



## FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 67<sup>th</sup> year DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 16</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: 08/24/02</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>MEETING LOCATION: Killian High School, Miami, FL.</b>

### Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks Item 2: Members and Guests Present

The meeting was called to order by Brian Wuttke at 9:00 a. m. in the Killian High School Bandroom. Mr. Wuttke made some introductory remarks.

### Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Members and guests present were:

Evit Allen	Horace Mann Middle School	David Hines	North Miami Sr. High
Leo Altamiranda	Shenandoah Middle School	H. Wayne Hoffmann	Turner Tech Sr. High
Daryl Baker	John F. Kennedy Middle School	Carolyn Hutchinson	Florida Christian School
Wilfred Barry	Miami Edison Sr. High	Fedrick C. Ingram	Booker T. Washington High
Manuel Berberian	Allegro Music Center	Bobby Jackson Jr.	Lake Stevens Middle School
Nate Bisco	Paul Bell Middle School	Douglas Jordan	Palmer Trinity School
John Bixby	South Miami Sr. High	Milton Joselyn	Homestead Senior High
Rodester Brandon	New World School of the Arts	Robert Keating	Gulliver Academy Middle
Burley Brewton	North Dade Middle School	David T. Ladd	Jose Marti Middle School
Malena Calle	Southwood Middle School	Susana Lalama	Barbara Goleman High School
Esther Carballosa	Dade Christian School	Allen Lamp	Miami Southwest Sr. High
Pablo Castaneda (intern)	Palm Springs Middle School	Brian Lewis	Parkway Middle School
Travis Coakley	Miami Coral Park Sr. High	Berman Lopez	Hialeah Middle School
Fernando Collar	W. R. Thomas Middle School	David Madden	Redland Middle School
Gayle Cubberley	West Miami Middle School	John Normandin	Palm Springs Middle School
Christopher Dorsey	Miami Northwestern Sr. High	John Pace	Miami Norland Sr.
John Dowler	Braddock Sr. High	Anthony Parris	Richmond Heights Middle
Dr. Michael Dressman	University of Miami	Albert Perez	Miami Springs Middle
Ryan Ellis	Miami Southridge Sr. High	Herbert J. Rhodes Jr.	Norland Middle School
Shannon Feloss	Miami Southridge Sr. High	Steve Rivero	Hialeah Sr. High School
Gretchen Fider	Arvida Middle School	Erich S. Rivero	Miami Senior High
Steve Gardner	Herbert Ammons Middle	Alicia Romero	South Dade Sr. High School
Eloys George Jr.	Hialeah-Miami Lakes Sr. High	Eddie Santiago	Felix Varela Sr. High
Ken Goff	Florida Christian School	Bill Shepard	Coral Gables Sr. High
Angela Goff	Miami Christian School	Anthony E. Simons	Miami Norland Sr. High
Jeff Gross	Centennial Middle School	Paul Smith	Palmetto Sr. High
Jon Hamm	Ransom Everglades Upper	Robert Thomas	Miami Jackson Sr. High
Monica Harmon	G. W. Carver Middle School	George Walters	Glades Middle School
Jason Hatfield	Westwood Christian	Zafere White	North Miami Middle School
David Hillberry	Westminster Christian School	Brian Wuttke	Miami Killian Sr. High School

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

Cathi Leibinger (previous chairperson) stated that there were only 6 members in attendance at the final District 16 meeting in April, and therefore no business was transacted. Dr. Dressman reminded directors that the April meeting is extremely important in terms of issues involving the Florida Bandmasters Association Board.

### **Item 4: TREASURERS REPORT**

Although monies have not yet been received from FSMA, it is estimated that we will start the year with approximately \$1300.

### **Item 5: Communications/Distribution of Packets**

Mr. Wuttke distributed the district packets to members present and led the members through a thorough explanation of the included items.

### **Item 6: Unfinished Business**

Mr. Wuttke led a discussion and explanation of previous proposals to the Executive Board and their status.

### **Item 7: Committee Reports**

None

### **Item 8: New Business**

Mr. Wuttke reminded members of the various deadlines and professional responsibilities of each director. Members were reminded of the All-State deadlines (in hand Sept. 4), All State auditions (September 14), FSMA deadline (September 15) MENC enrollment deadline (September 30), and classification deadline (October 15).

Members were urged to honor all deadlines and avoid late fines. Mr. Wuttke also reminded all present that it is the policy of District 16 that directors having students involved in the audition process are to assist with the auditions.

