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## FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 70<sup>th</sup> year DISTRICT MEETING #4 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-05)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 16</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: 5/3/2006</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 4</b>	<b>MEETING LOCATION: Killian Senior High</b>

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

The meeting was called to order by Erich S. Rivero at 7:03 PM.

### Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Erich S. Rivero, Jason Cochrac, Anthony Simons III, Bobby Jackson, Jimmie L. Zilliner Jr., Manuel A. Camacho II, Jennifer R. Jimenez, Edward J. Ercilla, Tim Birkett, Rafael Napoles, Christine Napoles, Benjamin Lorenzo, Dennis Llinas, Lowell Thomas, Ryan Ellis, Paul Smith, Alina Matusow-Hirschowitz, Michael Hirschowitz, Malena Calle, Fernando Diez, Jon Hutchinson, Kermit Virgil, Leo Altimiranda, Stephen K. Rivero, Sterling Jones, Robert Gonzalez, Elissa Vento, and Lee Johanson

### Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Minutes have been posted online and accepted by the membership.

### Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Due to the treasurer's absence, no report was issued.

### Item 5: Announcements, etc.:

#### 2006-2007 Dates

November 4, 2006	District Marching MPA
November 7, 2006	District Marching MPA Rain-out date
February 9 – 10, 2007	High School Solo/Ensemble Festival
March 15 – 17, 2007	High School Concert MPA
March 23 – 24, 2007	Middle School Solo/Ensemble Festival
April 18 – 20, 2007	Middle School Concert MPA

Mr. Robert Gonzalez announced that he is the director at Coral Way K-8 and he is new to our district. Mr. Sterling Jones, director at Glades Middle School also announced that he is new to our district. Both were welcomed by the members present.

Mr. Erich Rivero thanked Mr. Leo Altimiranda and Mr. Lowell Thomas for hosting the Middle School MPA this year. Ms. Malena Calle also thanked Mr. Leo Altimiranda.

## **Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues with FBA and FSMA**

Concerns about the middle school physical education requirement are causing worry within the District. Erich Rivero encouraged directors to have students write a letter as their essay final exam to the school board on this issue. Erich Rivero also would like to try to have an advocacy group that would focus on this issue and others that may arise.

## **Item 7: Unfinished Business**

CD recorders need to be purchased by our district. Mr. Erich Rivero suggested the Superscope Technologies "Voyager Upgrade" System. The package includes the PSD300P, 2 audix condenser microphones, 2 quick-loc microphone stands, headphones, carry case, 50' microphone cables, 10 blank CD-R discs in jewel cases, and 25' extension cord. Total package costs \$1,199.00.

Erich Rivero informed the District that Mr. David Hillberry, owner of Burning Bush Recordings also recommends the purchase of the recording package. He has also recommended purchasing a hard shell case for the unit for an additional cost of \$125.00. It will help keep the units in good condition over the years. Mr. Hillberry has also extended his services by coming to the District's first meeting of the 2006-2007 school year to demonstrate the use of the CD recorders.

Mr. Lowell Thomas asked how long it would take to finalize the CD's. Mr. Erich Rivero said it should only take 2 to 3 minutes.

Mr. Manuel Camacho asked if there was a deadline to purchase the CD recorders. Mr. Erich Rivero responded that the company would honor the price and hold it for the District.

Mr. Manuel Camacho motioned to accept the CD recorder package from Superscope Technologies.

Ms. Jennifer R. Jimenez seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **Item 8: Committee Reports**

None

## **Item 9: New Business**

Mr. Erich Rivero informed the members that Mr. David Hillberry, owner of Burning Bush Recordings, was offering his services to record the Middle/High School Concert Band and Jazz Band MPA's for 2007. The recording fees would remain the same and each director would receive a CD of their band and a second CD would be recorded for FBA archives. Mr. Hillberry is already aware of the MPA dates for next year.

Mr. Lowell Thomas motioned to have Burning Bush Recordings continue to record the groups at Middle/High School Concert and Jazz Band MPA.

Manuel Camacho seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED/UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Erich Rivero informed the association that Miami Killian High School is interested in hosting the High School Solo & Ensemble and Jazz Band MPA next year. Mr. Rivero explained that Miami Killian is more than willing to allow the District to utilize their Kawai keyboards and pianos. In addition, Miami Killian would be more than willing to accommodate the Auxiliaries in the gymnasium. Miami Killian requests assurance that FBA would be responsible for any damage. Mr. Rivero provided a letter with his request.

