



## FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 73<sup>rd</sup> year DISTRICT MEETING #2 MINUTES (ver. 08-08)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 19	MEETING DATE: 11/8/08
MEETING NUMBER: 2	LOCATION: Mount Dora Bible Jr/Sr High School

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

Thanks to Doug Yopp for hosting and band parents for breakfast!  
Please sign in and turn in your All-District Band

### Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Scotty Vance, West Port HS  
Jack Hart, East Ridge HS  
Francisco Garcia, East Ridge MS  
Ryan Wright, South Lake HS  
Brooke Miller, Oak Park MS  
Pete Perrone, Tavares HS  
Jason Dobson, Dunnellon HS  
Kirsten Kenny, Blessed Trinity  
Tina Laferriere, Tavares MS  
Jon North, East Ridge HS

Cassidy Gleaton, Trinity Catholic HS  
Craig Lilly, North Marion HS  
Brandon Tolmach, Clermont MS  
Gabriel Fielder, Leesburg HS  
Matt Bruzzi, Carver MS  
Allen Venezio, Tavares HS  
Cara Canedi, South Sumter HS  
Russell Brun, Dunnellon MS  
Philip Porter, Mount Dora HS  
Cory Lowery, South Sumter MS

Elizabeth Short, Vanguard HS  
David Harden, Eustis HS  
Lynn Stocker, Gray MS  
Marla Langford, Leesburg HS  
Kevin Blackstock, Villages Charter MS  
Doug Yopp, Mt. Dora Bible  
Donald Scott, Wildwood MS/HS  
Kimberly Lieser, Mt. Dora MS  
Michael Uhrich, Windy Hill MS

### Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Waived and approved by the District.

### Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Marching Gate – 736 people, gate income \$5888.00  
Current Bank Balance - \$12,351.85

### Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

See the website! <http://www.flmusicied.org/fmeafsma/advocacy/index.html>  
Please send advocacy links and information to Liz for the District website.

### Item 6: Communications

DHS had a letter requesting to reclassify to C - Fielder/Laferriere. Motion passes.  
SLHS had a letter requesting to be ADB site. Accepted by the district.  
Bruce Brazinski – enjoyed judging our marching MPA. Thanks for inviting him, and he is happy to help us out in any way possible.

### Item 7: Unfinished Business

Comments on All-State Auditions – Thanks, Kim Lieser for hosting.  
Marching MPA Comments – Thank you to Leesburg for hosting, excellent band parents and students, great organization. It was very well-run!  
-District appreciates the fair panel and honest judging from our adjudicators.  
-Make sure we rotate our panel of adjudicators each year.  
Attendance at FMEA Clinic/Conference – Scotty sent a link for registration in an email.  
Please make plans to attend and learn – the conference is very informative.  
Reminder: All-State Band lists come out on Monday. Only tell your students whether or not they made it – do not release the names of other students. Drop any hotel rooms you do not need immediately.

## Item 8: Committee Reports

All District Band committee met 11/8/2008 at 9:15AM. Committee consists of: Jack Hart, Ryan Wright, Cassidy Gleaton, Elizabeth Short, Kirsten Kenny, Russell Brun, Glenn Maerkl and Scotty Vance.

Meeting report and action by district membership:

1. Concern about the cost of All-District Jazz Band fee. Suggestion to move to one fee for high school bands, or raise individual audition fee for students and eliminate band audition fee. Tabled to committee to decide for next year.
2. An optional jazz improve portion will be added to the jazz audition. It will be 16 bars, and the music will be original, posted on the website for students to practice with. Mr. Uhrich will write the music and email the file.
3. Suggestion to hold sectionals Thursday night of ADB, run by directors, to fix technical problems and solve any music/part problems. This will be at the discretion and at the preferred time of the clinicians. They will be contacted in advance and given the option.
4. Schools that have students audition but have no students selected to the band will have one student selected to represent their school in the ADB. This person will be selected by the committee, based upon their score, after auditions are complete, and the person will be placed as an additional chair past the last official chair in the section. They must have completed an audition for the group. The district believes this experience will benefit both the student and their band. Motion to accept the committee's recommendation. (Venezio/Tolmach) Motion passes.
5. Motion to allow concert or marching uniforms for the high school concert, at the director's discretion. (Porter/Fielder) Discussion – must be an official concert uniform (i.e. not "concert black" or "Sunday Best"). It has been a tradition in District 19 to wear the marching uniforms so all schools' colors are represented. Motion passes.
6. Concern about the amount of our honorarium for clinicians being too low. Discussion. Committee will take this into consideration for this year and the future.
7. Suggestion for donations at the door or a "pass the hat" collection to raise additional funds for the ADB. Discussion. The committee will handle this.

## Item 9: New Business

Solo/Ensemble MPA(s)

Dates: February 19-21, 2009

Site: Feb. 19 is Jazz Districts at Lake Sumter Community College

Site: Feb. 20-21 at Tavares High School

"MPA Online" (for S&E and Concert) due online by January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

**REMIND: *On the 15th day after the original deadline for submission, no entry forms will be accepted.***

**Assessment Form & Check must accompany paperwork – due in District Chair's HAND on FRIDAY January 30th, 2009 at ADB**

Scheduling S&E and Jazz Band MPA – Don't include day preference when entering into MPA online. Be sure you are spelling your piano accompanist's name correctly!

