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IN MEMORIAM

Chris O'Farrell passed away on November 20, 2010. Both of his parents are retired members of FBA and our thoughts are with them in their loss. (Words from his mother.)

Chris was the true definition of what FBA hopes to create. He made All State (as well as All County) every year he was eligible. He made the all state concert band, orchestra, and lead in the jazz band. He attended music camps run by FSU, UF, and Jamey Aebersold. He went to UM on full scholarship and studied with the greatest trumpet teachers and directors (Gary Green, Whit Sidener, Gil Johnson, to name a few). In 2000 he was selected for the Disney Collegiate Band and performed 6 shows a day at Disney World, while living at the "Snow White Village" (a trailer park). He traveled to Morocco with Paul Anka; performed "Fame" for 6 weeks in South Korea; was in the house band from Washington to Alaska on many cruises; played with the Ojays on cruises to Puerto Rico and other Caribbean islands; played lead with the Woody Herman Band on the West Coast of Florida tour; just to name a few of his accomplishments. In 2010 he was awarded the Downbeat Magazine's Student Performer Award for Trumpet Playing on a submission from UM. He was the assistant conductor of the salsa band at UM as well as its lead player. He wrote marching band arrangements for Everglades and McArthur High Schools. He wrote drill for Everglades for 8 years; helped write for Hollywood Hills for 7 years; and helped with marching techniques at several other schools. His orchestral arrangement of Queen's "Bicycle" is legendary, as is his original salsa jazz piece of "Los Gringos". I believe the FBA should be proud to have helped produce such a fine musician. Even though his years on this earth were cut way too short, his accomplishments were more than many.

The 2011 FBA SUMMER!! This year our summer convention will be held at the Altamonte Hilton where we have been for years. The emphasis is on rehearsal techniques and our keynote speaker will be Donald Hunsberger, formally from the Julliard School of Music. We will be bringing back the directors band and the Community All-State Band. More information will follow on the web site, 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.

ATTENTION SENIOR HIGH DIRECTORS

STATE S&E MPA, which will include solos and ensembles with choirs, jazz bands, and auxiliaries will be held at Godby High School in Tallahassee, March 21, 22, 23, 2011, North; Freedom High School in Orlando, March 25, 26, 2011, Central; and Coral Reef High School in Miami, April 1, 2, 2011, South. Be sure and register in the area you wish to attend. This will fall during Spring Break for some, as it always has. Information about the MPA in the way of entry forms and assessment forms will be available during January and February. You will be able to access the information on our web page. Please try and stay in the North, Central or South region where your school is located if possible and thank you!

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

2011 STATE BAND MPA ADJUDICATORS

April 28 - 29, 2011

Tallahassee:

Concert: William Gora - Retired, Appalachian State University
Robert Spradling - Western Michigan University
Steve Moser - University of Southern Mississippi
Commentator: Jay Jackson - Appalachian State University

Orlando:

Concert: David Ragsdale - University of Alabama in Huntsville
Scott Tobias - Appalachian State University
Tom Stites - Coordinator of Fine Arts, Owensboro, KY
Commentator: Lindsey Williams - University of Missouri

North Port:

Concert: Bruce Dinkins - James Bowie High School
Dennis Silkebakken - Retired, East Central University
Richard Bergman - Retired, Herndon High School
Commentator: Jo Jossim - Florida Southern College

Hollywood:

Robert Hansbrough - The College of St Rose
John West - Western Carolina University
John Whitwell - Retired Michigan State University
Commentator: John Ross - Appalachian State 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 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 5:29 PM by President **Randy Folsom**, who made a brief statement commending everyone who helped make the convention run smoothly, especially the All-State Band Coordinators. 11th & 12th Band-John Seth, 9th & 10th Band-Brian Dell, 7th & 8th Band-Kristy Dell, HSHB-Nick Albanese, MSHB-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 FMEA convention. After the introduction of the FBA Officers seated on the dais, the minutes of the July 2010 Board and General Business meetings, and the December 2010 Executive Board meeting were approved as posted on the FBA Website. Attendance rolls were sent around the room for members to sign.

Thank you to all the directors who helped in procuring the larger percussion instruments for our All-State groups.

TREASURERS REPORT (As of December 29, 2010)

FBA Operating Account	\$34,784.28
FBA Commissioning Acct. MM	\$16,009.44
FBA Severance Account CD	\$29,525.56
FBA Reserve Account	\$129,846.93
FBA Hall of Fame CD	\$20,406.75
FBA Hurricane Fund	\$58,085.71

