# THE FLORIDA BANDMASTER

# IN MEMORIAM

#### Memorial Concert to Honor Late Writer and Band Director Bowles

GAINESVILLE, Fla. --A Memorial concert honoring Richard W. Bowles, former director of bands of the University of Florida, will be held Saturday, February 20, at 3:00 p.m. at the University Auditorium in Gainesville. The UF Wind Symphony will perform under the direction of Dr. David Waybright. Guest speakers from the band world and outdoor enthusiasts will pay tribute to Mr. Bowles during the concert. The public is invited and there is no admission cost.

Richard W. Bowles died in December at the age of 91. He was professor of music at UF for 27 years, retiring in 1985. He was a composer with over 200 published compositions and arrangements for band. He was a member of the American Bandmasters Association, and was the first inductee into the Florida Bandmasters Association Roll of Distinction. His alternate career was as a fisherman, outdoor writer and ardent conservationist. His weekly column, "A Pinch of Salt" ran in the Gainesville Sun for 15 years, and his monthly "Big Bend Action Spotter" was published in the Florida Sportsman for over 20 years. He also penned hundreds of other articles and illustrated many of his outdoor stories with his own photographs.

The concert will feature music written by Mr. Bowles. His marches, "Burst of Flame" and "A Touch of Jazz" have been performed by bands all over the world. His arrangement titled "The Saints" was featured in the movie, *Drumline*. Every University of Florida fan knows his arrangement of the Gator fight song, "Orange and Blue." The band will also play Wagner's "Trauersinfonie" and Haydn's "Armida" overture in a transcription by Mr. Bowles.

The Richard W. Bowles Scholarship fund has been established for an outstanding trombone student in the UF Band. Donations to the fund may be made at the address: <a href="https://www.uff.ufl.edu/OnlineGiving/Campaign/FundDetail.asp?FundCode=016573">https://www.uff.ufl.edu/OnlineGiving/Campaign/FundDetail.asp?FundCode=016573</a>. For more information, contact Maria Gutierrez-Martin, Director of Development, UF College of Fine Arts at 352-

 $846\text{-}1211\ or \underline{mmartin@arts.ufl.edu}.$ 

The 2010 FBA SUMMER This year our summer convention will be held with the ASBDA National Convention and will have James Whitwell as our Keynote Speaker and will have an emphasis on conducting and artistry. More information will follow, and it's going to be great, AGAIN! Bring the family, enjoy the clinics and fellowship, and get inspired for next year! We will again have the Southern Winds with Bobby Adams, performing on Thursday evening. Maitland Middle School Band with Eric Mendez director, Southwest Middle School Band with Jeanie Berry Director, and the Hollingsworth Winds with Jo Jossim director will also play concerts during the convention.

# ATTENTION SENIOR HIGH DIRECTORS

North State S&E will be April 5, 6, 7, 2010 at West Port High School in Ocala, and South State S&E will be March 29, 30, 31, 2010 at J P Taravella High School in Coral Springs. We will use the MPA Online program this year.

Look for State MPA information in late February on the website.

### 2010 STATE BAND MPA ADJUDICATORS

North April 26 - 28, 2010 University of Florida North April 29 - 30, 2010 Ft. Walton Beach H S & Concert

Leslie Hicken - Director of Bands, Furman University
Tom Stites - Coordinator of Fine Arts, Owensboro, KY
Myron Welch - Director of Bands, Emeritus, The University of Iowa
Commentator
Jay Watkins - University of Florida
John Carmichael - University of South Florida
Richard Clary - Florida State University

South April 26 - 30, 2010 Vero Beach High School Concert

Robert Foster - Director of Bands, Emeritus, University of Kansas David Gregory - Director of Bands, Reinhardt University John Thomson - Retired, New Trier High School, Winnetka, IL Commentator

John Ross - Director of Bands, Appalachian State University Jonnie Vinson - Director of Bands, Emeritus, Auburn University John West - Director of Bands, Western Carolina University

# OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

ORDER SCORES AND MUSIC FOR MPA'S NOW! See Handbook for FBA rules regarding music scores. Do it now, don't wait. You MUST secure permission to copy out-of-print copyrighted music from the copyright owner. Your music dealer should have a form to secure permission. The use of this form, when sent to the copyright owner, will expedite the inquiry and permission process greatly.

