

**MISSISSIPPI BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION  
FALL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 22, 2015**

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Mississippi Bandmasters Association was held at Ridgeland High School on Saturday, August 22, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by MBA President Matt Rowan. Sid McNeil gave the invocation.

**Approval of Minutes:** **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Sharon Laird** presented the minutes from the December meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lane Thompson** presented the financial report. A motion was made to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

**Special Orders:** **Len Killough** was elected 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. **Kim Hallmark** was elected Member at Large.

**Reports:**

**President Matt Rowan** reported on the State Marching Evaluation, State Marching Championship, and State Concert Evaluation including the dates, locations, and format.

He stated that anyone needing to request a Concert Evaluation site change should contact Diane Bruser.

He reminded everyone to adhere to the guidelines set forth by the MHSAA regarding chaperones and band manager passes to events.

Mr. Rowan reported on the procedures and deadline to request to host a Region Marching Evaluation.

He announced the 2015 State Band Clinic would be December 10 – 12 in Natchez, MS and named the clinicians and performing groups.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lane Thompson** reported on the procedure for submitting names for the State Clinic List.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Sharon Laird** spoke to the body regarding the Member at Large position being changed to a 4 year position available to the general membership with the possibility of that office being a 4 year treasure position. **Zach Harris** reminded the body of the original intent of this position in regards to minority representation on the Executive Board of the MBA. This decision would be a constitutional change so motions and discussions will continue at two additional meetings.

She reported on the success of the display area and vendor participation and thanked Lane Thompson for his organization and hard work in preparing it.

She reported on the 2015-2016 Music Selection Guidelines, recognized and thanked the 2014-2015 committee members, and announced the new committee members.

**Diane Bruser** from the MHSAA recognized Brian Jefferson as the MBA representative on the MHSAA Board, Sharon Laird, as the MHSAA/NFHS Music Educator of the Year, and Mickey Mangum as the NFHS Region 3 representative. She reported on eligibility procedures and evaluation scheduling.

She stated her appreciation for the hard work and dedication to students that the MBA membership provides and expressed that Don Hinton was a great supporter of bands and appreciates all of our hard work.

**Ted Burns** presented information concerning State Marching Evaluation and announced the judging panels.

**Jeff Cannon** reported on the Lions Band and congratulated all involved on the 31<sup>st</sup> International Championship. He encouraged the body to continue to support the Lions Band and help with auditions.

Mr. Cannon explained procedures for State Contest Evaluation scheduling requests.

**Willie and Joyce Rigdon** reported on State Band Clinic housing.

**Travis Coakley** reported on the ASBDA mentoring program and announced the Young Band Director's Symposium taking place on Thursday, December 10, 2015.

**Artie Adams** discussed the Phi Beta Mu mentoring video project and encouraged everyone to view it.

**Kevin Welborn** reported on the updates to the Marching Evaluation Percussion Adjudication Sheet. A motion and a second was made to accept the updated sheets. After discussion from the floor, the motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

**Duncan Goff** proposed that the letters A, B, C, D replace numbers on the concert and sight-reading sheets. There was a motion and a second. After discussion from the floor, the motion failed.

Announcements from the floor were made.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Laird,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, MBA