



## FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 72<sup>nd</sup> year DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES (ver. 08-07)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 14</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: August 17, 2007</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>LOCATION: Kravis Center – West Palm Beach</b>

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

Chairman Bill Castillo called the meeting to order at 3:11 pm. Our clinic session at the county meeting with Bobby Adams was enjoyable and enriching. Thank you to Dr. Adams for sharing your expertise with us.

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

Dr Bobby Adams – Stetson University	Aaron Snipes – Park Vista HS
Duane Hendon – FBA Executive Director	Louis St-Laurent – Unity School
Jim St Clair – Symphonic Band of the Palm Beaches	Jerri Goffe – Lantana MS
Mark Freese – The Instrument Clinic	Pete Skowronek – Conniston MS
John Jarvis – Music Man Inc.	Paul Destito – Jupiter MS
Jessey Howard – Private flute instructor	Sarah Shearon – Okeeheelee MS
John Davis – Private teacher Boca MS Don Estridge MS	Matt Jensen – Emerald Cove MS
Dave Gibble – Palm Beach Community College	Mickey Gautney – Don Estridge MS
Bill Castillo – Omni MS	John Aiello – Pine Crest School
Mike Fraley – Boca MS	Mike Egan – Eagles Landing MS
Julia Heath – Boca HS	Keary Pence – Woodlands MS
Tim Skinner – Seminole Ridge HS	Andrew Campo – Palm Springs MS
O Powell – Boynton Beach HS	David Markgraf – Western Pines MS
Willie Pyfrom – Odyssey MS	Tammy Roggen – Duncan MS
Bridgette Howell – LC Swain MS	Andrea Duque – Santaluces HS
Justin Jacobs – Roosevelt MS	Stephanie Caputo – Palm Beach Gardens HS
Heath Miller – HL Watkins	Allen Lamp – Dwyer HS
Ollice Davis Jr. – Pahokee Middle-Sr	Randy Sonntag – Independence MS
Ernest Brown – Suncoast HS	Andrew Aldoretta – Osceola Creek MS
Cleve Maloon – BAK MS	Chris Martindale – Wellington Landings MS
Harry Spyker – Congress MS	Mary Oser – Wellington HS
Mona St. Hilaire – Lake Worth MS	Wayne Miller – DSOA
Siobhan Fergiels – Bear Lakes MS	James Yaques – Palm Beach Central HS
George Reed – Forest Hills HS	Jason Cochrac – Lake Worth HS
Jennifer Starr – Polo Park MS	Fred Weng – St Paul School
Amanda Leonard – Crestwood MS	Milton Joselyn – John I. Leonard HS
David Faulk – Atlantic HS	Pedro Hernandez – DSOA
Craig White – Spanish River HS	Jackie Parsons – Olympic Heights HS
Craig Denny – Loggers’ Run MS	Stephen Johnson – Carver MS
Aaron Freidman – Jeaga MS	Kimberlee Aliapoulios – The King’s Academy
Edrick Rhodes – West Boca HS	

### **Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes**

Motion to waive – Martindale / Aldoretta.

### **Item 4: Treasurer's Report**

End of Past Year's Statement:

Proposed Current Year Budget:

A new FBA laptop will be purchased in August.

\$10,965.11 currently in account.

### **Item 5: Next Meeting Date and Place**

Wednesday, November 14, 2007 5:00 pm at Omni Middle School. This is after the All-District Jazz rehearsal which is at Spanish River HS. Food will be provided by the Omni MS parents

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

Local legislative contact – volunteers? Milton Joselyn volunteered

Keep a network of parents, boosters, community leaders to help respond to legislative alerts, and directors respond to them as well.

Go to [www.flmusiced.org](http://www.flmusiced.org) and find legislators by district. Also find sample letters to invite legislators to concerts or to set up meetings. Legislature meets in March & April but don't wait until then to act.

### **Item 7: Announcements**

FMEA Awards Nomination forms are in the Florida Music Director Magazine.

### **Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets**

You should have received the following in your packet.

