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## FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 69<sup>th</sup> year DISTRICT MEETING #2 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-04.1)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: 10/27/04</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 2</b>	<b>MEETING LOCATION: Ruckel MS</b>

### Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Chairman Steadman called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.  
He thanked the Ruckel Band Parents for the great Bar-B-Q dinner.

### Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Eddie Steadman	Ruckel MS	Jody Dunn	Crestview HS
Dan Wooten	Niceville HS	Randy Nelson	Choctawhatchee HS
Joe Hooten	Tate HS	Nicole O'Neill	Ferry Pass MS
Hank Phillips	Navarre HS	Connie Pettis	Jay HS
Travis Coaskley	Tate HS	Allison Scallan	Choctawhatchee HS (intern)
Ryan O'Donoghue	Ruckel MS (intern)	Daniel Smith	Pryor MS (intern)
Roselyn Curtis	Milton HS	Gray Weaver	Milton HS
Neal McLeod	Gulf Breeze HS	David Riggs	Avalon MS
Jeff Adams	Pryor MS	Wayne Whitman	Richbourg MS
Barry Mullins	Niceville HS	Tom Fitzpatrick	Retired
Lonny Finley	Pace HS	John Dunlap	Pace HS
Scott LaBorde	Ft. Walton Bch HS	Chad Hannah	Choctawhatchee HS
Paul Harris	Meigs MS	Chris Tredway	Lewis MS
Robert Colon	Destin MS	Nathan Witter	West Florida Home Ed
Glenda Jones	West FL Home Ed	Tony Chiarito	Baker HS

### Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Chairman Steadman entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes. He informed the members that they could be found on the FBA website.

Motion: To dispense with the reading of the previous minutes. (Adams/Finley) PASSED

### Item 4: Treasurer's Report

The current balance, as reported by Chairman Steadman is \$3,381.02.

Motion: To accept the budget as reported. (Nelson/Hannah) PASSED

## Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

Chairman Steadman advised members to encourage their band parents to join MAESTRO

<http://www.flmusiced.org/advocacy>

Jeff Adams was asked to address the Middle School Reform Act and its implications to band programs. Mr. Adams shared information that a 90 minute per day reading requirement could be introduced to involve reading and literacy issues across the curriculum.

Chris Tredway added that he had received specialized training in how to teach reading.

There seemed to be a difference in how each school is addressing the issue. Apparently, each principal can decide upon implantation.

Wayne Whitman reported that his principal told him the reading / literacy strategies must be measurable.

There was no mention of this Act affecting any schools in Santa Rosa or Escambia counties at this time.

Chairman Steadman admonished all members to be vigilant and proactive in the area of advocacy.

## Item 6: Communications

Chairman Steadman passed out and reviewed the FBA MPA Accommodations letter sent by President Paula Thornton. Much laughter ensued when most high school directors offered to go for comment only!

## Item 7: Unfinished Business

All-State:

Chairman Steadman thanked Randy Nelson and Chad Hannah and the Choctawhatchee HS Band for hosting All-State Auditions. He also thanked those who brought recording equipment and everyone for being supportive under such trying circumstances.

Report:

HS Symphonic & Concert: 184 fees collected / 141 auditioned

Middle School Band: 126 fees collected / 93 auditioned

Jazz Band: 7 fees collected / 5 auditioned

**TOTAL: 317 FEES COLLECTED / 239 AUDITIONED**

Results will be posted on the web site sometime in mid-November.

Chairman Steadman said he would contact members via email as soon as he knows.

Mr. Steadman went on to say that there have been several late classification forms this year. Late fines, he said, will be enforced and must be paid or your forms will not be accepted by the Executive Director. Mr. Hendon.

District Marching MPA:

This Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at J.M. Tate HS in Pensacola (Gonzalez)

15 Bands

The first band performs at 2:15PM

Ransom Middle School will perform at the dinner break

The awards will be presented at 7:25PM

Ticket prices:

Premium seating (50 yard line)	\$7.00
General admission	\$6.00
Group (25 or more)(MS bands)	\$2.00
Under 6 / over 65	Free

Adjudicators:

Music #1	David Fultz, Winter Haven
Music #2	Lewis Jones, Tallahassee
General Effect	Chuck Fulton, Lakeland
M&M	Chuck Perego, Tallahassee
Aux.	Barbara Fultz, Winter Guard

Joe Hooten was asked to address the membership with regard to Marching MPA. He said he and his parents were excited to be able to host the event once again. He advised the high school directors to be looking for their packets in the mail. He went on to explain the check-in, pass and parking procedures. Mr. Hooten

explained that he has arranged for Dave Schmidt, of Schmidt's Music, to be on site for emergency instrument repair. He concluded by asking the members to explain the importance of the gate receipts to our parents and to encourage them to attend.

