Seconded.

Motion Passed.

*In the Middle School Band Caucus, the decision was made not to change music for this year.

Band Report

Justin Brown: All-West High School Clinicians:

11-12 Blue: Andrea Brown

11-12 Red: John Fannin

9-10 Blue: Melissa Gustafson-Hinds

9-10 Red: David Aydelott

Kathryn Moore: All West Middle School Clinicians

Blue: Waiting on confirmation this week

Red: Angela Winter

Orchestra Report

Pam Wilensky: All-West Orchestra Clinicians:

11-12 Symphony: Rafael Antonio Rodríguez

9-10 Strings: Christopher Selby

Middle Strings: Margaret Selby

Jazz Report

Ollie Liddell: All-West Jazz Clinicians:

Blue: Chris Dorsey

Red: Julius Tolentino

All-West Clinic Information

Brad Turner:

- I. Sheraton hotel has been sold. Brad is currently negotiating with the new owners. It is still the Sheraton/Marriott.
- II. Renasant Convention Center contracts are locked in.
- III. Please let Brad know if you are willing to help with equipment this year.
- IV. There are still lots of unknowns about how the All-State being moved to January in 2027 will affect All-West
- V. Program Ad Contracts will be posted on the website soon.
 - a. Artwork won't be due until after All-West Auditions

All-State Report

Jason Deem:

- I. Make sure you include a school and personal email address on WTSBOA registration. Last year, many emails were blocked by firewalls. This year, information will be sent to both your school and personal emails.
- II. Follow all deadlines
- III. Once you have a student or alternate make All-State, you'll receive communication from Jason
- IV. Please attend the conference. The addition of middle school ensembles will help the West TN presence at the conference.
- V. This is a very safe venue for our students.
- VI. If you don't have students going, reach out to Jason for help on contacting your administration so you can attend the conference.
- VII. Recognition of directors that presented PD Session at 2024 Conference: Jacob Abbott, Pam Wilensky, Bryan Scott, Trevor Rundell

Old Business

Benjamin Martin:

- I. Calendar is updated on the website
 - a. Please note there are only 2 Solo & Ensemble events this year (instead of 3)
 - b. All-West Band/Jazz Auditions are January 11, 2025. If there is inclement weather, they will be pushed to the following Saturday.
 - c. Shout out to Susan Spain: website calendar looks awesome
- II. Hall of Fame 2025

- a. Congratulations to Gill Rollins

TBA Report

Jennifer Cupples:

- I. Need West TN representation at TBA events
- II. TBA Sanctioned Events Form posted on website (all info there)

J.R. Baker:

- I. Need representatives to serve as an advisory committee for TBA
- II. TBA is beginning the process of revamping the state music list. There will be a committee formed for each grade level.
- III. If you have an event that you want to use the TBA adjudication sheets, they are on the website

New Business

Motion: Ollie Liddell

Motion made to eliminate auxiliary percussion from All-West Jazz Band and replace with an additional drummer (2 drummers in each band). Motion Seconded.

Motion Passed.

Motion: Susan Spain

Motion made to change all Concert Festival Registration Fees to \$150 for all participating groups. Fee would include a professional recording of the performance. Motion Seconded.

Motion Passed.

Announcements

- Jason Deem: WTSBOA Marching Festival – September 28
- Thomas Richardson: Tournament of Champions – September 28
- Trevor Rundell: Championships at Bartlett Station – October 12
- Tim Simpson: Arlington Open Invitational – September 21
- Brent Hopper: Lakeland High School needs a battery tech. Please reach out to Brent Hopper or Micaiah Radcliffe if interested.
- Doug Owens: Announcement of Jackson Music Academy's Regional Music Center program to grow strings in West TN
- Debra Rhodes: Jackson Symphony Programs and vacancies for horn and all strings in the Jackson Symphony Youth Orchestra
- Cari Burgess: WGI Memphis Regional at Collierville High School on March 15, 2025
- Sheryl Lane: Please pick up GPAC Youth Symphony flyers at the Sign-In Table
- Introductions of all New Directors

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Submitted By;



Megan Woodring
WTSBOA Executive Committee