The chairmen informed members that the district has received requests from the University of Miami and Florida International University to have their marching bands perform at our District marching Music Performance Assessment. Current plans are for F. I U. to perform at the afternoon retreat, and the University of Miami prior to the evening retreat.

**Motion:** Brandon/Calle-to institute a clinic at the Middle School Music Performance Assessment after sightreading. **Passed.**

Much discussion ensued concerning the State Music Performance Assessment. Rodester Brandon urged the chairman to discuss at the state board two areas of concern: 1) that State MPA should be held at a first class facility, and 2) to explore discussion at the state level of the perceived tendency to apply hyper standards to bands that play high levels (grades) of music. Chairman Wuttke reminded all of the difficulty in obtaining *any* facilities for the extended length of State MPA.

Erich Rivero reminded members of difficulties in hosting MPA's and urged all members to assist with items such as chairs, music stands, and percussion equipment to anyone hosting an MPA. He also urged directors to be aware of the current push towards k-8 centers (ele-middles) and their effect on band membership.

Dr. Michael Dressman reminded members of the new state law concerning marching band/physical education credit and stated that schools with strong athletic booster groups are pushing principals to raise p. e. requirements at individual schools.

Daryl Clark has spoken to the chair about hosting the High School MPA at Coral Reef High School. Wuttke/Walters suggested tabling this motion until the next meeting. **PASSED**

### **Item 9: District MPA Dates and Sites:**

District Marching MPA – Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

Location - M.D.C.C. North Campus, *Traz Powell* Stadium

District H.S. Solo & Ensemble MPA – Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, and Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2002

Location – Killian High School (pending district approval)

District M.S. Solo & Ensemble MPA – Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002

Location – Killian High School (pending district approval)

District H.S. Concert MPA – Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002

Location – *open*

District M.S. Concert MPA South – Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002

Location – *open*

District M.S. Concert MPA North – Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002

Location – *open*

### **Item 10: District MPA Adjudicators**

A list of adjudicators already contracted was circulated. Mr. Wuttke asked for suggestions from the floor and the following names were suggested: Jim Smycek, Al Hager, George Sparks, Ken Norton, Tina Laferrier, and Doug Yopp. Mr. Wuttke stated that he will contact these adjudicators first as he tries to fill open slots.

Adjudicators for District Marching MPA November 9:

Jam Coolman and Shelby Chipman, music; Bob Allen, Marching; Mike Mitchell, General Effect; Tanya Jackson, Auxiliary; and Alan O’Farrill, percussion.

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

Johnny Tracy, Miami Central High School and Steve Rivero, Hialeah High School were nominated to begin the application/internship program. **PASSED** (by secret ballot) pending nominees satisfying all F. B. A. requirements.

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

None

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

Erich Rivero requested that the board explore all of the ramifications of the ele-middle movement

### **Item 15: Other**

Reminders:

- Marching forms are due to the chairman on or before the next district meeting (October 5, 2002).

- There is a new classification program and the reclassification program has ended. Mr. Wuttke directed members to go to [www.flmusiced.org](http://www.flmusiced.org) for more information. Classification forms are due October 15.
- There is a restructure at the State Concert Band Music Performance Assessment-sightreading has been replaced with a clinic to take place immediately after the stage performance.
- There will be a new amendment to the Fl. State Constitution on the November ballot. James Perry is concerned that it may be taken literally; please be aware and talk to legislators.
- Recent legislation has passed allowing marching band to substitute for p. e. requirement. Refer to the DOE memo in the packet.

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

Kim Johnson, Music Teacher/Band Director at Coral Gables Senior High School, passed away on August 17 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.

Gold Coast Premier Showcase Marching Contest will take place Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> .

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Showcase of Bands Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Hialeah Milander Stadium

U. of Miami has many music instruments for sale. Contact Dr. Dressman

Palm Springs Middle School has a concert bass drum for sale

Burly Brewton reminded members that anything written or stored on a school hard drive is public information.

There was an afternoon session hosted by various district officers designed for new members. Topics covered were time management, the F. B. A. Festival program, and a question and answer session.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

**OCTOBER 5, 2002 AT GLADES MIDDLE SCHOOL**

9451 S. W. 64<sup>th</sup> St.

9:00 A. M.

Respectfully Submitted,

*George Walters*

George Walters, Secretary  
F. B. A. District 16