## **Item 8: Committee Reports**

None

## **Item 9: New Business**

Solo and Ensemble MPA:

- Date: Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005
- Site: Gulf Breeze HS
- "Festival" scheduling disk, forms, and assessment check due to chairman by Sat., 1-22-05
- Remember that on the 15<sup>th</sup> day past the due date, entry forms will no longer be accepted.
- Most of the judges are lined up

Chairman Steadman reminded new directors to stay in contact with "old guys" and vice versa to insure all deadlines and requirements are met.

Jazz MPA:

- Date: Friday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005
- Site: Crestview HS
- Suggestions for judges?

Paul Adams asked if he could bring two bands, play different music but share the same trombone section. The rest of the ensembles would be made up of different students. The consensus seemed to be that you could do that only if the bands were in separate classes during the school day. Chairman Steadman said he would research the answer in more depth.

Jeff Adams asked if we were observing the 25 members on stage rule. The members were curious as to whether or not this was ever actually observed. Chairman Steadman offered to research this as well.

Glenda Jones asked if it was appropriate / allowed to bring a Dixieland combo to jazz MPA. Chairman Steadman, along with several members agreed that it was, in fact, both allowed and appropriate.

High School Concert MPA:

- Date: Friday & Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005
- Site: Ft. Walton Beach HS
- Suggestions for judges?

Middle School Concert MPA:

- Date: Friday & Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005
- Site: Friday West side – Bailey MS, Pensacola  
Saturday East side – Ft. Walton Beach HS
- Judges: Rodney Dasinger, Rutherford HS, Panama City  
Alex Kaminsky, Lincoln HS, Tallahassee

MPA Audio Contract

Chairman Steadman discussed the possibilities of finding a new company for our recordings. Some members expressed concern over the quality of the work done in years past by Vestige. Gray Weaver mentioned specifically mic placement as a major concern. Dan Wooten continued by saying the mics should be placed near the center of the auditorium, not the front. The members agreed that we would express these concerns to Vestige and hope they will address them. It was further mentioned that last year's prices were \$40.00 for Jazz Band and \$35.00 for Concert Band. This was acceptable to the members.

Robert Colon expressed concern over a possible conflict with Middle School Concert MPA. On April 9<sup>th</sup>, he said there was a county wide Knowledge Masters meet.

Chris Tredway addressed this by saying that his principal said the meet could be moved.

### **Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites**

North Solo & Ensemble MPA:

March 28-30, 2005

Bartram Trail HS, Jacksonville

South Solo & Ensemble MPA:

March 21-23, 2005

Palmetto Ridge HS, Naples

North Concert MPA

April 18-23, 2005

Wesley Chapel HS, Wesley Chapel

South Concert MPA

April 18-23, 2005

North Port HS, North Port

### **Item 11: Nominations for Adjudicators List**

None

### **Item 12: Suggestions to State Committees**

None

### **Item 13: Proposals to the Executive Board**

#### **MOTION: To the Executive Board (Jones / Adams)**

To encourage more bands to participate in the Student Conducting aspect of MPA's by revising the music selections currently offered. Specifically, a greater variety of music grade level options should be provided to better suit the diversity of band classifications and long-term consistent participation.

#### **RATIONALE:**

Two of the four music choices for student conductors are permanently out of print: "Heritage Overture", by Caudill and "Lyric Overture", by Erickson. The other two selections are both categorized as Grade 3, though they are quite different in degree of difficulty. Thus, schools which participate in the student conducting aspect of an MPA every year are often restricted to playing the same selection over and over again. A single music choice does not stimulate creative learning by either the student conductors or the bands.

Since virtually every music educator will eventually be involved in some form of conducting in his or her career, we must encourage and inspire more student conductors by making a wide variety of excellent music choices available for them. **(PASSED)**

#### **MOTION: To the Executive Board (Jones / McLeod)**

To provide student composers who submit a composition for consideration to the Filmore Competition with constructive feedback from the music committee.

#### **RATIONALE:**

Students work diligently and excitedly on their compositions to submit to this competition. In order to promote and foster such creative effort and encourage potential composers, there should be the same sort of positive and constructive feedback from the judges that there would be at any other music assessment. More guidelines should be outlined in the handbook for the level of difficulty or complexity that a work should achieve in order to win. Making the names and composition titles of past winners available could also encourage more composition attempts. **(PASSED)**

**Item 14: Other**

None

**Item 15: For the Good of the Association**

Chairman Steadman and Dan Wooten recognized Barry Mullins for stepping out of retirement to take over for David Mayfield who is currently in Houston battling cancer.

Joe Hooten advised the high school directors that parking for trucks at the Marching MPA will be in the rear of the school while buses will be at the front.

**Item 16: Next Meeting Date**

Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005 @ Gulf Breeze HS Band Room

**Item 17: Adjournment**

**MOTION: To adjourn (Weaver / Wooten)**

**(PASSED)**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

**Name of District Secretary:**

Jody Dunn

**Signature:**

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Dunn