

Nebraska State Bandmasters Association  
Annual Membership Meeting  
March 5, 2022 Embassy Suites Hotel, Lincoln NE

1. 8:00 Call to order
2. Approval of 2021 Annual Membership meeting minutes
3. Approval of 2020-2021 Treasurer's report
4. Review of Board Members' annual reports
  - a. President - Bond
  - b. President Elect - Kawula
  - c. Secretary - Bogatz
  - d. Membership Chair - Pfanstiel
  - e. Awards Chair - Jensen
  - f. Public Relations - Bohn
  - g. Marching Band Chair - Schlake
  - h. Concert Band Chair - Thorpe
  - i. Middle Level Chair - Kucera
  - j. Jazz Band Chair - Krueger
5. Updates from coordinators
  - a. Intercollegiate - Gilbert/Eckhardt
  - b. Historian - Jaworski
  - c. Convention - Mock
  - d. Exhibits/Corporate Sponsors - Sheppard
- 6 Class Representatives reports
  - a. Class AA
  - b. Class A
  - c. Class B
  - d. Class C
  - e. Class D
  - f. Elementary/Middle School
  - g. College/University
7. New Business
8. Announcements
9. Special Appreciation - Sponsors and Exhibitors
10. Introduction of new board members
11. Recognition of board members completing their terms of office
12. Motion to adjourn meeting

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Annual Membership Meeting  
March 6, 2021  
Online due to COVID

1. Meeting began: 1:18 p.m.
2. Approval of 2020 Annual Membership Meeting minutes
  - a. Brandi Kawula motioned to approve the minutes
  - b. Samantha Hahn seconded
  - c. Motion carries, minutes approved
  - d.
3. Approval of 2020-2021 Treasurer's report
  - a. Feel free to peruse the nuts and bolts in the treasurer's report.
  - b. Most events lost money this year due to the pandemic, as expected. These same events don't lose money in a regular year.
  - c. \$150,000 total assets, which is down but again, that was expected due to the unique circumstances of this year.
  - d. While our income was down, especially due to the cancelation of the marching festival, our expenses were also down.
  - e. A huge thank you to Barb. Her relationship with the Embassy was incredibly helpful to us in regards to the refund they gave us for the cancelation of this year's in-person convention. We may not be in as healthy of a position without this refund.
  - f. Frank Ibero motioned to approve the treasurer's report
  - g. Jeff Peabody seconded
  - h. Motion carries, Treasurer's report approved.
4. Review of Board Members' annual reports
  - a. President (LeFeber)
    - i. Carried out successful YBD Bootcamp
    - ii. Planned 2021 virtual convention
    - iii. Coordinated with various state organizations on COVID challenges
    - iv. How to resume in-person activities will be an on-going challenge for Emiley as new president.
    - v. Nathan hopes to continue to see us engaging more of the state's band directors.
  - b. President Elect (Bond)
    - i. Hosted site of YBD last summer
    - ii. Attended SDS Bandmasters Virtual Conference and assisted with our 2021 convention
    - iii. Please reach out if you have ideas about 2022 convention.
  - c. Past President (Trauernicht)

- i. Set in motion the process to update the recommended repertoire lists
  - ii. Evolving discussion on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access
- d. Secretary (Bogatz)
  - i. Compiled a list of officers from 2014 to the present day, we now have a complete list from 1962-2022
- e. Membership Chair (Pfanstiel)
  - i. Working to match mentors with young directors in the state, thank you to all of you who volunteered to be a mentor
- f. Awards Chair (Jensen)
  - i. Thank you to all who served on the awards committees
  - ii. Please check out YouTube videos honoring the Awards posted on the website
- g. Public Relations (Bohn)
  - i. Social Media number update
  - ii. Facebook: 1,163 likes (+141 from last year)/1,23 followers
  - iii. Twitter: 608 followers (-5 from last year)
  - iv. Instagram: 156 Followers/30 following
- h. Marching Band Chair (Schlake)
  - i. Brain Kraft is our judge coordinator again for the next three years
  - ii. 2021 Sanctioned Show registrations are up and running!
  - iii. Please double check the new rule changes from last year.
- i. Concert Band Chair (Kearney)
  - i. 2020 Concert Band Fest cancellation was a challenge due to the sudden onset of the pandemic
  - ii. The 2021 Concert Band Fest was converted to virtual, which is helping to reach a wider variety of schools. The festival does not require a performance submission and can be clinic or discussion based instead. It was important to Josh that the festival wouldn't be something else to get canceled for our students.
  - iii. This year, there are 23 ensembles in the Concert Band Festival, which is the most there's ever been! We were on track to host a second site this year before the cancelations.
- j. Middle Level Chair (Kucera)
  - i. Rescheduled Doug Beach's commission to 2021-2022, he was gracious to not accept payment for this year's canceled festival.

