



**FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 75<sup>th</sup> year**  
**DISTRICT MEETING #1 AGENDA**  
(ver. 08-09)

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| <b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 2</b> | <b>MEETING DATE: August 31, 2009</b> |
| <b>MEETING NUMBER: 1</b>  | <b>LOCATION: Arnold High School</b>  |

**Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks 7:00 PM**

- Thanks to Jason Bennett and the Arnold HS Band Boosters

**Item 2: Members and Guests Present, Mentor Assignments**

| <b>Name</b>            | <b>School</b>              |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Nicholas C. Efstathiou | Bay High School            |
| Brandon Poiroux        | Bozeman Learning School    |
| Richard Davenport      | ChIPLEY High School        |
| Mackenzie Lane         | ChIPLEY High School        |
| Rebecca Dilmore        | Cottondale High School     |
| Ron Branning           | Baptist College of Florida |
| Karl Lester            | Franklin County            |
| Richard Bouton         | Graceville High School     |
| Norma Bean             | Guest                      |
| Bill Shipley           | Holmes County              |
| Jason Bennett          | J.R. Arnold High School    |
| Raymond Walton         | Marianna High School       |
| Craig B. Bean          | Marianna High School       |
| Jamie Birdwell         | Mosley High School         |
| Neil Gray              | Mowat Middle School        |
| Bill Thompson          | Retired                    |
| Jim Colvin             | Rutherford High School     |
| Dean Barrow            | South Walton High School   |
| Michelle Birdwell      | Surfside Middle School     |
| Leslie Starkey         | Vernon High School         |
| Harry Patsig           | Walton County              |

**Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes**

Posted on Website

**Item 4: Treasurer's Report**

End of Past Year's Statement: **\$1535.13** returned from FSMA  
Proposed Current Year Budget: **\$19,520.00**

## Item 5: Next Meeting Date and Place

November 9, 2009 – Bay High School, 6pm meal, 7pm meeting

## Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA

- We need to make a conscious effort to contact the people running for offices in upcoming elections and let them know that music education is a huge part of our county and our state
- In the August edition of the Florida Music Director Dr. Kelly has written an article entitled 'What are you going to do with the data?' Everyone should read this article. The only way data is going to mean anything is if we do something about it. Data is also posted on [www.flmusiced.org](http://www.flmusiced.org)
- FMEA has created an Associate Membership option– this is designed for Booster clubs to become members. 1 booster membership will allow for 2 people to attend the FMEA conference. The intent is to get legislative information directly to parents, get it in their hands as quick as possible. There is an option to join as an Associate member on the paper membership form. There is no deadline for the associate membership. Director's deadline is September 1.
- FMEA has a Facebook page! They started this page because they are trying to spread their communication as wide as they can. They are also looking to use their page as a tool for discussions. Please point this out to your students and have them join the group.

## Item 7: Announcements

- FMEA Awards Nomination forms are in the Florida Music Director Magazine.
- FMEA Convention Information including hotel & rehearsal sites:  
<http://www.flmusiced.org/dnn/FMEA/ClinicConference/tabid/59/Default.aspx>
- Reservations window open September 5

## Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets

- FBA President Mark Spreen invites members to review the "Best Practices" documents currently being considered for adoption by the board. They are posted on the FBA website; email input to your district chairperson
- FBA will be selecting a new president-elect in January; Candidates are Richard Davenport & Jason Duckett.

## Item 9: Unfinished Business

## Item 10: Committee Reports

Birdwell, M. FBA Redistricting News, Rezoning Issues

## Item 11: New Business

- Membership Dues & Enrollment Forms** - due September 15<sup>th</sup> - earlier if you want uninterrupted FMEA and MENC magazine delivery. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO AUDITION FOR ALLSTATE IF BAND DIRECTOR IS NOT AN FBA MEMBER.** Send to: FMEA, or PAY DUES ON-LINE AT [www.flmusiced.org](http://www.flmusiced.org)
- FSMA school dues** payment (to FSMA by September 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Classification Forms** due October 1 to the District Chairman.
  - Principal and Director Signature Required
  - Report the enrollment of your ENTIRE SCHOOL, not just your band program.
  - Senior High: Report grades 9, 10, 11, 12 or 10, 11, 12 as appropriate
  - Junior High: Report Grades 7, 8, and 9 (unless you plan to not use any 7th graders in any phase of MPA, then only count 8th and 9th graders)
  - Middle School: Report Grades 7 and 8 only
  - FINE: \$50.00 for submitting this form late (Payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline.
  - Form is on the FBA website: [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba)
- All State Auditions:** (Register on MPA Online)
  - Site: Surfside Middle School

- Date: Monday, September 14, 2009 @ 5:00 PM
- Deadline: September 1<sup>st</sup>, Midnight
- Fees: \$10 per entry (payment must be by school or booster check – no cash)
- LATE FINES: \$50.00 for submitting forms late (Payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline.
- Band director must be a member of FMEA/FBA by September 15<sup>th</sup> in order to have students audition for all-state.
- Be sure to go through mock audition process with your students
- Screen Students and make sure that they are prepared for the audition.
- Park in front of the school

