

NHBDA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 11, 2020
Zoom Meeting 710 8708 5558

In attendance: Bunny Saranita, Lyvie Beyrent, James Chesebrough, David Umstead, Kurt Schweiss, Tim Russell, Bob Lehmenkuler, Mike Adams, Ken Clark, Jim Robins, Sue Hahs, Vincent Duval

Call to Order/Attendance: 7:05 pm Bunny Saranita

Recording Secretary's Report Vin Duval

- Minutes shared via screen thanks to Zoom meeting host Bunny Saranita
- Motion to accept L Beyrent/B Lehmenkuler. Passed.

Executive Secretary's Report Mike Adams

- Submitted electronically prior to meeting. Report for entire fiscal year 2019/2020.

Chair Reports

- **Membership** Bunny Saranita
 - Handful of inquiries in past week regarding membership.
 - Motion to accept the Executive Secretary's report for January 2020 and May 11, 2020. V Duval/K Clark. Passed.
 - For further discussion: should we increase registration fees for members? Should we require organization membership of directors for participation in NHBDA activities?

- **Website** Bob Lehmenkuler
 - Offer resources for COVID-19 resources? No discussion/forum venue.
 - Site is up and running, getting hits
 - No inquiries regarding NEBDI
 - Will put link on website to make membership application easy

- **Middle Level Honors Festival** Kurt Schweiss
 - Newly composed audition material sent out for feedback. Plan to send out after Memorial Day
 - Can we put direct link downloadable pdf files of audition material for easy student access.
 - Festival report by Jim Robins – financials, ensemble program length,
 - Friday, March 26, 2021 tentatively at Keene Middle School

- Have reached out to Tim Anderson from UMass to conduct the 2021 band.
 - Probably have an audition due date of 2nd week of November (given the current uncertainty about the start of the 20-21 school year), decide on chamber ensembles prior to receiving auditions.
- **President-elect, Workshop & Clinician Sponsorship** David Umstead
 - Dave potentially NOT a NH band director next year.
 - Due to the cancellation of NH All-State, we did not sponsor Michael Markowski at NH All-State this past April
 - Looking potentially for a clinician for this coming October.
- **Jazz Clinic** David Umstead
 - Festival on February 1, 2020 as planned.
 - Chazz Rogers at Hollis-Brookline has agreed to host for next year. January 23, 2021.
- **NEBDI** David Umstead
 - NEBDI will not happen due to University summer closure. Information r
 - July 8-10, 2021 Thursday – Saturday.
 - New coordinator remains unknown, though a decision is on the cusp of being made.
 - Yes, NEBDI coordinator is part of the job description for the new person/position at Plymouth.
- **Chamber Festival** ???
 - Saturday, January 9, 2021 at UNH. We don't know if Tony DiBartolomeo still intends to run the festival. Maybe a safe bet to assume that he is, since we have not heard otherwise.

New Business

Outstanding Young Band Director:

- Nominees include Tim Vigneau of Manchester High School Central and Melissa Davis of Deerfield Community School.
- Side discussion about whether or not to award at all this year. Discussion about the finances associated with the \$850 award to OYBD.
- Discussion of candidates.
- Motion to select Tim Vigneau as 2020 Outstanding Young Band Director. J Robins/T Russell. Passed.

Outstanding Band Director:

- Nominees include Christina Noyes of Littleton High School, Gary Rothe of Lebanon High School, Michael Martins of White Mountain Regional High School.
- Discussion of candidates.
- Motion to award Outstanding Band Director 2020 to Gary Rothe. M Adams/J Robins. Passed.

Bunny to pass on the news. Plan to honor recipients at NEBDI 2021. Send awards now. Jim Chesebrough to send an article to NH Quarter Notes about both award winners.

Suggestion from Kurt that the recipients could record a video acceptance and we would post it on website.

B Saranita – post the winners on our social media pages.

V Duval to order plaques from Hudson Trophy.

Discussion of festivals and finances.

K. Clark – without NEBDI in 2020, what can we manage moving forward? Mike thinks that we'll be OK for one year without NEBDI income this summer.

A lot of discussion regarding organizational expenses and apportioning an amount of those expenses to be covered by each festival, with no definite decisions made. Food for future thought.

Motion to schedule next meeting July 10, 11 am. V Duval/S Hahs. Passed.

Other new business: Tim Russell. Just in on newsfeed – NH Commissioner of Education looking at how to retool school in the fall. Discussion of impact of changes to band in the fall. How can we have a proactive hand in shaping the discussion regarding the value of our programs in our schools.

Use the positive resources and people that we have available to advocate for our position. Heidi Welch.

Motion to adjourn: K Clark/S Hahs. Passed.

Adjournment: 8:26 pm.

Minutes submitted by Vincent Duval