- Data sheet (pink) **Turn this form in to Bill Castillo right away.**
- Agenda / calendar (green)
- FMEA – FBA Application
- All-State Band application – Small School Honor Band – MS Honor Band (white)
- All-State participant's contract (white)
- All-State audition scripts (white)
- All-State Requirements
- Band director's checklist of responsibilities (cream)
- 2007-2008 Classification form (white)
- 2007-2008 Medals order form—send to Joann Kinder (white)
- Oliver Hobbs/Tom Bishop awards (white)
- Miscellaneous FBA forms (white)

### **Item 9: Unfinished Business**

None

### **Item 10: Committee Reports**

None

### **Item 11: New Business**

Membership Dues & Enrollment Forms Due **September 1** (earlier than last year). Send to FMEA or pay online at [www.flmusiced.org](http://www.flmusiced.org). Students will not be allowed to audition for All-State if band director is not a member of FBA by September 1st. Consider using your schools P card if you can – see your book -keeper for details.

Handbook—read rules before each event!! Handbook is posted on the FBA website.

Sign up your band for MPA Online. Your school must pay FSMA dues before you can logon. Upload your band roster now to get a head start on your paperwork.

Where to find District 14 information: [www.pbbandcamp.org/fba](http://www.pbbandcamp.org/fba)

1. All-State database—deadline for disk/form/check Aug. 31, 2007
2. All-District Honor Band entry forms

- deadline for Jazz disk/form/check Oct. 6
  - deadline for Concert Band disk/form/check Mar. 28
3. District calendar—review
  4. Private teacher list—review on district 14 website and email updates/additions to Nick Patsis
  5. Send a link to your band website and Nick will include it in the site.

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)

Middles 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)

There are 27 pages of S&E music changes on the website. Take a look before preparing for S&E.

**Requests for re-classification** - Any letters today? Send letter with classification form to district chairman. We vote on these at Nov. meeting. After that, send requests to Duane Hendon by Jan. 30.

**All State Auditions:** (forms are in August Bulletin and on [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba) )

Site: Independence MS

Date: Sat., Sept. 15, 2007

Deadline: Aug. 31, 2007 Entry form, check and Participant Contracts due at this time.

Fees: \$10 per student per audition. (Flute & Piccolo counts as 2 auditions, \$20)

We need ALL directors at the All State auditions. 2 directors are required per room; we need extras for breaks etc. Please plan on being at the auditions.

LATE FINES: \$50.00 for submitting forms late (Payable to FBA) No forms accepted after Sept 7.

Band director must be a member of FMEA/FBA by September 1 in order for students audition for all-state.

**CD recorders (including mics, etc.) will be collected starting next week** by John Jarvis and Music Man reps and brought to Mike Fraley at Boca Raton MS by Sept. 7. He will test each one and write down instructions for each recorder. Morning of All-State auditions, recorders/monitors will meet early to do a test audition with each one.

Brass/Woodwind auditions will be 15 minutes, Jazz/Percussion auditions will be 20 minutes.

There will be two backup/overflow recording rooms to handle emergency situations (i.e. blank CD's) and to help if a room gets behind schedule.

Michelle from Music Man will pick up your CD recorders the first week of September and deliver them to Boca MS. Please label your unit. This year we are adding recorders from Odyssey MS, JIL HS, Unity School & Park Vista.

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

Forms are in August Bulletin and on [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba)

Completed forms and fees should be sent to the respective committee chairman whose name and address are on the form. Deadline is Sept 26, 2007

**Do not send this form to Bill Castillo!**

All-District Jazz Auditions:

Date – Wed. Nov. 7, 2007, 6-9 p.m.

Site – DSOA

Host – Wayne Miller

All-District Jazz Festival:

Rehearsal Dates – Wed. Nov. 14, 2007, 9:00-4:00 p.m.; Thur. Nov. 15, 2007, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Concert – Thur. Nov. 15, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Site – Spanish River HS

Host – Craig White  
MS Clinician – Edgar Rubio  
MS Coordinator – John Aiello & Paul Destito  
HS 2 Clinician – Erich Rivero  
HS 2 Coordinator – Allen Lamp  
HS 1 Clinician – Michelle Fernandez  
HS 1 Coordinator – John Aiello

Nominations for the Oliver Hobbs Award (see latest “Florida Bandmaster”):

Randy Sonntag was nominated by the membership.