Mr. Leo Altimiranda is also interested in hosting the High School Concert Band MPA at Miami Senior High School next year. Mr. Altimiranda did not have a letter in hand to present to the Executive Board.

Mr. Steve Rivero made a point that a letter must be present at the meeting, therefore he **motioned to table this issue** until the August meeting when a signed letter can be presented. Mr. Lowell Thomas **seconded** Mr. Rivero.

Mr. Steve Rivero brought up the topic of pictures at evaluation. He was pleased that the picture for his band was taken on stage instead of on bleachers. Having the pictures taken on stage reflects professionalism of the group. Ms. Malena Calle interjected that by taking them on stage; it reduces the amount time wasted during MPA. Mr. Erich Rivero agreed that it would be possible to take pictures on stage, however, it must be timed correctly to allow students the opportunity to complete picture order forms. Mr. Steve Rivero said to have the forms sent to the directors ahead of time to give to the students. Mr. Berman Lopez agreed with Mr. Rivero.

Mr. John Pace motioned to have pictures taken on stage after MPA performance.

Mr. Berman Lopez seconded the motion.

**MOTION PASSED/UNANIMOUS**

Alan Parker, a representative of Jolesch Photography also sent an agreement form to Mr. Erich Rivero regarding pictures for MPA's which would allow them to be the exclusive photographer for the events.

There was a presentation given by Mr. Roger Topalian, photographer with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Photography. He presented a bid for 10X16 group shot (panoramic view) taken either on stage or on bleachers. Each director would receive an 11X14 framed photo complimentary. The cost of each shot would cost \$20.00 each.

A discussion followed the presentation regarding which Photography Company would be the best to have at MPA's next year. The membership discussed the pros and cons of both companies. Mr. John Pace **motioned** to table the decision on which photography company the District should use. Mr. John Normandin **seconded** the motion. Motion was tabled by unanimous vote.

Mr. John Normandin questioned whether the middle school MPA assessment was lost or if there would be a chance of reimbursement. Mr. Erich Rivero stated that Mr. Duane Hendon said the assessment fee could not be refunded; however, the monies paid could be credited for next year.

Mr. Paul Smith stated that all MPA events ran smoothly; however, there were not enough busses to transport groups. Mr. Erich Rivero telephoned charter bus companies to see if they would be able to transport groups. Mr. Rivero was able to find a bus company charging \$300.00 per bus, however, Mr. Jim Smith, Music Supervisor for Miami-Dade County said it was too expensive and did agree with providing funds for the charter bus.

Mr. Lowell Thomas suggested sending someone to the District music office to assist with bus scheduling for MPA's. The bus schedule should correspond to the performing schedule. Mr. John Normandin requested the same, however, to work into the schedule some listening time for the groups. This should also aid in bus transportation for MPA's.

Motion: Mr. John Normandin :To form a committee to assist with the scheduling of bus transportation for MPA's.

Mr. Fernando Diez **seconded** the motion.

**MOTION PASSED/UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **Nominations/Elections of Executive Board positions in District 16 (secret ballot)**

High School Chairman Erich Rivero

Motion: A.Simons/Unanimous Outcome: **PASSED**

Middle School Chairman                      John Normandin  
Motion: S. Rivero/Unanimous              Outcome: **PASSED**

High School Secretary                      Jason Cochrac  
Motion: A. Simons/Unanimous              Outcome: **PASSED**

Middle School Chairman                      Manuel Camacho  
Motion: S. Rivero/Unanimous              Outcome: **PASSED**

Treasurer                                      Ryan Ellis  
Motion: E. Rivero/J. Normandin              Outcome: **DID NOT PASS**

Treasurer                                      Pablo Casteneda  
Motion: E. Rivero/Unanimous              Outcome: **PASSED**

Assistant Treasurer                      Jennifer Jimenez  
Motion: M. Camacho/Unanimous              Outcome: **PASSED**

### **Item 10: District Adjudicators for Next School Year**

These adjudicators were **recommended** by the membership for next years MPA's.

