

**North Dakota National Band Association**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 23, 2021**  
**6:00 pm – Zoom (online)**

**President:** Nancy Olson (2022)

**Past President:** Jeff Dasovick

**Secretary:** Brandon Bondley

**President Elect:** Darcy Brandenburg (2024)

**Treasurer:** Beanie Stotts

**NBA State Representative:** Warren Olfert

**Jr. High All-State Chairpersons:** Sara Baumann, Beanie Stotts

**Members at Large:** Keith Eider (2022), Kari Hill (2023), Dareien Lund (2024)

**I. Call To Order:**

The annual meeting of the North Dakota Band Association was called to order at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, on the online video conferencing platform, Zoom, by president, Nancy Olson.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the 2019 general membership meeting were reviewed. There was not a general membership meeting in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Beanie Stotts moved to accept the minutes; Rochelle Feldner seconded the motion; the motion carried.

**III. Financial Reports:**

1. The Financial Report was presented by our treasurer, Beanie Stotts.
2. The estimated checking account balance as of March 19, 2021 was \$6,462.97.
3. There may be approximately \$500.00 in outstanding bills. There will be approximately \$150.00 that will need to be used for the website, which is paid in May. There was a \$1,960.00 total in deposits for Jr. High All-State for the 2021. The total costs of Jr. High All-State was \$1,110.92. The Jr. High All-State had a total profit of \$849.08.
4. Rebecca Warren asked if we would have gone in the hole if we had actually hosted the in-person festival. We would have collected registration but would have paid for clinician. It is hard to know exactly if we would have gone in the hole or not.
5. Beanie said our overall checking balance is better than it was once upon a time. It used to be around the \$2,000.00 mark. Beanie feels we are okay with the current fees. As long as we are not losing money at the Jr. High All-State Festival, we are okay. Sara Baumann also feels as though we are ok financially.
6. Becky Warren moved to accept the financial statement; Keith Eider seconded the motion; the motion carried.

**IV. Old Business:**

*Jr. High All-State Band Festival*

1. Sara Baumann talked about the board meeting in December where we discussed the question, "Should we hold the festival." At that time, we were not aware how COVID-19 was going to be in the spring.
2. The NDNBA Board decided to not host the festival this year. We still had auditions for the festival, but there were less than half of what we typically have in the number of auditions. Some schools were hybrid or virtual, which inevitably contributed to the small amount of auditions. Overall, there were a total of 164 auditions this year.
3. The auditions were judged and there was an All-State roster was created and posted.
4. Despite the fact numbers were down, these students took the time to prepare the auditions.
5. We had a nice roster of students.
6. To celebrate their accomplishment, we made gift bags for the students who were selected for Jr. High All-State and sent them to their schools. Music stores from across the state were generous in giving donations to make the gift bags.

7. Tyler Grant was lined up to conduct Jr. High All-State in 2021. Darcy Brandenburg helped with communication with Tyler Grant. Grant was unable to conduct in 2021 due to us not holding the festival, so we invited him to come in 2023 and he signed contract.
8. Randall Standridge will be here in 2022. Guest conductors are signed and ready to go.
9. 2020 Jr. High All-State Festival
  - a. Erin Cole was going to be the guest conductor for the 2020 festival. However, her sponsor called and said not to get on the plane due to the quickly changing status of COVID-19.
  - b. James Popejoy came to be the guest conductor on a moment's notice when told the situation.
  - c. The festival was eventually shortened to a single day due to the quickly changing status of COVID-19.
10. Nancy Olson thanked Sara Baumann and Beanie Stotts for their work on the festival, and James Popejoy for stepping in so quickly when assistance was needed due to the situation.

