



FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 67th year DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-02)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 19	MEETING DATE: 8/17/02
MEETING NUMBER: 1	MEETING LOCATION: West Port High School, Ocala, FL

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

The Meeting of District 19 of the Florida Bandmasters Association was called to order at 10:10A.M. by Chairman Allen J. Venezia at West Port High School In Ocala, Florida. Mr. Venezia welcomed back all of the directors and guests. Mr. Venezia requested e-mail addresses from all members and passed around a District Directory. Mr. Venezia thanked Scott Vance and the WPHS Band Boosters for the use of his facilities and breakfast. The Chairman appointed Mark Bailey as Secretary Pro-Temp until an election could be held.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Members and guests in attendance were:

Allen J. Venezia, District Chairman, Tavares High School
Mark D. Bailey, District Secretary, Mount Dora Middle School
James Perry, FMEA/FSMA Executive Director

Cory Lowery	South Lake H.S.	Thom Buchanan	EMR Records
Cliff Revell	Windy Hill M.S.	Pat McLaughlin	McLaughlin's Music Repair
Doug Yopp	Clermont M.S.	Tim Bishop	TipTops of America
Craig Eason	Lake Weir M.S.	David Fritz	Fort King M.S.
Gloria Powell	Dunnellon H.S.	Gabriel Fielder	Leesburg H.S.
Kimberlee Barry	South Sumter M.S.	John Leschak	Lake Weir H.S.
David Christensen	South Sumter H.S.	Joe Hartley	Belleview M.S./H.S.
Erick Stallings	Dunnellon M.S.	Scott Vance	West Port M.S./H.S.
Glenn Maerkl	Howard M.S.	Jody Alexander	Forest H.S.
Lynn Stocker	Gray M.S.	Jan Adair	Oak Park M.S.
Robert Cohen	Mount Dora H.S.	Matt Bruzzi	Carver M.S.
Allen B. Chambers	Eustis H.S.	L.C. Coney	Retired
Joseph Hughes	Vanguard H.S.	Bob Allen	Retired/Walter's Photo
Kevin Blackstock	Villages M.S.	Alonzo Braddon	Retired/Bring Music
William Weaver	Wildwood H.S.	Traci Bruzzi	Guest
D. Tina Laferriere	Tavares M.S.	Amanda Bailey	Guest

Mr. Venezia assigned mentors for new members.

- Gabriel Fielder (Doug Yopp); Kimberlee Barry (David Christensen); Matt Bruzzi (Allen Venezia); Joe Hughes (John Leschak); Jan Adair (Tina Laferriere); Erick Stallings (Gloria Powell); William Weaver (David Christensen).

Mr. Venezia opened the floor for nominations for District Secretary. Mrs. Laferriere nominated Mark Bailey. Mr. Chambers seconded. The motion was passed.

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

There were no objections or changes to the minutes. They stand as distributed.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

The balance in the checkbook as of August 17, 2002 stands at \$131.65. Mr. Venezia also reported that there is no other money coming from FMEA. Mr. Venezia stated that the proposed budget from this year is over \$22,000.

Item 5: Communications/Distribution of Packets

Mr. Venezia passed out the packets of material containing: the agenda, an FMEA survey, the calendar of district events, information about All-State auditions, All-State Participation Contract, List of Adjudicators for this year's MPAs and the FBA water fund-raiser information. Mr. Venezia said that all of the registration forms are available at www.flmusiced.org/fba.

Item 6: Unfinished Business

Mr. Venezia reported that the Executive Board and the membership has passed the Superior Award to be given to bands that receive an overall superior rating at state but do not qualify for the Otto J. Kraushaar Award.

High School MPA Site: Mr. Venezia reported that according to Mr. Jack Hart, East Ridge High School is ready for High School MPA. Mr. Lowery motioned that East Ridge High School be the site for High School MPA. Mr. Yopp seconded. Motion passed.

Item 7: Committee Reports

District Honors Band: Mr. Venezia appointed Mr. Doug Yopp as the coordinator for the District Honors Band. Mr. Yopp requests help. The auditions will be at Clermont Middle School. The dates are to be announced and he will be sending out information. The procedures are in last year's minutes online at www.flmusiced.org/fba. Mr. Vance has stated that West Port High School is not available January 23, 24, 25 to host the Honors Band.

Item 8: New Business

Mr. Perry from FSMA gave a presentation about the academic performance contract, student assessment, music advocacy, mentoring, registering for the convention online, and gave websites which have important information. These are: www.flca.net and www.flmusiced.org, (Models and Tools page) (Links page) (Mentoring page)

FSMA Payments are Due by September 15th.

