

**2018 Mississippi Bandmasters Association Fall Meeting
Ridgeland High School Auditorium – Ridgeland, MS
August 25, 2018**

MINUTES

- I. The meeting was called to order by MBA President, Len Killough
- II. Member at Large, Quinton Parker, gave the Invocation
- III. Membership
 - a. MBA members present at the fall meeting stated their name and the school or organization they represented.
 - b. Mr. Killough introduced the MBA Executive Board Members
 - i. Sharon Laird, Immediate Past President, retired
 - ii. Jerry Pickering, First Vice President from Oak Grove High School
 - iii. Shawn Sullivan, Second Vice President from Starkville High School
 - iv. Quentin Parker, Member at Large from Vancleave High School
- IV. Special Orders – Election of Third Vice President
 - a. Mr. Killough stated that Nicole Allen from Purvis High School, District 7 had been nominated by the MBA Executive Board
 - i. Louise Smith, Mark Laird and Jeff Cannon spoke on behalf of Ms. Allen.
 - b. Matt Rowan from Pearl High School nominated Travis Coakley from Biloxi High School
 - i. Wes Moorehead spoke on behalf of Mr. Coakley
 - c. Andrew Bonner from District 8 was nominated by the MBA Board
 - i. Chad Hawkins spoke on Mr. Bonner's behalf.
 - ii. A vote was taken and Nicole Allen was name as the new third Vice President.
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes from the December meeting in Natchez were given to each member and after review, on motion made and duly seconded, minutes were approved as written.
- VI. Financial Reports/Fees and Forms
 - a. Jerry Pickering presented the financial reports for the general fund and the championships fund. On motion made and duly seconded, these reports were approved as submitted.
 - b. Mr. Pickering stated that all forms and fees will required to be submitted electronically and that no paper copies would be accepted. These forms are due no later than September 15, 2018. All necessary information needed to submit these forms is located on the MBA website. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the executive board.

VII. Reports

a. MHSAA – Jeff Cannon.

- i. Mr. Cannon reported on the MHSAA's C2C form. This form was designed for athletics and is not appropriate for the fine arts. At a meeting held with the MHSAA on Friday, August 24th with Don Hinton and other members of the MHSAA Staff, it was decided that an alternate reporting mechanism would be designed for the fine arts programs; however, that new mechanism will not be able to be used in this school year since it has not been created. In the near future, MHSAA will be adding a disclaimer to the C2C form regarding the concussion forms, stating that the school districts nor the person reporting the "fictitious" date of the concussion form and physical as "July 4, 2018" will be considered as falsifying records since a date MUST be entered to complete the form on each eligible student. Once the MHSAA has added the disclaimer, it will be acceptable to use the fictitious date of July 4, 2018 as date for the concussion form and physical. A school may also continue to submit this information in paper format this year.
- ii. While a standard may not be required by the MHSAA, an administration official in each district may ask each program to go beyond the standard set by MHSAA as it relates to physicals, etc. Also while bands are only required to be academically eligible, a district has the prerogative to set other standards. If your administrator feels your program must meet a standard other than in academics, you should call Don Hinton directly and ask that he talk with your administrator.
- iii. MHSAA Log in – Mr. Cannon will check with Mr. Hinton to see if a band director can request their own log in so that they can personally check the information.
- iv. We will continue to have to follow eligibility rules as it pertains to age.
- v. As students move in, they will be handled on an individual basis. Call Mr. Cannon and he will handle for you.
- vi. If a student is NOT in high school band, you do NOT report them unless they are used in the high school band. Sharon Laird stated that she reports those students in the high school band on an excel spreadsheet and included only their name and was never asked to provide a birth certificate number.
- vii. Band Bulletin IV: Deadline for submitted this form electronically is September 15, 2018. The MHSAA will allow you to complete the form on line until September 20th; however, a \$50 a day fine for each of the days, September 16-20, will be assessed and you will be required to pay these fines.
- viii. State Marching Evaluation is set for October 13, and this day has been designated for the band state event only. No other state events will be held on this date.

