



**WTSBOA Membership Meeting #2
Renasant Convention Center
February 13, 2025**

Call to Order

President Benjamin Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes: Megan Woodring, Secretary

Ollie Liddell: Motion made to waive the reading of the minutes.

Motion Seconded.

Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Darrell Evans, Treasurer

Ollie Liddell: Motion made to suspend reading of the Treasury Report.

Motion Seconded.

Motion Passed.

President's Report: Benjamin Martin

Benjamin Martin:

- I. Thank you to all chairs for running this All-West Clinic.
- II. Please pay fees for all events on time (by the postmark date)

Band Report

Justin Brown: Nothing to report.

Kathryn Moore: Nothing to report.

Megan Woodring: Memphis-Area Band Concert Festival registration form closed on February 7 and payments were to be postmarked by February 7. If you have not paid, please do so by tomorrow (Feb. 14) with a late fee (\$100).

Mike Tucker: There are 40 bands registered for the UTM Band Concert Festival. You can pay fees to Mike tonight, or they must be postmarked by tomorrow (Feb. 14).

Orchestra Report

Pam Wilensky: Nothing to report.

Jazz Report

Ollie Liddell: Nothing to report.

TBA Report: Jennifer Cupples

- I. Sweepstakes Award should be submitted by February 28 (link posted on website)
- II. TBA Honors Recital submissions due by March 7 at 3:30 PM. The link for these is posted on the website under Member Announcements. Please read instructions closely.
- III. MP3 recordings are not accepted. You must submit YouTube links: they must be video performances
- IV. One solo and one ensemble will be chosen from this region to perform at TMEA
- V. There will be a TBA meeting at TMEA Conference. Please attend to represent our region.

All-West Clinic Report: Brad Turner

- I. Thanks to all who have helped make this event go so smoothly
- II. If you booked at the hotel, thank you for helping us fill our block
- III. Concession Stand is available today, lunch tomorrow, and there will be concessions in Cannon Center on Saturday morning.
- IV. PD sessions are posted online and in program
- V. New Music Reading Sessions are at 1:45 PM on Friday (do not bring music stands)
- VI. If you'd like to help with this event in the future, contact Brad
- VII. Discussion: All-State Events that are changing beginning in 2027: Summary of Key Points:
 - a. Beginning in 2027, All-State is being moved from April to January
 - b. WTSBOA Constitution states that all members for All-State must be taken from All-West Ensembles: nothing states that All-West must occur prior to All-State
 - c. TMEA is willing to support us in any direction we go in regard to having All-West after All-State
 - d. In 2027, All-State names will need to be submitted by the first week in December
 - e. All auditions may take place in November

All-State Report: Jason Deem

- I. If you have All-State students, you should have gotten an email with a link for music and submission instruction. If you have not, contact Jason
- II. After this weekend, our results are official. The list will be posted Monday and sent to TMEA
- III. Detailed information will be sent on how to register students for All-State: read carefully because it is not user friendly
- IV. Jazz results are supposed to be in on March 3
- V. Deadline for All-State Student Registration: Postmark March 3 (Jazz will have a different deadline) If it is not postmarked on time, there is \$100 fine.
- VI. TMEA Conference is Thursday-Sunday (April 10-13)
- VII. Alternates will be called via text message. You will have 24 hours to accept or decline.

- VIII. Make sure students are on time to All-West rehearsals. If they are late, they may lose their All-State spot.
- IX. Please attend TMEA Conference: networking, PD sessions, local ensembles are performing (Bartlett HS Band at 9:30 AM on Friday, Collierville Jazz Band at 9:00 PM on Friday)

Old Business

New Business

Motion: Trevor Rundell

Motion made to amend Article 15, Section 5 to include verbiage dictating that WTSBOA will use the current year's UIL sight-reading for all grade levels and abide by all UIL sight-reading criteria, including possible key selections, key changes, time signatures, time signature changes, rhythmic content, and instrumentation. If the current year's UIL becomes inaccessible, WTSBOA will notify the membership and ensure that whatever sight-reading is chosen abides by the UIL criteria.

Motion Seconded.

Motion Passed.

Motion: Mary Armstrong

Motion made for the timpani to be pre-tuned in the All-West Middle School Percussion auditions. Middle School percussionists will not be required to tune the timpani as part of their audition.

Motion Seconded.

Motion Passed.

Motion: Micaiah Radcliffe

Motion made to allot \$500 to the TN PAS Day of Percussion: All-State Ensemble.

Motion Seconded.

Motion Passed.

Motion: Jason Deem

Motion made to form a committee to re-evaluate All-West Audition Music for middle school bands, 9-10 bands, and 11-12 bands. Jason will serve as the chairperson for this group and the committee will report findings/recommendations to the members at the May 2025 meeting.

Motion Seconded.

Motion Passed.

Motion: Joe Davis

Motion made to increase All-West Audition fees from \$10 to \$15.

Motion Seconded.
Motion Passed.

Motion: Patrick Bolton

Motion made to increase All-West Registration fee from \$55 to \$65.

Motion Seconded.
Motion Passed.

Motion: Susan Spain

Motion made to increase late fee for all events from \$100 to \$150.

Motion Seconded.
Motion Failed.

Announcements

- Ben Martin: The Jackson Symphony Music Academy is launching a FREE beginning-to-intermediate double reed group class in Jackson, TN.
- Ben Martin: There is a meeting at 9:00 AM tomorrow (Friday, February 14) in the Board Room for all Chairs for Solo and Ensemble Contest and Concert Festival.
- Sherry Fuller: American String Association has a PD with composer Soon Hee Newbold on Monday, February 17.
- Cari Burgess: Collierville WGI Memphis Color Guard Regional on March 15 from 10:00 – 10:00.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Submitted By;



Megan Woodring
WTSBOA Executive Committee