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IN MEMORIAM

Joseph W. Courson

Joseph W. Courson, age 80, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 11, 2008, at his home. Joe was born in Stuart, FL, and received his Bachelor of Music degree from Stetson University in 1950. Joe began his teaching career at Madison High School in Madison County Florida in 1950. In 1951, he moved to Quincy High School and on to Havana High School in 1952. His final move was to Titusville High School in Brevard County in 1955. Joe remained at THS until his retirement in 1981. As a Charter Member of Omega Chapter of Phi Beta Mu, Joe served as Chapter President as well as the President of the Florida Bandmasters Association. He had a very positive influence on all of the young people he came in contact with either as a director or as judge. He always had an outstanding program and was always on call to help new, as well as veteran directors, whenever they had questions or challenges with their programs. He was a member of the Mims United Methodist Church, a Life Member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and a proud member of the Confederate Sons Association Indian River Camp 47. Joe was predeceased last year by his wife of 56 years, Sara. We miss them both very much.

*The 2008 FBA SUMMER CONFERENCE will be held at the Altamonte Springs Hilton on July 10 - 12, 2008. Pre-registration and hotel reservation information will be mailed to you in April. Again, everyone will be in the **DIRECTOR'S BAND**, and we will once again have our **MASTERWORKS IN REHEARSAL**. Arnald Gabriel Ret. United States Air Force Band will be our main Clinician. 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 All-State Community Band perform on Friday evening, with the Southern Wind with Bobby Adams, performing on Thursday evening.*

ATTENTION SENIOR HIGH DIRECTORS

Information about State S&E is on the web site. Deadlines for State S&E entry are only 1(one) week after district. Please be ready for that deadline. It always comes so quickly after district. South State S&E will be March 31, April 1, 2, 2008 at Taravella High School in Coral Springs, and North State S&E will be April 7, 8, 9, 2008 at West Port High School in Ocala. We will use the MPA Online program this year.

Look for State MPA information in late February. If you have not received yours by MARCH 1, please call the Executive Director immediately!!! 352-625-9570

MPA dates are:

North - April 14, 15, 16, 2008 - University of North Florida in Jacksonville

North - April 17, 18, 2008 - Bartram Trail High School in Jacksonville

South - April 14 - 18, 2008 - Vero Beach High School in Vero Beach

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 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 PM by President **Chuck Fulton**, 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 Leduc, SSHBand-Nick Albanese, MSHBand-Eddie Steadman, and Jazz Band-Jeff Cayer. After the introduction of the FBA Officers seated on the dais, the minutes of the July 2007 Board and General Business meetings, and the December 2007 Executive Board meeting were approved as distributed to the membership. 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 November 27, 2007)

FBA Operating Account	\$47,933.81
FBA Commissioning Acct. MM	\$30,124.05
FBA Severance Account CD	\$22,537.51
FBA Reserve Account	\$154,301.32
FBS Hall of Fame CD	\$12,601.68

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

- a. Jeanne Reynolds, President of FMEA was introduced to the membership
- b. Conductors of the 7th & 8th Grade All-State Band, Don Snowden from Pensacola Junior College, and the Small Schools Honor Band, Kelly Dorsey from Union County High School, were introduced. John Carmichael was welcomed back home to Florida where he will be at the University of South Florida.
- c. Past-Presidents stood and were introduced by Chuck Fulton.
- 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 stood the longest with 56 years membership in the FBA.
- f. The following members received the 25-year Life Member pin:

Nick Albanese, Tony Chiarito, Nick DeCarbo, Annette Greive, David Fritz, Cathy Kersten, Frank McKinney, Randy Nelson, John Nista, Ana Pena, Gerry Poe, Johnnie Robinson, Mark Spreen, George Walters, Paul Wilson

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

John J Aiello - Pine Crest School at Boca Raton, Bryan Alspach - Monroe Middle School, Michael Antmann - Swift Creek Middle School, Amy Bradley - Electa Lee Magnet Middle School, Malena Calle - Southwood Middle School Center for the Arts, Vincent Capo - Sebastian River Middle School, William J Castillo - Omni Middle School, Jeff Cayer - Southwest Middle School, Dayna Cole - Pembroke Pines Charter Middle School - West Campus, Robert Colon - Destin Middle School, Tamyra F DiFruscio - Northport Middle School, Tim V Douglas - Odyssey Middle School, Missie Ellis - Lakeview Middle School, Ron Helm - Sawgrass Springs Middle School, Kathy Johnson - Lakland Christian School, Troy V Jones - Gulf Middle School, Robert Keating - Gulliver Academy Middle School, Jim LeBon - Dan McCarty Middle School, Linda L Mann - Diplomat Middle School, John H. Normandin- Palm Springs Middle School, David N Olsen - Lincoln Middle School, Douglas "Skip" Perry - Piedmont Lakes Middle School, Edie Shendell-Frankel - Pembroke Pines Charter Middle School, Dirk J Schmidt - Lake Butler Middle School, Sean

Srigley - Gifford Middle School, Rick Sylverter - Hill Middle School, Neil Theiriault - Benito Middle School, Gloria Vagi - Pioneer Middle School
 h. **TOM BISHOP AWARD Luis Alvarez - DeSoto High School, Jack Eddy, Jr. - Oak Ridge High School, Jeremy Klein - Robinson High School, Christine Napoles - Arthur and Polly Mays Middle School, Michael Williams - Silver Sands Middle School**
 i. **OLIVER HOBBS AWARD Roanna Combs - Ridge Community High School, Tina Laferriere - Tavares Middle School, Timothy Willis - Jim C. Bailey Middle School**
 j. The following District Chairpersons were presented CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION for their hard work and dedication to the FBA **Everett McConn - District 4, P L Malcolm - District 6, Jodi Wunch - District 8, Tammy Roggen - District 14, Erich Rivero - District 16, Eric Metzner - District 18, Cathi Leibinger - District 20**