Classification forms are due October 15th.

All-State Auditions will be held at Tavares Middle School September 14th beginning at 9:00 A.M. Thom Buchanan from EMR Records will be recording the auditions.

Mr. Venezia requests help for monitoring. Mr. Yopp stated that if you have students auditioning you must be there. Mr. Coney reminded directors to give the students the identical selection that they are supposed to play. He recommended that directors put the page numbers on the board.

Mr. Venezia stated that application forms with the fees (\$10 for the audition and \$5 for the recording) are due to him by August 30th so that he can set up an audition schedule that will be e-mailed to you. Mr. Venezia reminded directors to screen students carefully and hold a mock audition.

Small Schools Honors band Fees are \$15 per school. Applications are available on the website.

Mr. Venezia stated that when you nominate students for All-State Bands or if they audition you must have a completed All-State Participant's Contract with each and every student. So when they are accepted the person in charge will have it. The contracts are available on the website under conference and a copy was included in the director's packets.

Mr. Fielder from Leesburg High School will host Marching MPA. Mr. Fielder explained that everything is running smoothly and will be ready to go and to be looking in the mail for information.

Mr. Yopp, who will serve as announcer for the Marching MPA, asked that the announcement sheets be turned in early. When you get there please send someone to the press box or bring it yourself.

Mr. Venezia stated that the middle school directors will be needed for the Marching MPA. Mr. Venezia will get with Mr. Fielder and create a schedule for you.

Mr. Yopp requests that Mr. Fielder have change for the MPA.

Walter's Photography has offered a contract to take photos at Marching MPA with a donation of 15% of the profits with a minimum of \$700. They have included provisions for a multi-year agreement. For two years they would offer \$200 bonus and if three years they would offer \$300 bonus. Mr. Venezia opened the floor for discussion. Mrs. Laferriere motion to accept the Walters Photography contract for three years and Mr. Yopp seconded. Motion passed for a three-year photo contract.

Mr. Buchanan from EMR records will be recording the Marching MPA. He will bulk mail out Marching MPA compilation CDs within 60 days and is able to work with directors individually.

Item 9: District MPA Dates and Sites

Mr. Vance stated that West Port High School is available for Middle School Concert MPA. It is moved by Mrs. Laferriere to hold Middle School Concert MPA at West Port High School. It was seconded by Mr. Eason.

Motion passed.

The District marching MPA date and site is November 9th at Leesburg High School. The District Jazz MPA is February 13, 2003 at Lake-Sumter Community College and will be hosted by Tavares High School. The District Solo & Ensemble MPA is February 14-15, 2003 at South Sumter High School. The Middle School MPA Date is February 28-March 1, 2003 at West Port High School.

Item 10: District MPA Adjudicators

Mr. Venezia included a list of MPA Adjudicators in the director's packets. Mr. Venezia informed everyone that all adjudicators are contracted.

Item 11: Nominations for Adjudicators List

District 19 has none at this time.

Item 12: Suggestions to State Committees

District 19 has none at this time.

Item 13: Proposals to the Executive Board

District 19 has none at this time.

Item 14: Other

Mr. Bishop from TipTops talked about his advertisement on the website.

Mr. Allen, who now works for Walter's Photography, stated that he will be around to see directors about photographs.

Mr. Coney stated that he is looking for a recording of Paul Creston's *Rhapsody*, a Grade VII. If anyone has a recording he appreciate if you would let him know.

Mr. McLaughlin wanted to thank everyone for their repair work and say if you must use tape use black electrical tape.

Mr. Braddon says he will be servicing Marion and Citrus Counties as the Bring Music representative replacing Bob Thompson who recently retired.

Item 15: For the Good of the Association

Mr. Leschak announced that Lake Weir High will be in New York to perform in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Mr. Braddon has achieved 25 years of FBA membership as well as 25 consecutive years of membership.

Mr. Christensen has a new beautiful daughter, Kara and passed around photos for all to see.

Florida Music Service will be at Tavares Middle School displaying Solo & Ensemble music on November 13th from 3:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M.

Item 16: Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of District 19 of the Florida Bandmasters Association will be held Tuesday, November 19, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. The location is South Sumter High School.

Item 17: Adjournment

Motion: Laferriere/Christensen to adjourn. Passed.

Chairman Venezio adjourned the meeting at 12:07 P.M.

Name of District Secretary:

Mark D. Bailey

Signature: *Mark D. Bailey*