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|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Recording Equipment | Script Reader       | Monitor         |
| 1. Neil Gray        | 1. Jamie Birdwell   | 1. Brandon P.   |
| 2. Brandon P.       | 2. Michele Birdwell | 2. Neil Gray    |
| 3. Jamie Birdwell   | 3. Jim Colvin       | 3. Bill Shipley |
| 4. Jason Bennett    | 4. Jason Bennett    | 4. Craig Bean   |

**e. Small School Honors Band and 7-8th Grade Honor Band Nomination:**

- Forms are on [www.filmusiced.org/fba](http://www.filmusiced.org/fba)
- Completed forms and fees should be sent to the respective chairman whose name and address are on the form.

**f. Marching Band MPA:**

- Date: Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>
- Site: Tommy Oliver Stadium
- Host: Bozeman School
- Entry Forms Due Date (on MPA Online; hard copy to district chairman): **October 1**
- No assessment money collected at this time.
- Encourage attendance - \$5.00 per person.
- Assistance needed from Middle School/Junior High directors

Motion by Carl Lester for Franklin County Come for Comments Only to MPA Marching

Seconded by Jamie Birdwell, Mosley High School

**Passes unanimous**

**g. Nominations for Oliver Hobbs Award and Tom Bishop Awards**

Criteria for the Hobbs and Bishop Awards:

- FBA Member for at least 15 years and a current band director in the state of Florida
- Attends FBA District and State meetings (July and January) on a regular basis
- Superior (at least 75% of the time) ratings at the District Concert and Marching (if High School) MPA'S
- Participation and with outstanding results at the District SE MPA
- Service to the profession. (District Officer, served on FBA/ FMEA/FSMA committees, etc, and/or helps with the MPA's and other FBA events.

Motion by Jamie Birdwell for Richard Davenport for the Oliver Hobbs Award

Seconded by Ron Branning Florida Baptist College

**Hobbs: Richard Davenport Passes**

Selection Procedure:

- Each District may nominate one person (secret ballot, 75% positive vote of those present at the August or October district meeting)
- An application is completed by the nominee (due to the FBA Awards Committee Chair by Nov 1)
- Three letters of recommendation ( School Principal, Recent Marching or Concert Band MPA
- Adjudicator of the nominee's band program, and one other FBA member due to the Award
- Committee Chair by Nov 1)
- A committee will select the award recipients based on the application and other outside knowledge
- 0 - 4 Hobbs recipients selected per year.
- No limit to Bishop recipients selected per year.

## **Item 12: District MPA Dates and Sites**

- **Solo and Ensemble MPA:** February 12, 13, 2010 @ Baptist College of Florida, Graceville
- **Jazz MPA:** February 27, 2010, Arnold High School
- **Concert MPA:** North: March 12, 2010, Chipley High School  
South: March 13, 2010, Arnold High School

## **Item 13: District MPA Adjudicators**

Email suggestions to chairman @chibleyband@gmail.com

## **Item 14: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)**

**Mark Walker**, Troy, AL, Marching, Concert, Jazz, Sight-Reading, S&E Brass, **Passes Unanimous**

**Adam Blackstock**, Troy, AL, S&E Percussion, **Passes Unanimous**

**Debbie Bradley**, Valdosta, GA Marching, Concert, Jazz, Sight-Reading, S&E Woodwinds, **Passes Unanimous**

**Pascal Ward**, Bainbridge, GA, Marching & Concert, S&E Brass, **Passes Unanimous**

**Michael Thomas**, Cairo, GA, Marching, Marching, Concert, Jazz, Sight-Reading, S&E Percussion, **Passes Unanimous**

**Jesse Walker**, Albany State, GA, Marching, Concert, Jazz, Sight-Reading, S&E Brass, **Passes Unanimous**

**Roland Ventura**, Atlanta, GA Marching, Concert, Jazz, Sight-Reading, S&E Woodwind, **Passes Unanimous**

**Tom Brown**, Hazlehurst, GA, Marching, Concert, Jazz, Sight-Reading, S&E Woodwind, **Passes Unanimous**

## **Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees**

- Music Committee (before Oct 1st for Concert titles, Dec 1st for S/E):
- Clinics Committee: (before Oct 1):
- Other:

## **Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board**

## **Item 17: Correspondence**

## **Item 18: For the Good of the Association**

- Review the marching band etiquette guidelines that were prepared by Martha Stark and published in the FBA handbook.
- Remember that each director is responsible for knowing the rules, policies, and guidelines published in the FBA handbook.

## **Item 19: Adjournment**

Motion by Neil Gray

Second by Jim Colvin

**Name of District Secretary: Nicholas C. Efstathiou**

**Signature:**