# GENERAL MEETING of the FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION Tampa Convention Center - Tampa - January 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 PM by President **Mark Spreen**, who made a brief statement commending everyone who helped make the convention run smoothly, especially the All-State Band Coordinators. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Band-John Seth, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Band-Brian Dell, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Band-Kristy Dell, SSHBand-Nick Albanese, MSHBand-Linda Mann, and Jazz Band-Jeff Cayer. Neil Jenkins was recognized and thanked for all of his work and effort as Convention Manager of the FBA portion of the FMEA convention. After the introduction of the FBA Officers seated on the dais, the minutes of the July 2009 Board and General Business meetings, and the December 2009 Executive Board meeting were approved as posted on the FBA Website. Attendance rolls were sent around the room for members to sign.

A big thank you to Jeanne Reynolds of Pinellas County and Ted Hope from Hillsborough County and all the directors in both counties who helped in procuring the larger percussion instruments for our All-State groups.

# TREASURERS REPORT (As of December 29, 2009)

FBA Operating Account	\$35,886.30
FBA Commissioning Acct. MM	\$20,999.79
FBA Severance Account CD	\$26,723.13
FBA Reserve Account	\$151,458.50
FBA Hall of Fame CD	\$16,899.31
FBA Hurricane Fund	\$34.953.22

## **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

- a. Joe Luechauer, President of FMEA was introduced to the membership and said a few words about the convention.
- b. David Knox spoke to the membership about a commissioned march that will be written for Taravella Band and shared with the membership thru Smart music and banddirector.com. This process will be shared with the membership thru podcasting and thru our website. More information will be coming.
- c. Past-Presidents stood and were introduced by Mark Spreen.
- d. Hall of Fame members were introduced.
- e. Any member with 58 years of membership was asked to stand and John DeYoung was the only one standing. He was asked to come up to the podium and was given a plaque for his 58 years of loving service to FBA. He received a standing ovation. Thanks you, John!!

  New members were recognized and everyone was asked to stand and sit down after number of years in the FBA.
- f. The following members received the 25-year Life Member pin:

Gary Bottomley, DaLaine Chapman, Robert Conger, Ted Hope, Laura Hudson, Matthew Jensen, Michael Mitchell, Jay Parales, Skip Perry, David Riggs, Gayla Smithey-Dodd, Andrea Tobin.

g. The following directors received their five-year superior plaques for middle school:

<u>Lisa Bujnicki</u> - Lakeview Middle School, <u>Scott LaBorde</u> - Max Bruner Jr. Middle School, <u>Eric W Mendez</u> - Maitland Middle School, <u>Melton Mustafa</u> - Parkway School of the Arts, <u>Russ Weaver</u> - Osceola County School of the Arts Middle School, <u>Tim Willis</u> - Jim C. Bailey Middle School

# h. TOM BISHOP AWARD

<u>Linda Orrantia</u> - Windy Ridge Middle School, Orlando, <u>Chandler Wilson</u> - Hollywood Hills High School, Hollywood, <u>Philip Porter</u> - Mount Dora High School, Mount Dora

# i. OLIVER HOBBS AWARD

<u>Richard Davenport</u> - Chipley High School, Chipley, <u>Don Reynolds</u> - West Nassau County High School, Callahan

### INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS

District 1 - Mike Philley District 11 - Jim Bruce District 2 - Richard Davenport District 12 - Brad Wharton District 3 - Mike German District 13 - Page Howell District 4 - Bill Pirzer District 14 - Michael Fraley District 5 - Joe Harrin District 15 - Edgar Rubio District 6 - Cindy Berry District 16 - Jennifer Jimenez District 7 - Brian Dell District 17 - Shawn Barat District 8 - Hannah Jennings District 18 - Dan Davis District 9 - Bryan Braue District 19 - Scotty Vance District 10 - Carol Allen District 20 - Bobby Keating District 21 - Jason Duckett

# INTRODUCTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS

- a. Adjudication Committee Bill Reinecke
- b. All-State Bands Selection Committee Ian Schwindt
- c. Clinics Committee Mark Spreen
- d. Concert Music Committee Monty Musgrave
- e. Ethics Committee Joe Luechauer
- f. MPA Committee Randy Folsom
- g. Finance Committee Chuck Fulton
- h. Past-Presidents' Council Chuck Fulton
- i. Professional Resources Committee Nick DeCarbo
- j. Sight-reading Music Committee Jeanie Berry
- k. Solo & Ensemble Music Committee Keith Stark
- 1. Benevolence Committee Kristy Dell
- m. Commissioning Committee Rob Roadman
- n. Technology Josh Bula
- o. Auxiliaries Linda Boone

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Change the FBA Small Schools Honor Band to an Honor Band that is representative of all FMEA/FBA member schools.

- 1. Small School's students will be selected first
- 2. Only one student per band program
- 3. Any school that has a student make the audition band is not eligible to have students participate in the honor band.
- 4. Instrumentation needs will supersede any of the above guidelines
- 5. Band membership shall not exceed 130 members

#### Rational:

- 1. As school systems change more and more requirements are put on schools that follow trends other than school size. Many of the larger schools are in situations that create the same limitations that small schools face.
- 2. More band directors will have the opportunity to use "line of duty" leave vs. "professional" leave because more schools are represented. This gives an even stronger rational to attend the FMEA convention.
- 3. Currently we are having to use multiple students from the same school to fill the honor band. We are also using students from schools that are represented in the audition bands. While we would love to allow every student to have the "All-State Experience" the committee feels it is advantageous to include as many schools as possible.

Respectfully submitted, Ian Schwindt The FBA All State Bands Committee Chairman

# PASSED BY THE BOARD PASSED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

Motion: Kristy Dell/Second: Ken Norton - PASSED

To allow high school students to perform duets at Solo & Ensemble MPA.

**Rationale**: This will promote more opportunities for students to perform chamber music at the high school level and will broaden their levels of musicality. We can contact college professors across the state and ask them to send their top 20 choices: Then look for common titles – this would help us create a list to start with.

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# **NEW BUSINESS**

Richard Davenport from Chipley High School was elected President Elect of FBA.

Linda Mann was re-elected MS/JH Representative of FBA at the MS/JH Meeting.

# **HALL OF FAME BOARD REPORT** - Bobby Adams

2010 Hall of Fame inductee is David Fultz, Retired Director of Bands at Winter Haven High School. 2010 Roll of Distinction inductee is Gale Sperry, University of South Florida.

The concerts will be held on November 13 & 14, 2010 at Stetson University. Plan on attending.

# **GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The following directors have been selected by their fellow teachers as TEACHER OF THE YEAR at their respective schools:

Michelle Birdwell - Surfside Middle School

**Jesse Bryant - Rochelle School of the Arts** 

Jonathan Case - Venice High School

Thomas Dougherty - Jensen Beach High School

Nicholas C. Efstathiou - Bay High School

Amy Isenhower - Oak Hammock K-8

Neil Jenkins - J P Taravella High School

Scott Leahy - R B Stewart Middle School

Katrina McMenamy - Ft Pierce Magnet School of the Arts

Phil Porter - Mount Dora High School

**Dale Posey - Fort Pierce High School** 

Eddie Steadman - C W Ruckel Middle School

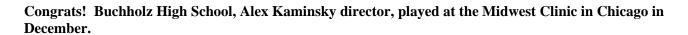
Gary Ulrich - Tuskawilla Middle School

**Gray Weaver - Milton High School** 

Ryan Whalen - Oceanway Middle School

NBA Convention during February in Oxford, Mississippi. Leon High School Symphonic Band, Tallahassee, FL

Satellite High School Wind Ensemble, Satellite Beach, FL



There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Duane L. Hendon, Executive Director.