

A.B.O.D.A Board Meeting

I. Meeting called to order 4:39 p.m. in the conference room of Mountain Ridge HS on Monday, August 13, 2007.

II. Members in attendance:

- George Hattendorf, President
- Dan Bradstreet, President Elect
- Dennis Smith, Financial Manager
- John Clement, VP Band Activities
- Bill Bitter, VP Orchestra Activities
- Ann Haenfler, VP Elementary, Junior HS Band Activities
- Diane Grieser, VP Elementary, Junior HS Orchestra Activities
- Melanie Britton, VP Jazz Activities
- Eric Haenfler, State Festival/Conference Chair
- Antonia Adams-Clement, Secretary

Not in attendance:

- Bob Edgar, Past President

III. John Clement moved to approve the minutes with the correction to the minutes made to II Fees item b. \$150 per festival and **\$15 per band after 12 bands.**

IV. Financial Report: Dennis Smith reported total liabilities and equity. Trying to keep as much in savings as possible.

a. Discussion on Ineligible List of 19 school participants which have not paid their accounts for 2006-2007. Board re-affirmed last year's decision to hold any group as ineligible for the present schools festivals or activities until accounts in arrearage are paid in full.

b. Dennis is looking into corporate sponsorship opportunities to improve the venues, sites, pay per diems. Is developing some contacts and providing materials about our ABODA organization.

i. John Clement commended Denis on his hard work and authorize him to go forward on developing corporate sponsorship. Seconded by Dan Bradstreet.

c. Dennis will send chairs budgets on setting up festivals. He will also be contacting chairs for needed festival supplies.

d. Through e-mail vote the Financial Review was approved unanimously.

V. Festival Report: Eric Haenfler reported on sites and head judges. Working to fill holes.

VI. Conference Report: Eric Haenfler reported that in Oct/Nov. he will bring to board what is being proposed for the conference. We will review tapes in October and in November will finalize in-service offerings and speakers for band and orchestra. He will then report to Bill Richardson who oversees the AMEA Convention.

- a. Discussion on what type of guidelines should the board give to Eric. Dennis Smith reviewed that any presenters or directors who bring groups have all registration fees and meal costs covered. We pay for out of state presenters. AMEA requires all in-state presenters be members of MENC.
- b. Eric requested all board members get to work on putting together sessions proposals.

VII. Representative Reports

- a. Diane Grieser, VP Elementary, Jr. HS Orchestra reported that she is still looking for sites. She and Antonia will be working on putting together an e-mail tree for elementary and middle school string teachers. Dennis Smith suggested a mailing to each district to distribute. The Flagstaff site date for band and orchestra needs to be changed. She and Anne will work on that.
- b. Ann Haenfler, VP Elementary, Junior HS Band Activities reported Brian Wilson did a lot of groundwork for this year. Most of her sites are locked in or pending. Discussion on process to submit tapes. George stated the deadline for submission is Sept. 1, 2007
- c. Melanie Britton, VP Jazz Activities confirmed with the board their knowledge of what had been done in preparation for this year's activities including an All-State clinician and sites for area festivals. Dennis has the database of who attended festivals last year. Melanie will be changing her e-mail.
- d. Bill Bitter, VP Orchestra Activities reported that they are still short one site for Fall Orchestra Festival. All-State clinician is all set. Bill needs the All-State fee and contract information for judges. He inquired on judge fees to make certain Fall Orchestra clinicians and judges are paid in line with Area Festival.
- e. John Clement, VP Band Activities reported that Mike Miller will be hiring all the All-state judges and make the audition schedule as well. All information and communication will go through John and he will send things on to Mike.
 - i. Marching qualifier issue has arisen in Division IV. The major qualifier used by Division IV is EAC. EAC has posted their date after the latest ABODA date to pre-qualify for State. Discussion on how to respond to the situation. Consensus that the schools which participate in EAC would be penalized and should not be.

John will contact EAC and let them know what the official ruling is and that they should not do this next year. John will also send a letter to the director in Prescott who is hosting a non-qualifier and because of allowing EAC their event will be a qualifier.

- f. Dennis Smith reported on the website. Dennis has been coordinating the transition to David Duplessis. Clayton has promised that he will get information to David this week. Any information that needs to get to the site front page need to go to David. His e-mail is on the web-site.

VIII. Old Business – none

IX. New Business

- a. Eric Haenfler suggested we need to tally hours that people spend working on jobs so that honorariums be offered in the future for people who are doing tremendous work for ABODA. Dennis suggested Eric contact Scott Lang who kept records of past workers.
- b. Dan Bradstreet questioned who keeps the archives of minutes. The board suggested that the archive be kept by the current secretary.
- c. Next Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007 at Dobson HS. Dr. Tim begins at 9:00. We will introduce all the board members. No minutes need to be provided from today.
- d. We will meet on Monday, Sept. 10, 2007 at Mountain Ridge.
- e. AMEA asks us to do 2 meetings a year. The first is this Sat. at 9am at Bill Patterson's K-8 school.

- X. Meeting motion to adjourn by John Clement, seconded by everyone. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.