

Tennessee Bandmasters Association Meeting
TMEA All-State Convention
April 12th, 2024

- President JR Baker called the meeting to order at 3:00pm: Congratulations to Ron Rodgers & Nola Jones for being inducted into the TMEA Hall of Fame!!
- The membership recognized In Memoriam: Dr. A. Wayne Tipps TBA President 1980 & TBA HoF 2011
- President JR Baker: Please let me know of all membership performances / recognitions
- Financial Report: \$46,197,24 at the end of March 2024 Motion made Ollie Liddell & Lisa 2nd the motion to accept the financial report.
- Membership Report: WTSBOA membership has increased this year!
- TBA Hall of Fame Nominations: Jacob Campos and Michael Rosson nominated Zach Williamson; Motion made & passed to induct Zach Williamson into the 2025 TBA Hall of Fame. Ollie Liddell nominated Barry Trobaugh; Motion made & passed to nominate Barry Trobaugh for 2025 TBA Hall of Fame
- Creation of Regional Representative Council
Proposal: Regional Reps - Regions submit names, MS/HS, Chairs for Events, Zoom Meetings every other month; Membership discussion; JoAnn Hood motion made to accept, Motion made & carried.
- TBA Band Stand Podcast: David Adellot shared info about the new podcast. JR Baker, Jacob Compost, Megan Christian, JoAnn Hood & Megan Christian are co-hosts. We have 2 sponsors now: Romeo Music & Music for All; We're on Youtube, Spotify & Apple Podcast; Weekly short encouragements called Mic Check Monday; QR Code posted for members to input ideas
- TBA Marching Band Sheets and Judges Handbook: Marching Band Adjudication Handbook & TBA Sheets; JR Baker shared info how to certify marching band contests as TBA sweepstakes qualifier
- Exploratory Committee Report on TBA as Umbrella Organization for State Championships; Lafe Cook: Exploring putting TBA over Division 3 State Championship; Goals: Using sheets to track growth, have high caliber judges culminating in a final marching assessment (MTSU Contest of Champions); Marching Band events to put money into programs to help bands improve i.e. Reinstate TBA Concert Festival; Conversations not necessarily about competitive aspects but instead how to grow our band programs in quality throughout the

state. Nola Jones: Offered to help in anyway needed. South Carolina & Mississippi fund many music education projects for students, clinicians, professional development for their educators through marching band competitions; Joel Denton: The key is to get the right people in the judges' box helping / educating the directors how to grow their bands. JR Baker: Protect our Division 1 & 2 bands Ollie Liddell: I have to take my band out of state to find a contest where my band can be fairly assessed. We need to make sure that Show Band style marching bands are represented with judges qualified to assess this style. Joel Denton: We need to start thinking about "In addition to" and not "Either or" when planning our events.

- Sweepstakes Submission Process: New submission form next year; It's always for the previous year. Criteria: Always CPA, Marching Band and SEPA only if middle school or no competitive marching band.
- TBA Music List Revitalization: Committee for each grade cut pop pieces & identify a standard repertoire for each grade. This is done to help young directors choose music; Tow / three other state lists are compared with ours and common pieces are put on our list; TN CPA programs are reviewed and music not played in last 3-5 years is cut. Moving forward, Music can be re-graded and added but if not played again in three years is cut from list; Membership discussion followed; Suggestion: Each region submit 1 person for each grade list to be on their music committee
- State Concert Festival: Proposals:
- Traditional: 1-2 Days Middle TN, Mid-April, Based on previous SY or current SY;

Regional: Same as the traditional, one site in each region, one day, adjudicator costs would increase, possibly use fewer judges (2 instead of 3)

Illinois Super State Model: Groups submit recordings to be accepted, groups who submit recordings receive feedback, 2 days, TSSAA Basketball divisions are used for selection, 2 HS bands per division, per region, 2 MS Bands from each region, 1 HS band from D1 & D2, and D3& D4 are chosen as Honor Bands fro next year's Festival and do not have to apply for the following year.
- Honors Recital: Wednesday April 10 was fabulous!! Membership applauded all who participated. Thanked Regional Coordinators
- Summer Symposium June 14 Poplar Grove MS 9:00am
Clinicians: Mike Pote – Carmel HS; Gretta Pote – Clay MS; Next day is ASBDA Young Symposium
- TBA Website Updates

- Other Business for the benefit of the Association Reminder to vote in the TMEA Elections
- Recognized all TBA Members who presented this weekend
- Adjournment: Motion made, 2nd by acclamation President JR Baker adjourned the meeting at 3:57pm

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