Nominations for the Tom Bishop Award (see latest “Florida Bandmaster”):

George Reed was nominated by the membership.

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Bill Castillo gave a demonstration of the MPA Online program and encouraged directors to input rosters right away. Don't wait until the forms are due to start using this program. It is required for entry to ALL MPA's. He also demonstrated the new FSMA site that lists all state legislators and their districts. Paul Destito volunteered to send out information on how to import an excel file from Grade Quick.

State Solo & Ensemble MPA:

- North: April 7-9, 2008 - West Port High School
- South: March 31 - April 2, 2008 - Taravella High School – Coral Springs

State Concert MPA:

- North/Central: April 14-18, 2008
- South: April 14-18, 2008 -- Vero Beach High School

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

**Marching Band MPA:**

Date: October 27, 2007

Site: Santaluces HS

Entry Form Due Date: Fri. October 5. Checks to District Chairman, forms will be done online through the MPA Online program.

LATE FINES: \$50.00 for submitting forms or checks late (payable to FBA), \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline (Oct. 13). No forms or checks accepted after October 18. Your band will not be scheduled to perform.

- No assessment money collected at this time.
- Assistance is needed from ALL Middle School/Junior High directors. Come and support the high school programs and your District.
- Admission at gate \$7, \$5 pre-sale tickets - email order to Mike Fraley by Oct. 18 (bring cash or school check payable to FBA District 14 to Marching MPA) NO PERSONAL CHECKS TO FBA!
- Middle School bands play Star-Spangled Banner (email Mike Fraley if interested)
- Make sure all members of your marching band are enrolled at your school!!!!
- The Marching MPA program will be a fundraiser for FBA District 14. All directors, middle and senior HS and all private schools are asked to support this project. Please look through the ad sale material that was given out at the first meeting and make every effort to have a band parent sell ads for this program. It is easy (you only have to call one parent and give them the information) and can go a long way towards reducing our assessments for MPA's this year.

The Marching MPA will be scheduled in two blocks. Bands will be on-site during their entire block. There will be a field commander retreat at the end of each block at which time ratings will be announced and sheets

and tapes given. Directors must wait until the end of their block for sheets and tapes. Please bring your band into the stands to watch and cheer for other bands when you are not warming up or performing.

**Jazz MPA:**

Date – Wed & Thu, February 6 & 7, 2008  
Site – West Boca Raton HS  
Host – Edrick Rhodes

**Solo and Ensemble MPA:**

Date – Fri & Sat, February 8 & 9, 2008,  
Site – Boca Raton HS  
Host – Julia Heath

**Concert (JH/MS) South site:**

Date – Mon & Tue, March 31 & April 1, 2008  
Site – Santaluces HS  
Host – Evan Rogovin

**Concert (JH/MS) North site:**

Date – Wed & Thu, April 2 & 3, 2008  
Site – W. T. Dwyer HS  
Host – Allen Lamp

**Concert (High School) North site:**

Date – Mon & Tue, March 3 & 4, 2008  
Site – Palm Beach Central HS  
Host – James Yaques

**Concert (High School) South site:**

Date – Wed & Thu, March 5 & 6, 2008  
Site – John I Leonard HS  
Host – Milton Joselyn

**All-District Honor Band Auditions:**

Date – Thu. April 17, 2008  
Site – Omni MS  
Host – Bill Castillo

**All-District Honor Band:**

Rehearsal Dates – Thu. April 24, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Fri. April 25, 2008, 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Concert – Fri. April 25, 2008, 7:30 p.m.  
Site – Spanish River HS  
Host – Craig White  
HS Clinician – Dr. Shelby Chipman  
HS Coordinator – Milt Joselyn  
MS Clinician – Nick Patsis  
MS Coordinator – Sarah Shearon

**Spotlight on Young Musicians Concert:**

Thurs. May 1, Fri. May 2, 2008:  
This includes the All-District MS Concert Band and HS Jazz Band 1  
Kravis liaison - Sarah Shearon  
There will be a rehearsal earlier that week as well.