Concert MPA(s):

High School: 3/14/2009 at East Ridge High School

Middle School: 4/24-25/2009 at West Port High School

Motion to purchase new laptop for the district. (Fielder/Laferriere) Discussion. The current laptop is older and refuses to work with MPA Online. There are line items in our budget we will not be using – money for security and first aid at MPA sites that we can put towards this. Motion passes.

FBA Marching Band Regulations Discussion – Time Limit – 15 minutes.

The overall vibe from our district is that we are not in agreement with the 3+1 regulations, and we believe there should be a further effort made to bring the state membership into agreement. A poll was taken in the meeting, and 0 directors were in support of the 3+1 rule, because we are concerned about protecting the FBA and its position in our state. Our concerns are below, followed by a set of proposed solutions we hope the board will consider. District 19 will vote NO on the 3 + 1 proposal at the Board Meeting.

District 19 feels that this set of regulations is in direct conflict with calling us professionals, because the FBA is stepping into our classrooms and programs and making decisions that we, as professionals, are capable of making for our own programs and students. This regulation would open the door for the FBA step into our jobs and make decisions for our programs. The responsibility of the FBA is to govern events such as MPA, not to govern our programs. It is also not the FBA's responsibility to judge directors' attitudes towards marching band, concert band, or competition. Many people use these competitions to receive valuable comments in preparation for their upcoming MPA. Imposing this regulation implies that the FBA does not feel that the directors, parents, or administrators know enough about their own students to do what's best for them. School administrators should be able to decide and inform the director that: "you're doing too much and straining the kids."

District 19 is very concerned about the future of the FBA if this regulation passes. We believe that instead of helping regulate and hold the FBA together, that this will break the FBA down, dividing it and allowing other organizations to fill in the void. 50% of directors in our district would consider switching from FBA and considering other options if they were made available, to avoid their programs being limited. We do not want to see the FBA destroyed in an attempt to control its members.

We are concerned that the 3+1 regulation is too ambiguous - it doesn't include parades, exhibitions, concerts, etc, so it would be very difficult to police. What other things would become regulated by the FBA?

FBA is basing the concern over excesses upon rumor and conjecture, and that the proposed excesses in marching band need to be further researched by a specific committee including members from each district or area, involved in different types of programs. Different types of communities demand different things from school music programs - some demand lots of concerts, some demand lots of marching performances, some demand lots of parades. This problem with excess does not affect most of the bands in the state, but only a few.

Has FBA considered the parent backlash that could come from motivated, excited marching band parents?

#### Proposed Solutions:

\*Provide a North and South state marching band MPA. We have it for every other aspect of evaluations (concert, jazz, solo and ensemble. For many bands, this will eliminate the drive to participate in so many non-FBA competitions as they attempt to qualify for State. It will also turn the focus back towards FBA.

\*Begin an investigation into the problems of excess. Find out where the concerns are coming from, how numerous they are, and research the community and schools involved. Report this back to the board at a later meeting and discuss possible solutions at that time. Give an email address for the committee so they can hear from the membership and concerns can be reported. This cannot be a secret committee; it must involve the membership and have each district represented.

\*Place the 3+1 Best Practice as a suggestion for our programs. This way, FBA has made its recommendation to the membership and the directors. This way the administrators can know what is considered by FBA to be the best practice.

#### Nominations for Oliver Hobbs Award and Tom Bishop Award

##### 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.

##### 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.

Nominees: Doug Yopp for Oliver Hobbs Award, Philip Porter for Tom Bishop Award. (Laferriere/Langford)  
Passed by the district.

## Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites

Jazz and Solo and Ensemble: 3/30/09-4/1/09 at West Port High School  
North State Concert Band MPA: 4/22/09-4/24/09 at the University of Florida

## Item 11: Adjudicators for MPAs

We still need Solo and Ensemble judges. Suggestions?

Jazz MPA: Dorsey, Dressman, Malcolm, Rivero, Wansley (2 rotating clinicians)

Solo and Ensemble: Dressman, Malcolm, Rivero, Wansley, Jernigan, Thompson, Youmans, Pattishall, Brazinski, Viking, Steff, Messer, Vail, White, Shallahamer, Stoeber

HS Concert MPA: Pattishall, Sullivan, Thompson, Wansley

MS Concert MPA: Ammerman, Brazinski, Frankenstein, Wansley

## Item 12: Nominations for Adjudicators List

Philip Porter for Marching Band, Concert Band and Sightreading, and Solo and Ensemble Brass.  
(Venezio/Langford). Motion passes.

## Item 13: Suggestions to Clinics Committee

(must be in the form of a motion)

## Item 14: Proposals to the Executive Board

None

## Item 15: For the Good of the Association

-Welcome Michael Ulrich at Windy Hill Middle School

-TubaChristmas invitations and information are available from Robby Riddle.

-TMS boosters made pins for the Lake County Honor Band in memory of Cliff Revell.

-Allen has finished his trumpet method book. It is available in a student and a teacher version online at [www.Trumpet101.com](http://www.Trumpet101.com)

-Matt Bruzzi is getting married 6/13/2009! We're all invited ☺

## Item 16: Next Meeting Date

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 10:00AM at South Lake H.S.

## Item 17: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. (Tolmach/Venezio) Adjourned at 11:28AM.

**Name of District Secretary: Cassidy W. Gleaton**

**Signature: *Cassidy W. Gleaton***