

**North Carolina Bandmasters Association
Eastern District**

Spring Meeting
February 7, 2009
ECU School of Music - Greenville
Minutes

- President Jorge Benitez called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M.
- Motions were made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes from the August, 2008, business meeting as well as the February, 2009, treasurer's report. Jorge highlighted the \$3,000 commission fee to Richard Saucedo.
- Jorge Benitez thanked the clinic chairpersons and ECU School of Music faculty for their leadership & assistance during the All District clinic. Jorge also thanked Scott Carter for his help in coordinating the Thursday night clinic/percussion ensemble concert as well as hosting the All District clinic again. Dr. Jay Juchniewicz, music education professor, announced to the membership that directors may contact him if he/she wishes to host a clinical intern from ECU. Scott informed the membership that the ECU Summer Music Camp will continue in 2009 and be held from June 14 through June 19. Scott encouraged directors to support this camp and offered \$100 camp scholarships to any Eastern All District student that is also eligible to audition for Honors Band and \$50 camp scholarships to all other Eastern All District participants. Dr. Chris Knighten thanked the membership for their participation in the 2008 ECU Marching Pirates reunion & ECU Band Day. The date for the 2009 ECU Band Day will be set soon and sent to the membership.
- Jorge also recognized Wade Fuller & Fuller's Music for providing refreshments for directors during the clinic.
- Jorge presented the new district banner that will be displayed at all NCBA-Eastern District events.

OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS

- **Concert Band Festivals** - Debbie Davis reported to the membership about the middle school festival, which will be held at West Craven HS on March 4 through March 6. The entire judging panel will be set soon and sent out by Debbie along with the schedule. Due to guidelines set by NCBA and the high number of bands requesting performance dates on March 4 & 5, Debbie indicated that some bands WILL have to perform on Friday, March 6.

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March 6 is a teacher workday for several school systems and asked directors to recheck master schedules at their respective schools. If any director is willing to perform on Friday, please contact Debbie before February 10. February 4 is the registration deadline for middle school festival. Jorge Benitez reported to the membership about the high school festival, which will be held at Havelock HS on March 17 through March 19. Registration forms will be updated this week and posted on the district web site. Jorge encouraged directors to read the festival bylaws and order judges scores immediately. Jorge encouraged new directors to seek help/advice from others with festival preparation strategies.

- **Solo and Ensemble Festival** - Brad Staley reported to the membership that the festival will be held on May 9 at the ECU School of Music and the registration deadline is April 9. The fee for each performance is \$10. Brad reported that over 300 events were scheduled in 2008 and encouraged directors to register students.
- **Honors Band Auditions** - Brad Langhans reported for Ashley Wright. Brad informed the membership that all forms for this audition are on the state web site and all registration forms must be completed online. The registration forms are password protected and the password is located in the registration documents available online. The deadline is 2/15/09 and the auditions will be held again at East Davidson HS and Brown MS in Thomasville on March 7. Jorge reminded members that they may not judge their own students at Honors Band auditions. If you do so, your student will receive a 0 out of 100 from your portion of the 200 point score. The NCBA Executive Board passed this regulation earlier in the year.
- **State Jazz Events** - Andy Wright reported to the membership that the 2009 All Region Jazz auditions were successful, fielding two bands for the clinic on Feb. 20-21 at ECU. There will be a middle school jazz band in 2010 for the clinic. Andy also informed the membership about the Eastern Regional Jazz Band Festival on May 1 at West Carteret HS. Forms for this festival are available on the state web site. Andy encouraged members to bring students to the clinic concert at ECU and asked directors to meet quickly after the business meeting to distribute folders. Dr. Bair also announced that the Billy Taylor Jazz Festival @ ECU would be on 4/17 & 4/18 - he asked for interested directors to see him at the conclusion of the meeting.

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- **Percussion Committee** - Jorge indicated that Robert Parker will be the district coordinator for this committee that will report recommendations to the NCBA Executive Board later this year. Any director with a question or comment about the requirements may contact an executive board member.
- **State Marching Band Committee** - Jim Boyce reported on several issues brought before the state marching band committee. The NCBA procedures & adjudication manual will be combined and ready by the NCBA Honors Band clinic. There will be 2 chief judge training clinics in the state this year - one at Wakefield HS and the other at Western Carolina University. Jim also reported that the committee will present a process to implement a marching band festival using a scheduling/adjudication format similar to concert band festival. This process will be presented at the 2009 Honors Band clinic meeting and voted at the November, 2009 NCBA meeting.
- **Website** - Amy Hinson shared the password for Honors Band registration and to contact Amy or Bill Pendergrass if there are any problems with the registration process. Amy also requested for directors who use paypal to please bring a hard copy of the receipt to clinics such as all district.