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS

District 1 - Jody Dunn	District 11 - Amy Bradley
District 2 - Jamie Birdwell	District 12 - Jeff Cayer
District 3 - Josh Bula	District 13 - Page Howell
District 4 - Ed Amaya	District 14 - Bill Castillo
District 5 - Robert Cook	District 15 - Jamie Roth
District 6 - Josh Langston	District 16 - Erich Rivero
District 7 - Nicole Conte	District 17 - Lee Ponder
District 8 - Hannah Jennings	District 18 - Bill Reaney
District 9 - Madeline Dunsizer	District 19 - Gerry Ricke
District 10 - Mark Nelson	District 20- Carolyn Hutchinson
	District 21 - Jason Duckett

INTRODUCTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS

a. Adjudication Committee - Bill Reinecke
 b. All-State Bands Selection Committee - Shawn Barat
 c. Clinics Committee - Chuck Fulton
 d. Concert Music Committee - Monty Musgrave
 e. Ethics Committee - Joe Luechauer
 f. MPA Committee - Mark Spreen
 g. Finance Committee - Paula Thornton
 h. Past-Presidents' Council - Paula Thornton
 i. Professional Resources Committee - Nick DeCarbo
 j. Sight-reading Music Committee - Jeanie Berry
 k. Solo & Ensemble Music Committee - Keith Stark
 l. Benevolence Committee - Da-Laine Chapman
 m. Commissioning Committee - Rob Roadman
 n. Technology Committee - Josh Bula
 o. Auxiliary Committee - Linda Boone

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS

- a. Small Schools - Nick Albanese
- b. Jazz Band Committee - Jeff Cayer
- c. Mentoring - Travis Henry
- d. Jr/Sr High School Committee - Chuck Brooker

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION: Reaney/Birdwell to add to the REQUESTED CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES III-a, 9. c in the Handbook.

- c. Requests for a band to perform in a lower classification must be in writing stating the circumstances justifying the request, and must be signed by the band director and the principal of the school making the request. ~~The request will be presented at either of the first two regularly scheduled FBA District meetings for a vote by the membership of that District.~~ If passed by the District, the request will then be reviewed and action taken by the Board at its November/December meeting.

Add in place of the strike-out, The request for classification letter MUST be attached to the classification form which is due October 1st. This request will then be presented at the second FBA District Meeting for a vote by the membership of that District.

#22 PASSED BY THE BOARD

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NEW BUSINESS

Linda Mann of Diplomat Middle School was elected to be the next JH/MS Representative on the FBA Board. She was voted in at the JH/MS meeting earlier in the evening.

Randy Folsom of Ft. Walton Beach High School was voted in as the President-Elect of the Florida Bandmasters Association.

HALL OF FAME BOARD REPORT - Bobby Adams

2008 Hall of Fame inductees are Phil Wharton from Ridge Community High School and John Gorecki formally from Rock Lake Middle School.

2008 Roll of Distinction inductee is Henry Filmore, from a long time ago.

The concerts will be held on November 15 & 16, 2008 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:

Brian Haliniewski - Howard D. McMillan Middle School

Scott Leahy - R.B. Stewart Middle School

Kevin Lewis - Burns Middle School

Lindsay Samuels - Blake Academy Middle School

**Andy Shepard - Yulee Middle School
John Stewart - St. Cloud High School
Neil Jenkins - J. P Taravella High School, Arts Teacher of the Year**

**The following directors have passed their National Board Certification:
Dayna Cole - Pembroke Pines Charter Middle School (West)
Steve DeLadurantey - Golden Gate High School
Amy Isenhower - Oak Hammock K-8 School**

The following bands will be representing Florida at the CBDNA/NBA Convention, February 27-29, 2008 in Columbus, GA:

**Deland High School - Ted Shistle
J. P. Taravella High School - Neil Jenkins and Cheldon Williams
Niceville High School - Dan Wooten and Jeff Adams
Satellite High School - Mark Nelson and Mark Sunderland
Sebastian River High School - Eric Allen and Joel Pagan**

Congratulations to the following schools and directors who gave formal concerts at the FMEA Clinic this year, and those who gave Mini Concerts:

**Sebastian River High School - Eric Allen and Joel Pagan
Rocklake Middle School - David Hedgecoth
Sarasota Riverview High School - Mark Spreen, David Naumann and Norm Vagn
Gifford MS Percussion Ensemble - Sean Srigley
Glades M S Jazz Band - Erich Rivero
Gaither HS Percussion Ensemble - Brian Dell
Space Coast Steele - Ed Anderson**

Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Wind Symphony - Shawn Barat, will be performing at the MENC National Convention in Milwaukee, April 11, 2008

ABA Convention will be held at the University of Miami, March 4th - 9th, 2008. For information contact Cathi Leibinger at cleibinger@ransomeverglades.org

Tina Laferriere spoke about FBA member Ivan Wansley who is in the University Community Hospital on Fletcher Ave in Tampa. Ivan will be in the hospital for some time. A donation was taken up with members being very generous. If you would like to call Ivan or donate something for him here is the information:

**Ivan's cell phone # is 813-230-1379
The address for cards and donations is:
Ivan Wansley
c/o Clara Wansley
4100 E Fletcher Ave #1218
Tampa, FL 33613-4825**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Duane L. Hendon, Executive Director.