#### *High School All-State Band Festival*

1. Chris Harvey is no longer the person in charge of the website for NDNBA. Stephanie Frank will be filling this role.
2. Mark Herold talked about the High School All-State Band Festival. It took place last weekend in Bismarck, but it was held in multiple sites this year due to the COVID-19 situation. The band was hosted at Legacy High School. Dr. Scott Jones from The Ohio State University was the guest conductor.
3. Due to the COVID-19 situation, the All-State committee made some changes for the 2021 festival. There would be full size ensembles, but the orchestra would not include winds and percussion. Non-performers were listed as all-state students but did not perform in an ensemble.
4. It was a 12 hour ordeal from start to finish. Everything was in the gym at Legacy High School. Students used bell covers on their instruments, face masks and were spaced 6 feet apart. The concert was at 3:00 pm on Sunday, March 21 at Legacy High School.
5. Dr. Scott Jones did a very nice job at the festival.
6. Paula Crider is booked as the 2022 conductor and has already signed contract.
7. Jon Baumann talked about the High School All-State Jazz Band. Everything was held on stage at Mandan High School. Masks were worn through the festival and everybody felt safe. There were 8 to 9 hours of rehearsal and the band did a job. Everybody was really happy to do something, even if it was a bit modified. Mike Tomaro was supposed to be last year's guest conductor. Fortunately, Tomaro was able to be back to direct this year's jazz band.

#### *NDNAfME Report*

1. Mark Herold gave a report for the organization. They are busily amid the conference, which is online this year due to the COVID-19 situation. Lindsey Tafelmeyer did all the work to get it set up and the board has been incredibly helpful to get it to work for everybody.
2. The organization is being as proactive as possible to be there for the membership.
3. There is a general meeting tonight at 8:00.

#### *NDNBA Award Recipients 2020*

1. Nancy Olson announced the NDNBA award recipients for 2020.
  - a. Allegro Award – Sarah Harlow
  - b. Citation of Excellence – Leslie Barney
  - c. Jazz Educator – Mark Herold
  - d. Distinguished Service Award – Chris Harvey

#### **V. Election of Officers:**

Due to Covid-19 and our NDNBA Chapter not being able to hold our General Membership Meeting in 2020, the board would like to recommend that we keep the same Board of Directors through our 2022 NDNBA General Meeting to allow us the opportunity to continue work on updating our NDNBA Constitution, website, and other important tasks. The Board would be as follows:

President: Nancy Olson

President-Elect: Darcy Brandenburg

Secretary: Brandon Bondley

Treasurer: Beanie Stotts

Past President: Jeff Dasovick

NBA State Representative: Warren Olfert

JH All-State Chairpersons: 1-Sara Baumann, 2-(Beanie Stotts)

Members-At-Large: 1-Keith Eider (2022), 2-Kari Hill (2023), 3-Dareien Lund (2024)

This board would serve through the 2022 General Membership Meeting. At that time, Darcy would move to the President, we would elect a President-Elect, Nancy would move to Past-President.

Nancy Olson visited about recommendations. There was a brief discussion on the proposal. Beanie Stotts is already treasurer, so her name appears in parenthesis in the "JH All-State Chairpersons" because her name is listed two times. Nancy Olson would like to appoint Dareien Lund to fill vacant role left by Sara Baumann moving to JH All-State Chairpersons.

Trudy Fraase Wolf moved to accept this proposal; Rochelle Feldner seconded the motion; the motion carried.

## **VI. New Business:**

### *NDNBA Award Recipients 2021*

1. Nancy Olson announced the NDNBA award recipients for 2021.
  - a. Allegro Award – Brittany Schwingler
  - b. Citation of Excellence – Pat Schwan
  - c. Jazz Educator – David Augustadt
  - d. Distinguished Service Award – Brad Stockert