- ix. MHSAA sanctioned events: Make sure any state marching festival you attend is an MHSAA sanctioned event; if not, your school's programs could be placed on probation. The catastrophic insurance will not apply to events that are not MHSAA sanctioned.
 - x. If you are attending a festival or event in a bordering state, please make sure to submit a form for approval by the MHSAA to Jeff Cannon. It should be approved with no problem; however, it must submit thirty (30) days in advance of the event.
 - xi. There is also a form to be submitted for approval by the MHSAA for non-bordering state events. Please make sure these are submitted 30 days in advance as well.
 - xii. Process to request day and time for State Concert Evaluation: These requests are fulfilled on a first come, first serve basis and the date/time stamp is used to determine these requests. If you are a first year band director and you have not been to evaluation in some time, you can request to go in a lower classification. Those requests should be sent to Jeff Cannon, for consideration and he will forward to the MBA executive board for their recommendation and approval.
- b. State Marching Evaluations – Len Killough/Jeff Cannon
- i. State Marching Evaluations will be Saturday, October 13th and there will be no other MHSAA sanctioned state event on this date so there should be no conflicts.
 - ii. A new general effect overview evaluator on the national level will be at each sight to give comments only on how to improve your overall performance, and we are hopeful that you will receive great comments on how to improve your performance for future festivals and for championships.
- c. State Marching Championships – Len Killough
- i. Class 1A, 2A and 5A championships will be at Pearl High School on October 27th
 - ii. Class 3A and 4A will be at Northwest Rankin High School on October 27th
 - iii. Class 6A championships will be at Germantown High School on November 3rd and will include prelims and finals.
 - iv. The State Championships Committee has approved a .05 deduction when it is determined that a penalty is to be assessed.
 - v. Your band's announcement sheet MUST be sent to the site host prior to the event and NOT on the day of the event.
 - vi. A motion was made and passed that NO numerical score will be published for those schools declaring State Championships.
 - vii. The judge providing comments ONLY will be paid by the MBA

VIII. Mississippi Lions All State Band – Jeff Cannon

- a. Recognized staff of the 2018 International Champions Mississippi Lion All State Band that included: Jennifer Sills, Concert Director; Mark Laird, Assistant Concert Director; Joe Presley, Marching Director; Sharon Laird, Assistant Marching Director; Kent Hisaw, Visual Coordinator; Mark Edwards, Equipment Manager and Dean of Men; Josh Craft, Percussion Instructor; Paul Morgan, Assistant Marching Instructor; Clara Grace Watts, Dance Instructor, and Claire Sanford, Colorguard Instructor, Gail Freeman Lions Liaison; and Nathan Pepper, Jazz Band Instructor.
- b. The 2019 Staff will include: Mark Laird, Concert Director; Suzi Phillips, Assistant Concert Director; Sharon Laird, Marching Director; Gavin McAdams, Assistant Marching Director; Paul Morgan, Percussion Instructor; Zac Cannon Assistant Percussion Instructor; Kent Hisaw, Visual Coordinator; Mark Edwards, Equipment Manager and Dean of Men; Dance Instructor, Clara Grace Watts; Colorguard Instructor, Jason Gunn; Gail Freeman, Lions Liaison, Nathan Pepper, Jazz Band Instructor.
- c. Lions Band tryouts will be on Saturdays, November 17th and 24th. Due to costs involved in taking the band to Italy, we are asking that a tryout judge donate his time so that all monies for tryouts can be applied to the cost of the trip. If you feel you cannot judge without receiving a stipend, please contact Jeff Cannon directly. Thank you for donating your time and talents.
- d. If you would like to volunteer your time to tech during training week, please email me so that I can add your name to the list. We have a large number of directors serve as techs at training and some techs paid to go on the trip as well. If you are interested on going to Italy, please let me know as soon as policy.
- e. The costs of the trip for directors will be \$3,850
- f. The costs of the trip for students will be \$4,350

IX. State Band Clinic – Natchez

- a. Dates for the 2018 clinic will be December 5-8
- b. Housing forms MUST be filled out on line this year.
- c. Judges will be handled by the member at large and the third vice president
- d. Lists MUST be submitted by September 15th
- e. Submit one list for each high school
- f. If middle school has a separate director, they will submit a list
- g. If school has only one director, submit only one list for both high school and middle school.
- h. In order to have a selection chosen from the lists, the director's dues MUST be paid.
- i. The all-state band will be announced as soon as lion's band tryouts are completed on November 24th.
- j. Mr. Killough announced clinicians for this year's state band clinic.
- k. If you have suggestions for vendors, please provide that information as soon as possible to Shawn Sullivan.

X. State Concert Evaluations

- a. Central District – Pearl High School on March 25-29'
- b. North District – Tupelo High School on April 1-5
- c. South District – Oak Grove High School on April 1-5
- d. To request an alternate site due to conflict, please submit your request and make sure it is signed by your principal.

XI. Secretary/Treasurer

- a. MBA executive board will be selecting this position. It will be a non-voting member, but will attend all meetings. If you are interested in this position, please notify the 0executive board. In the meantime, the board has hired an accountant to work with the board.

XII. New Business - Len Killough

- a. Louise Smith made a motion to form a committee with intent to create a position to represent middle school band directors and programs. After discussion, motion made and duly seconded, this motion passed. Matt Rowan noted that if the committee entertains a motion at the meeting in December, this would be a constitutional change, which will require two votes.

Submitted by: Shawn Sullivan, Second Vice President

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