- ii. We have Kimball hall reserved on the Saturday of NSBA convention 2022 as a backup if the festival gets canceled again due to weather.

k. Jazz (Krueger)

- i. 2020 Concert Band Fest cancellation was a challenge due to the sudden onset of the pandemic
- ii. 2021 virtual fest has comparable numbers to last year's registration, with 5 schools registered that have never attended before
- iii. Tommy is working on the committee to create a recommended Jazz repertoire list

5. Updates from Coordinators

a. Intercollegiate Band (Gilbert)

- i. Every clinician was moved one year later, thanks to them for their flexibility
- ii. Joni Greene's commission will premiere in 2022
- iii. Jay is working on the committee to revamp the existing NSBA Band Recommended Repertoire list

b. Historian (Jaworski)

- i. Produced the 60th anniversary video

c. Convention Coordinator (Mock)

- i. Thankful for our good relationships with the Embassy
- ii. Looking forward to discussions about how to proceed out of the pandemic while being safe and covering our fannies from a legal standpoint. It may be worth consulting with an attorney that, when we have language in our contracts, we are protecting ourselves from potential lawsuits regarding COVID-19.
- iii. Looking forward to being more engaged in the upcoming convention, whether virtual, in person, or hybrid!

d. Exhibits/Corporate Sponsors (Sheppard)

- i. Please contact me if there are vendors, business, educational institutions or service providers that you would like to see represented at our next conference.

6. Class Representatives' Reports

a. AA (Wright)

- i. Click [HERE](#) for Class AA 2021 Report

b. A (Fonda)

- i. Click [HERE](#) for Class A 2021 Report
- ii. Chaz' school is moving to AA so he can no longer continue as class A rep
- iii. Amanda Kenney is moving into the Class A rep role.

- c. B (Sindt)
  - i. Click [HERE](#) for Class B 2021 Report
- d. C (Hahn)
  - i. Click [HERE](#) for Class C 2021 Report
- e. D (Christensen)
  - i. Click [HERE](#) for Class D 2021 Report
- f. Elementary/Middle School (Ketchen)
  - i. Welcome Paul to Nebraska!
- g. College/University (Gilbert)

7. New Business

- a. Forming a committee to recommend an event that serves the more rural and western part of our state
- b. Forming a committee to look at the way forward for Commissioned Projects
- c. If you are interested in serving on either of these committees please email Nathan LeFeber - [natlefeber@kearneycats.com](mailto:natlefeber@kearneycats.com)

8. Announcements

- a. Thank you to all of the board for their vigilance during this year
- b. Thank you to all of the presenters, presidors, and tech helpers for making this virtual convention happen
- c. Special thank you to Samantha Hahn and Louie Eckhardt for helping with Zoom
- d. Thank you to all of you for your patience and support as we navigated this year
- e. Be sure to check out the 60th Anniversary gift to the membership on our website.
- f. Check out the NSBA YouTube channel for session from today, awards, and a special web only session.