### *Suggestions for NDNBA Board Members*

1. We would like to propose the following members to make up our NDNBA Board:
  - a. President
  - b. President-Elect
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer
  - e. Past-President - *this is a new member*
  - f. NBA State Representative - *this is a formal addition to the board*
  - g. JH All-State Chairpersons: *these are new additions to the board*
    - i.
    - ii.
  - h. The President & President-Elect are elected to a two-year term.
  - i. The President-Elect automatically succeeds the President.
  - j. The Secretary, Treasurer, & State Representative do not have term limitations.
  - k. JH All-State Chairpersons remain the same until they resign.
  - l. Members-At-Large:
    - i.
    - ii.
    - iii.
  - m. These offices are appointed for three-year terms. One will leave the board each year with a new member-at-large being appointed by the President. All vacancies will be filled by the President.
  - n. Members-At-Large shall serve as voting members on the Awards Committee and the Nominating Committee.
2. The main additions to the Board is Past-President, NBA State Representative and JH All-State Chairpersons.
3. The Members-at-Large will continue to be appointed to 3-year terms. One leaves each year.
4. Currently, the Treasurer is also one of the JH All-State Chairpersons.
5. Rochelle Feldner moved to approve the board proposal; Keith Eider seconded the motion; the motion carried.
6. The rationale of the proposal was discussed by Nancy Olson. Becky Warren asked some clarifying questions.

### *Suggestions for High School All-State Band Conductors and Band Headliners for NDMEA Conferences*

1. Members of NDNBA should give suggestions to newly elected President Elect (Darcy Brandenburg) and/or Members at Large (Keith Eider, Kari Hill, Dareien Lund).

### *Suggestions for Jr. High All-State Conductors*

1. Members of NDNDA should give suggestions to Jr. High All-State Chairpersons Board Members (Sara Baumann, Beanie Stotts).

### *Dates for NDMEA Conference and All-State 2022*

1. The dates for the 2022 conference are March 24-26 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday).

### *Update on Phi Beta Mu Commission and Raffle*

1. Tickets are sold at the NDMEA Conference.
2. Due to the online conference, the raffle has been suspended for this year. Next year the raffle will resume.
3. The items for the raffle will be collected by December 1. Tickets will be prepared for early January. These tickets will be sold at Jr. High All-State and HS All-State Festival.

### *Report from NBA State Representative*

1. Warren Olfert is our State NBA Representative for the national organization.
2. We are one of the few states who have officers and a board of officers for our state chapter.
3. He represents us to national organization and brings national issues to state organization.
4. Basic announcements:
  - a. NBA website – get registered.
    - i. There are selective music lists
    - ii. There is a member directory
  - b. NBA has a mentor system
    - i. It could be great to investigate the mentoring program
    - ii. Go to website and you can find 2 programs
  - c. Grant program
    - i. Apply for up to \$500 for various grants, including a research grant
    - ii. There is an October 15 deadline.
    - iii. Example: fund a larger clinic, symposium
    - iv. Easy way to apply and submit online
  - d. It would be good to have a presence at the NDMEA Conference in the form of a booth.
  - e. We need to be recruiting new band directors who are coming up in North Dakota. NBA needs to support these folks.

### *Recruitment of new NDNBA members*

1. Nancy Olson and Warren Olfert are working on getting a booth at the NDMEA Conference for 2022.
2. Nancy will be working on an email invitation to all instrumental directors in the state of North Dakota.
3. A personal invitation from current members is a great way to recruit new members to the organization.

### *Updating of NDNBA Website & Constitution/Bylaws*

1. Nancy Olson talked about updating our NDNBA Website and the Constitution and Bylaws.
2. Website
  - a. Add honor band festival dates & audition info
  - b. Add more pictures
  - c. Add help section
3. Constitution/Bylaws
  - a. Update Officer Duties
  - b. Update Board Make-up
4. Nancy Olson wants to hear suggestions to better our organization. We want others to want to be part of it.
5. Becky Warren asked if we could come up with a handout or pamphlet with information about NBA.

*Other Business*

1. No other business was brought up today.

**VII. Call For Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Sara Baumann moved for the meeting to adjourn; Trudy Fraase Wolf seconded the motion; adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Brandon Bondley  
Secretary