**Item 13: District MPA Adjudicators**

**Marching MPA:**

Music - Erich Rivero,  
Music - Neil Jenkins  
M&M - Mara Rys

GE - Bruce Brazinski  
Aux - Cathy Kersten  
Perc - Mike Woodfin

**Jazz MPA:**

Mark Nelson  
Mike Ginesin  
Brian Wuttke

**S&E MPA:**

Antonio Womack, Bob Allen, Carol Allen, DaLaine Chapman, David Plack, Fred Kagi, Gloria Vagi, Jennifer Frankenstein, Jim St. Clair, John Keon, Kara Samson, Kim Miles, Leonard McClain, Malena Calle, Mark Nelson, Rick Miles, Robert Raabe, Robin McClain, Ryan Miles, Stephen Cantin, Tom Hurst, Ward Green, Mike Ginesin, Brian Wuttke  
More judges will be assigned as needed.

**Concert (JH/MS) South site:**

1. Lee Ponder
  2. Paul Morton
  3. Jennifer Frankenstein
- SR Annette Greive

**Concert (JH/MS) North site:**

1. Bob Allen
  2. Jason Duckett
  3. Annette Greive
- SR TBA

**Concert (High School) North site:**

1. Lee Ponder
  2. Dennis Silkebakken
  3. Jim Sammons
- SR LC Coney

**Concert (High School) South site:**

1. Dennis Silkebakken
  2. LC Coney
  3. Jim Sammons
- SR TBA

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

none

**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**

Motion: Miller / Destito: To split District 14 (Palm Beach County) into 2 separate districts.

Rationale: District 14 has grown to the point that we use 30 judges for S&E, have to run 4 days of Concert MPA's and with the number of schools still growing, it is becoming increasingly difficult to manage the MPA's. It is very difficult to find judges that are available for those times and cope with the FCAT blackout that the county enforces.

Motion failed.

## **Item 17: Correspondence**

Letter received from John I Leonard HS requesting to host HS South Concert MPA.

## **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.

Florida Music Service will be at DSOA on 9/19 from 1-5

Paul Destito thanked directors for their help during his recent illness.

Dave Gibble PBCC Concert Band begins 9/21. Contact Dave for details [dave@gibble.com](mailto:dave@gibble.com). Points available for recertification. PBCC Summer Camp 08 dates are 6/16-20 and 6/23-7/11. Dave is also available to clinic your band, contact him for details.

Milton Joselyn at JIL has a Marching Show 10/20 – see Milton for details to support his show/event.

Music Man has their annual back to school party 8/25. Contact John Jarvis for details if you didn't get an invitation. Especially for new directors this is a fun party and a chance to socialize and meet others.

Congratulations to John and Jeneve Jarvis on the birth of their baby boy!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Jim St Clair of the Symphonic Band of the Palm Beaches said scholarships are available for HS seniors. Also spots are available in the ensemble. They especially need French horns & tubas. Contact Jim for details.

Sharon Shearon mentioned tuba Christmas on 12/15. Lots of fun for your tuba players. [www.tubachristmas.org](http://www.tubachristmas.org) Gail Robertson is the contact. Sharon also mentioned the passing of Bill Wells.

Tom Pearson encouraged all members to submit all paper work ASAP. Also instrument requests don't wait. 150 – 200 K available for wish list of new replacement instruments. Prioritize 1-3 in order; each school will get approx \$3200 to start. He doesn't need prices just instrument, model and make. No sheet music allocated funding yet. Tight budget year. Please keep track of your district repair money and please spend it. E-mail instruments to Andrea Jones.

VH1 "Save the Music" instruments are available. Must be earmarked for a specific student - contact Tom for details.

Career Planning will not be taught through MS band classes. District wide the class will be taught through Civics classes.

## **Item 19: Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn - 4:30 PM DSOA West Palm Beach, FL

**Name of District Secretary:** Respectfully submitted Michael Fraley – District 14 Secretary

**Signature:**