9. Special Appreciation: sponsors and exhibitors

- a. CFS - The Mattress Fundraiser
- b. Stanbury Uniforms
- c. Dietze Music
- d. Travel with Barb
- e. Doane University
- f. UNK Dept of Music, Theater & Dance
- g. Embassy Suites by Hilton
- h. University of Nebraska at Omaha
- i. Fruhauf Uniforms
- j. Club's Choice Fundraising
- k. Schmitt Music
- l. UNL Glenn Korff School of Music
- m. Stelling Brass and Winds
- n. Doug Bush Visual Designs

10. Introduction of new board members

- a. Brandi Kawala - President-Elect
- b. Dave Bohnart - Concert Band Chair
- c. Lindsey Bogatz - Secretary
- d. Michelle Bluford - Awards

11. Recognition of board members completing their terms of office

- a. Chiyo Trauernicht - President
- b. Carrie Jensen - Awards
- c. Josh Kearney - Concert Band

12. 2022 Convention Preview

- a. March 3-4-5, 2022
- b. Embassy Suites & UNL
- c. Keynote from Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser
- d. 2021 Lentz and Metschke Award
- e. Bootcamp Reunion

13. Motion to adjourn meeting

- a. Rick Mitchell motioned
- b. Sydney Wilson seconded
- c. Meeting adjourned 2:16 PM

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## Accomplishments

Hosted Summer Bootcamp - really great attendance!  
Participated in the Annual Treasurer's Audit  
Filled the open offices of Awards Chair and Concert Band Chair  
Appointed Jonathan Jaworski to the office of Historian  
Helped run the Capitol City Marching Contest  
Worked with Barb (Convention) and Brandi (President Elect) to plan convention including the move to The Graduate  
Worked with Jim K (Middle Level) to reschedule 8th Grade All State

## Ongoing Challenges

There will surely be some challenges this year with the move to The Graduate. We need to take those, learn from them, and then make the necessary changes for the next 2 years.

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## Accomplishments

- Held successful Meet & Greets throughout the state
- Conducted financial Audit with Treasurer and President
- Helped President Emiley with nominating a new awards and concert band chair
- Organized candidates to run for election
- Helped President Emiley with anything she needed to make the convention be a success.
- Updated the NSBA Board of Directors Handbook

## Ongoing Challenges

- Finding ways to reach ALL band directors in the state to increase collegiality and promote retention of teachers.

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## Accomplishments

- Helped plan and execute the 2021 virtual convention including a special "gift" to the membership - Jay Gilbert's arrangement of On the Big Blue and a look back video produced by then historian Tom Jaworski
- Helped plan and execute the 2022 convention including securing two substantial grants to pay for the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra's performance at the Rococo Theater and presentations at our convention, organizing a committee to select the performing groups for convention, and presenting an educational outreach concert.
- Worked with a small group of folks about how to further reach out to band directors that are not members of NSBA and how NSBA can better serve them. Discussions are ongoing.
- Worked with Jay Gilbert and Byron B. to help plan and execute the 61st convention directors band and concert
- Provided all the stands, percussion and sound equipment for the convention
- Oversaw the drafting of a policy for guidance on the participation of NSBA in commissioning projects
- MANY meetings to help address the myriad of issues that come up while serving on this board

## Ongoing Challenges

- Continuing to reach out to our bands and colleagues that are in central and western Nebraska.
- Finding more ways to encourage membership in our organization by smaller school bands and their directors
- Finding more relevant ways to service more of the band programs in our state
- The next several years and how the UNL schedule and music building construction will impact our convention

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## Motions:

none

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## Accomplishments

\*Took on a more central role in gathering, documenting, and compiling reports for board meetings

\*After discussion with Emiley (President) and Bryan (PR), we decided to add the creation of the Newsletter to the Secretary ' s handbook instead of PR. The rationale for this was that the PR job is becoming heavily centered on social media, which is taking up more and more time, and as the Newsletter is more in line with the documents the secretary already handles, it would make sense to transfer the duties.