Jorge thanked the membership for their support and turned the rest of the meeting to Amy Hinson. Amy presented a plaque of appreciation to Jorge for his service to the district as President.

New Business

- Elections were held for President Elect. Jason Barclift was nominated and elected by acclamation.
- Elections for the Treasurer were held. Beverly Goehring, Patti Knauf, and David Stroud were nominated. Dave Stroud was elected.
- Elections to select a clinician for the 2010 Middle School Concert Band were held. Kim Barclift and Lynn Dale were nominated. Lynn Dale was elected by the membership.
- Elections to select a clinician for the 2010 9/10 Band were held. Dave Shaw, Karen Matthews, and Rod Reed were nominated, with Dave Shaw being selected as the clinician.

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- Elections to select a clinician for the 2011 11/12 Band were held. Dr. Brad Genevro, Sue Samuels, Brian Balmages, Mark Johnson, & Dr. Rodney Winther were nominated. Sue Samuels is the 1st choice, followed by Brian Balmages, and Dr. Brad Genevro.
- Elections to select a clinician for the 2010 Middle School Symphonic Band were held. Kyle Auman, Felicia MacNaught, and Brian Balmages were nominated. Brian Balmages is the 1st choice, followed by Felicia MacNaught, & Kyle Auman.
- Elections to select a recipient for the 2008 Award of Excellence were held. Mark Stauffer, Jorge Benitez, and Brad Langhans were nominated. Jorge Benitez was voted to receive this award.
- The Executive Board proposed to change the rotation of officers in the district so they may all serve 4 year terms. The rotation would be as follows:

2010- MS Auditions/Clinic Asst., MS Clinic, Secretary - ADD 11/12 auditions/clinic and solo/ensemble

2012 - 11/12 Honors Band Auditions, MS Auditions, 9/10 auditions/clinic - ADD Treasurer

The motion was approved.

- Amy informed the membership that the all district committee would be chaired by Gwen Wilson. If members are willing to serve on the committee, please contact her. Some topics to be discussed include late registration, 30 second sightreading at MS level, increase of scale requirements and MS level, developing better communication between directors.
- Craig Everett proposed a possible motion asking the executive board to track schools with students who consistently score low at all district auditions. After 5 minutes of discussion, Amy asked directors to forward any suggestions to Gwen and the all district committee for review.
- Amy informed the district that a new Commission Committee would be created to study a possible commissioning project in 2012. Any interested members should contact an Executive Board member or Russell Knight.
- Amy announced that the fall training and meeting will be on Saturday, August 22, 2009. The training/retreat sessions would begin at 9 AM and the general meeting will begin at 3:30 PM. Ideas/suggestions for clinic topics should be sent to Amy as quickly as possible.

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- There were some announcements from the floor concerning clinics/performance opportunities within the district.
- A motion was made to adjourn, received a second, and was passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Members/guests present: Noelle Aguon, Alice Aldredge, Gary Alsup, Allen Amos, Laura Avery, Sam Ballard, Barney Barker, Jorge Benitez, Eddie Best, Jim Boyce, Hosea Brower, Ana Bulluck, Donna Buttrum, Jerry Buttrum, Charlie Caldwell, Jodi Campbell, Bryant Copeland, Lynn Dale, Debbie Davis, Kevin Day, Bob Ebert, Craig Everett, James Fleming, Pete Frank, Mike Fussell, David Fye, Beverly Goehring, Keith Green, Tim Heath, Chris Howard, Ginny Huddleston, Brandon Hults, Margie Jesse, Larry Keeler, Patti Knauf, Russell Knight, Qiana Lamb, Amanda Landis, Brad Langhans, Nichole Lee, Rose Lee, Cory Lipsky, Mike Lopez, Mark Lorek, Alan Mason, Jonathan Matthews, Karen Matthews, Jim Mauser, Tim McCoy, Joe McCreary, Sean McCroskey, Keil McMurray, Maurice Medley, Grant Michel, Steve Morgan, Leo Nieves, Bob Norem, Charlene Outland, Robert Parker, Bob Pearson, Allen Pettit, Deborah Phillips, Brandon Pope, Rod Reed, Tina Robinett, Crystal Saulter, Chris Serina, Dave Shaw, Doug Shomaker, Greg Shreckengost, Phil Smith, Brad Staley, Michelle Staley, Mark Stauffer, Fletcher Stubbs, Gene Taliaferro-Jones, Sharon Voss, Brooke Wagner, Bonnie Weaver, Matt Weingarten, Chris Whitehurst, Christi Williams, Gwen Wilson, Andy Wright, Ashley Wright, Danny Wunker.