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- a. Joe Luechauer, President of FMEA was introduced to the membership and said a few words about the convention.
 - b. Joe then introduced the candidates for FMEA President Elect, Beth Cummings and John Southall.
 - c. Past-Presidents stood and were introduced by Randy Folsom.
 - d. Hall of Fame members were introduced.
 - e. New members were recognized and everyone was asked to stand and sit down after number of years in the FBA. **John DeYoung the winner again with 59 years!**
 - f. The following members received the 25-year Life Member pin:
James Bruce, William Castillo, Dayna Cole, Craig Daniels, Roger Faulmann, Randy Folsom, Cheryce Harris, Jeff Jordan, Jon Kersten, Jose Lopez, Jim Matthews, Robert McCormick, Kenneth Michal, Paul Morton, Linda Mann, Richard Sylvester
 - g. The following directors received their **FIVE-YEAR SUPERIOR PLAQUES** for middle school:
Scott Leahy - R. B. Stewart Middle School, 2006-2010; **Brian Sullivan** - Glenridge Middle School, 2006-2010; **Tina Laferriere** - Tavares Middle School, 2006-2010; **Steve Kirland** - Hammocks Middle School, 2006-2010; **Jim Matthews** - Andrew Jackson Middle School, 2006-2010; **Barbara Fultz** - Jewett Academy, 2006-2010; **Eddie Steadman** - C.W. Ruckel Middle School, 2006-2010h.
 - h. **TOM BISHOP AWARD**
Christopher Ecklund, Bair Middle School; **John Rosbottom**, Golden Gate Middle School; **Antony Watson**, Monroe Middle School; **Scott Leahy**, R. B. Stewart Middle School; **Blake Garcia**, Pensacola High School
 - i. **OLIVER HOBBS AWARD**
Jason Duckett, Bartram Trail High School; **Kathy Johnson**, Lakeland Christian School; **Cheri Acosta Sleeper**, Strawberry Crest High School
- J Randy Folsom introduced to meeting the new Executive Director of FBA, Neil Jenkins who will take over at the end of September this year.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS

Dist. 1 - Neil McLeod
Dist. 2 - Nick Efstathiou
Dist. 3 - Monica Leimer
Dist. 4 - Bill Pirzer
Dist. 5 - Tark Katzenmeyer
Dist. 6 - Cindy Berry
Dist. 7 - Brian Dell
Dist. 8 - Hannah Jennings
Dist. 9 - Bryan Braue
Dist. 10 - Carol, Allen

Dist. 11 - Luis Alvarez
Dist. 12 - Brad Wharton
Dist. 13 - Page Howell
Dist. 14 - Michael Fraley
Dist. 15 - Jessica Rivero
Dist. 16 - Elissa Vento-Tatom
Dist. 17 - Shawn Barat
Dist. 18 - Sarah Hamiton
Dist. 19 - Ryan Wright
Dist. 20 - Bobby Keating
Dist. 21 - Rick Folwer

INTRODUCTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS

- a. Adjudication Committee - Bill Reinecke
- b. All-State Bands Selection Committee - Ian Schwindt
- c. Clinics Committee - Randy Folsom
- d. Concert Music Committee - Monty Musgrave
- e. Ethics Committee - Joe Luechauer
- f. MPA Committee - Richard Davenport
- g. Finance Committee - Mark Spreen
- h. Past-Presidents' Council - Mark Spreen
- i. Professional Resources Committee - Nick DeCarbo
- j. Sight-reading Music Committee - Jeanie Berry
- k. Solo & Ensemble Music Committee - Michael Antmann
- l. Benevolence Committee - Kristy Dell
- m. Commissioning Committee - Dan Wooten
- n. Technology - Josh Bula
- o. Auxiliaries - Vicky Nolan

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BARAT/DELL:

FBA CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE VI - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 2. DISTRICT OFFICERS

District Chairpersons/Treasurers and District Secretaries shall be nominated by the District members at a meeting prior to the November/December meeting of the Executive Board. District Officers will be elected by secret ballot at the January/February District meeting. Odd-numbered Districts shall hold elections in even-numbered years. Even-numbered Districts shall hold elections in odd-numbered years.

Qualifications for nomination to a District Officer position: FBA members in good standing must have (1) completed 5 full years of band instruction in Florida; (2) have had regular attendance at FBA District and State meetings during those same years; (3) have had active participation in FBA sponsored activities, including clinics, conferences and Music Performance Assessments during those same years; and (4) be willing to accept the responsibility of the office, and follow the guidelines set forth by the FBA Executive Committee.

PASSED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

1. Remove “routine must be at least 1:30 (one and one half) consecutive minutes of the 2 to 3 minute period” located in Handbook p. 23—III-H.4.e (Saber), 5.e (Rifle), 6.e (Flag) and revised version (p. 2 for Flag and Rifle, p. 3 for Sabre). Replace with “Performers must keep equipment in hand at all times except during release moves.” **Rationale**—Solo choreography should focus (during the entire routine) on the chosen equipment.

PASSED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

2. Delete page 13 of the Adjudication Manual. **Rationale**—This page is connected to the previous adjudication sheets which were revised several years ago, making it obsolete.

PASSED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

3. Approve the revised and clarified auxiliary section of the FBA Handbook, to replace the current Auxiliary section starting on page 22. **Rationale**—This proposed revision provides consistency among performance areas and clarity overall.

PASSED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

NEW BUSINESS

None

HALL OF FAME BOARD REPORT - Bobby Adams

2011 Hall of Fame inductee is Ken Tolbert, retired band director from Norland High School in Miami.

2011 Hall of Fame inductee is Randy Folsom, band director from Fort Walton Beach High School.

2011 Roll of Distinction inductee is Colonel Harold Bachman, University of Florida.

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

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Teachers of the Year:

Dustin Adams - Bradford County Middle School

Jason Allgair - Wharton High School

Nate Bisco - Santa Fe High School

William Castillo - Omni Middle School

Jon Eckman - Bartow High School

Rahsaan McNeill - Kanapaha Middle School

Rookie Teacher of the Year:

Christopher Illa - Felix Varela High School

Also Dade County Region IV Rookie Teacher of the Year

George Walters has been invited to return as the conductor of the All-District Band for the Kenai, Peninsula, Alaska

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Duane L. Hendon, Executive Director.