## Ongoing Challenges

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## Accomplishments

- \*Maintained accurate membership records
  - processed new memberships, received membership payments
  - cross-referenced director participation where needed
- \*Assisted with the Young Band Directors Boot Camp
- \*Convention organization
- \*Continued email communication to the membership from the Board
- \*Worked to promote mentorship by pairing inexperienced directors with mentors
- \*2021-2022 Membership Numbers
  - Active: 231
  - Retired: 55
  - Collegiate: 55
  - First-Time: 20
  - Total: 361

## Ongoing Challenges

- adequate communication with members
- continuing and furthering mentorship programs

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## Motions:

n/a

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## Accomplishments

### Accomplishments:

- Updated all awards nomination and application forms, including updating some to Forms
- Worked with a committee to create and develop the Don Johnson Continuing Education Scholarship
- Ordered award plaques for banquet and concert band festival
- Formed award selection committees
- Organized and reviewed all award nominations and applications
- Increase publicity of the available awards

## Ongoing Challenges

Continue to encourage more members to apply and nominate others for awards

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## Accomplishments

Helped operate technology for 60th Annual Convention via Zoom.

Covered Virtual State Concert Band Festival, Virtual State Jazz Band Festival, Young Director ' s Boot Camp, State Marching Contest, 61st Annual Convention, and 8th Grade All-State on social media. Replied to social media DMs from parents and community members.

Promoted awards on social media and managed nsbma.org website.  
Published NSBA Recommended Music List in an easy-to-navigate online format.

Created slideshows for NSBA booth an NMEA and NSBA conventions.

Published Summer newsletter and facilitated transfer of newsletter publishing to Secretary.

Promoted and assisted with February election.

## Ongoing Challenges

How to cover State Marching Contest ' s three sites in an expedient manner.

Building a social media presence that fulfills NSBA ' s motto " Better Bands for Nebraska " .

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None.

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## Accomplishments

1. Hosted the NSBA State Contest / Festival at 3 sites. A total of 73 bands participated including 69 High School and 4 Collegiate ensembles.
2. Updated the Sanctioned Show contracts
3. Several rule proposals have been gathered and will be voted upon by the membership for the the 2022 Marching Season. Voting will begin shortly after convention and end Saturday, March 12.
4. The State Contest Date for the 2022 Season has been set for Saturday, October 22. This is an ACT test date.
5. Sanctioned Show dates are also set as follows... Wildcat Classic, September 17/ Titan Invitational, September 24 / Capital City Championships, October 1 / Chieftain Invitational, October 8 / OMI, October 15.
6. Registration for the 2022 Season will be available shortly. The deadline for the State Contest Festival is Saturday, September 10.

## Ongoing Challenges

1. Photography / Video Vendors - Equity between sites? / Copyright Fees.
2. How does a school become or remain as a Sanctioned Site?
3. Collecting payments for participating band entry fees and director membership fees. Membership fees MUST be collected before a band takes the field for the State Festival / Contest.

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## Motions:

None at this time.

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## Accomplishments

Reached capacity for the 2022 Concert Band Festival. Since then, a few have dropped but one has been added from the waiting list. The date for the 2023 Festival has been set: Wednesday, March 29, 2023.

Makeup of the 2022 Festival Bands:

AA: 7  
A: 4  
B: 1  
C: 1  
D: 1  
MS: 2

I was asked to take over mid-stream so I ' m still getting into the flow as to the processes and needs of this position. I appreciate the membership ' s patience in this adjustment in the position.

## Ongoing Challenges

I ' m trying to keep a pulse on the membership before setting the 2024 event as to what reasons band directors have to not bring their band to the festival. I ' m wanting to know what factors are acting as the biggest road blocks to their participation. Is it cost, time of the year, limited travel still from Covid, conflicts with other activities or sports, or other factors.

Increase participation by more of the B, C, D, and Middle School level bands.