All Events                                      Roger Faulman  
Motion: E. Rivero

Middle School Solo/Ensemble              Jim Hacker  
Motion: J. Jimenez

All Events                                      Kenneth Tolbert  
Motion: Unanimous

Middle School Concert Band              Mara Rose  
Motion: M. Calle

All Events                                      Steve Kelly  
Motion: E. Rivero

Middle/High School Jazz Band              Al Hager  
Motion: John Normandin

All Events                                      Fred Schmidt  
Motion: M. Calle

High School Concert Band              Greg Martin  
Motion: D. Llinas

Middle/High School Jazz Band              Chris Dorsey  
Motion: B. Jackson

All Events                                      Alonzo Braddin  
Motion: Sterling Jones

Middle/High School Concert Band              Shelby Chipman  
Motion: B. Jackson

All Events                                      Edgar Rubio  
Motion:

All Events                                      Travis Henry  
Motion:

All Events                                      Jermaine Fleming  
Motion: J. Pace

### **Item 11: Nominations for State MPA Adjudicators**

All Events                                      John Southall

Motion: S. Jones  
State Concert Band Julian White  
Motion: A. Simons  
All Events Alfred Watkins  
Motion: B. Jackson  
State Jazz Band Lindsay Sergeant  
Motion: E. Rivero

### **Item 12: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)**

Solo/Ensemble – Woodwinds	Kathy Blaha
Motion: A. Simons/E. Rivero	<b>MOTION PASSED</b>
Concert Band/S & E – Brass	John Pace
Motion: A. Simons/Bobby Washington	<b>MOTION PASSED</b>
Concert Band/S & E – Brass	Anthony Simons
Motion: J. Pace/E.Rivero	<b>MOTION PASSED</b>
Concert Band/S & E – Woodwinds/Percussion	Bobby Jackson
Motion: J. Pace/ J. Cochrac	<b>MOTION PASSED</b>
Concert Band/Jazz Band/S & E – Brass	John Normandin
Motion: L. Thomas/E. Rivero	<b>MOTION PASSED</b>

### **Item 13: Suggestions to State Committees**

None

### **Item 14: Proposals to the Executive Board**

**Motion:** To amend the criteria for the Otto J. Kraushaar Award to be based solely on Music Captions at District Marching MPA, and continue with the requirements of Straight Superiors at District Concert MPA, already in place.

**Rationale:** This prestigious award should be in recognition of the school's musical achievements in both District MPA's and at State MPA. For example, a band might earn an Excellent rating by the Marching & Maneuvering adjudicator for a number of reasons; however, both Music adjudicators find the ensemble to be Superior. Moreover, if Auxiliary is already not a part of the existing criteria, then no visual caption should be a factor.

Motion: S. Rivero/A. Simons Outcome: **PASSED**

### **Item 15: Correspondence**

Mr. Duane Hendon sent an e-mail regarding elections to fill vacant board positions or soon to be vacant board positions with our District.

### **Item 16: For the Good of the Association**

Mr. Anthony Simons said he appreciated the help from Erich Rivero, Manuel Camacho, and Jason Cochrac during the reorganization of the District.

John Pace commended Anthony Simons for all of his efforts as District Chairman.

Mr. Anthony Simons stated that correspondence between directors should stay within the Association and do not necessarily need outside influences. Mr. John Normandin believes that the Music Office downtown needs to be informed of issues that are transpiring with the District. Several other members agree that as an Association, more communication must occur.

Mr. John Normandin suggested having a clinic at Jazz Band MPA. This clinic takes place during Broward MPA, and is a good idea. It is very educational for the students.

Mr. John Normandin motioned to have clinicians at Jazz Band Middle/High School MPA. Motion was seconded by Ms. Elissa Vento.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Fredrick Ingram informed the members present of the Miami All-Stars Band Camp at Florida Memorial University. Cost is \$125.00 per student. For more information contact Mr. Ingram at Carol City High School.

**Mr. Rivero informed the association that Mr. Eddie Pearson recently passed away, and that the funeral was this evening.**

**Upcoming Concerts:** Hialeah Middle – May 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM  
Central Senior High – May 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM

**Summer Convention:** July 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> at the Altamonte Hilton

**Job Openings Next Year:** Paul Bell Middle School, Shenandoah Middle School, Ruben Dario Middle School, Miami Beach Senior, Michael Krop Senior (Asst. position), Southridge Senior, Coral Gables Senior, Southwest Senior, Miami Springs Senior.

**Teachers of the Year:** Edward J. Ercilla, Rookie Teacher of the Year, Ponce De Leon Middle School

**Retirements:** N/A

### **Item 17: Next Meeting Date**

Next meeting date tabled until after state meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Item 18: Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: J. Pace/E. Rivero

**Outcome: PASSED**

Meeting adjourned at 9:08PM

**Name of District Secretary: Jason Cochrac (High School)**

**Signature:** *Jason Cochrac*