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Motions:

# **NSBA**

## **BETTER BANDS FOR NEBRASKA**

Annual NSBA Board Report  
Middle Level Chair - Jim Kucera  
March 5th, 2022

### **Accomplishments**

- Held auditions digitally for the 2022 event.
- 2 commission projects. One for the concert band and one for the Jazz band. First commission to take place for the 8th all-state Jazz band.
- Prepared for event to take place in Kearney in January of 2022. Reschedule due to weather.
- Contracted Doug Beach and Tyler Grant for commission works for the 2022 event and to be guest clinicians for the 2022 all-state.
- Revised and updated the NSBA Middle Level Handbook.

### **Challenges**

- Postponing event due to weather and work on logistics for an alternate site and date. Rescheduled to take place during the 2022 NSBA convention in Lincoln.



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## Accomplishments

Completed and hosted the 2021 Virtual NSBA Jazz Festival.

-22 bands from across the state participated and were able to receive virtual clinics from both local and national clinicians.

Organizing the 2022 NSBA State Jazz Festival in Kearney, NE on April 8th and 9th.

-28 bands are registered for the 2022 Festival. Judges/Clinicians include: Dr. Dana Landry, Dr. Eric Richards, Dr. Greg Simon, Dr. Paul Haar, and Dr. Darren Pettit.

Total Bands Registered Throughout Years:

2016 -- 20

2017 -- 22

2018 -- 19

2019 -- 30

2020 -- 28 (cancelled due to COVID-19)

2021-- 22 (virtual festival)

2022 -- 28

## Ongoing Challenges

Would love to get higher representation from Middle School, Class C, Class B, and Class A schools. We have a high representation from Class AA.

Breakdown of Bands by Class:

MS — 4, Class C — 3, Class B — 4, Class A — 3, Class AA — 14

We also need to find a way to engage schools that are West of Lincoln with this event. Currently there are 5 bands participating that are located West of Lincoln.

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## Accomplishments

Working with Dr. Louie Eckhardt to digitize the NSBA Archives to whatever extent is possible.

Selected items from Archives to display at NSBA Convention

- March Convention materials from 50 years ago
- Summer Workshop materials from 25 years ago
- Organizers ' binder from 1976 Nebraska High School Marching Band Contest.

## Ongoing Challenges

As the Archives are digitized, what is the best way to make them accessible to NSBA membership?

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## Accomplishments

Thrilled to welcome everyone back in person to the 2022 conference. Have been in touch with the Embassy Suites multiple times throughout the year to get things in place on behalf of our conference. After getting the schedule Emiley put in place for your conference we were able to put the finishing touches on the last details.

I realize the room block filled very quickly this year. I am trying to negotiate an increase in the size of our block, however that does get tricky from a revenue standpoint with the hotel. Thank you for your patience.

Although I have nothing to do with the part of the conference that has historically been held at UNL (and now at The Graduate), I did reach out to the sales manager at The Graduate and get that person connected with Emiley for her to put the details in place.

Thanks for your support of NSBA!

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## Accomplishments

Communicated with 2021-2022 sponsors throughout the year  
Solicited "swag" from sponsors to be given to New Director Boot Camp participants  
Visited exhibit hall at 2021 NMEA Conference to communicate with potential NSBA exhibitors  
Sent correspondence to potential exhibitors, handled exhibitor and sponsor recruitment and registration and prepared informational packets for exhibitors  
Communicated and Coordinated exhibit hall needs with Barb Mock (Convention Chair) and Embassy Staff  
Purchased new sponsor recognition signs for exhibit hall  
Performed all duties as assigned

Note - we had 18 total exhibitors this year (21 booth spaces). This is down from 21 exhibitors (26 booth spaces) from the 2020 convention. We were fortunate to have this amount, as the 2021 NMEA convention exhibit hall was down about 25% from the previous convention!

## Ongoing Challenges

The pandemic has presented many challenges for educators and for our exhibitors these past two years. When you have interactions with any of our exhibitors over the next few months (this spring or summer), please thank them for attending our convention and supporting our organization. Many businesses in "the industry" have cut back their workforce or their availability to exhibit at conventions like ours.

Please communicate with me names of any potential businesses or organizations you would like to see represented in the exhibit hall next year.

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Motions: