

MINUTES – MJCCBA Meeting, September 5, 2014 (Fall 2014)

12:00 pm, Hinds Community College

Meeting called to order by President Ed Girling.

Members Present: Shaw Furlow and Juanita Proffitt of Co-Lin; Ed Girling and Hunter Corhern of ECCC; Steve Stringer of EMCC; Shane Sprayberry and Randy Mapes of Hinds; James Bailey and Jeff Brown Jr. of Holmes; Dr. Jonathan Helmick and Lindsey Keay of JCJC; Dr. Kyle Hill, Mike Bass, and Archie Rawls of Pearl River; and Andrew Dale and Dr. Jason Mathena of Southwest.

The prayer was given by Hunter Corhern, during which the President received a phone call from his daughter.

In his opening monologue, Mr. Girling wished congratulations to Dr. Hill on his successful surgery following his heart attack. He also mentioned the implementation of the “Scooba” mercy rule in football as a way to avoid enduring overly long beat-downs.

The minutes were presented to the association without discussion or amendments. Shaw Furlow motioned that the minutes be approved with Mike Bass seconding. It was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

INTER-COLLEGIATE BAND AUDITIONS/ JAZZ BAND CLINIC

Girling reprimanded the members of the association about their interest in selecting new audition music for the Inter-Collegiate Band and the creation of an all-state jazz band clinic. While many had expressed interest during the past business meeting, only three successfully returned Mr. Girling’s emails about volunteering/ sharing input during the spring and summer. Therefore, Mr. Girling announced that he would make some decisions regarding the events/ committees for selecting music and share them with the association at the Winter meeting.

Besides the implementation of new audition music from the standard repertory of each instrument, Girling suggested hiring additional judges at the cost of the Community College Board as needed and splitting the euphonium/ tuba room and the mallet/ timpani room.

He shared an adjusted rubric for the Inter-Collegiate Audition – 10 points each for two scales, 15 points for chromatic, 20 points for a 60-90 second prepared piece featuring technical and lyrical elements, and 30 points for sight reading as that is the most essential element for a clinic band.

Girling did mention that the percussion audition music was good to go and did not need revision. Dr. Hill asked that he say that again to make a point that percussionists took care of their business.

The sight reading for the Inter-Collegiate Band will be written and arranged by Girling this year.

CONSTITUTION

Hunter Corhern presented the revisions for the MJCCBA Constitution and thanked Dr. Hill and Jeff Brown Sr. for their extensive help in refining the Constitution. A brief discussion was held.

Steve Stringer motioned to accept the Constitution revisions with Jeff Brown Jr. seconding. It was passed unanimously.

ALL-STATE JAZZ BAND CLINIC

Mr. Girling stated that he would contact the fellow jazz instructors of the Association about their thoughts and plans for the jazz clinic. It most likely would not occur during the 2014-2015 school year, but the foundation will be laid for it to occur the following year.

It was suggested and agreed upon that the Inter-Collegiate Concert Band and All-State Jazz Band could use the same audition for placement but be held on separate dates.

NEW BUSINESS

SPRING ELECTION

Mr. Girling reported that the Association broke one of the by-laws by electing Sean Keady from Gulf Coast as Secretary as that meant the Past-President (Dell Trotter) and the Secretary would be from the same school (Article VIII, Section 5). Girling presented it to the Association and asked for discussion on what course of action to take. Points from the Discussion:

- If the Constitution dictates that we should not have two Executive Committee members from the same school, we should follow our rules.
- Does it truly matter? An earlier rule from the Constitution struck down was that the officers had to rotate through the different geographical regions of the state. Does this rule fit in there?

Girling stated that he attempted to contact Keady before the meeting began but was unable to reach him. Keady also was not present to the meeting. The association agreed that Girling will continue to attempt contact so that either Sean will serve in his position at the Winter meeting or if there will be a new election.

INTER-COLLEGIATE BAND 2015/2016

Mr. Girling announced that Dr. Bill Clark would serve as the 2015 clinician for the Inter-Collegiate Band.

Andrew Dale (Vice President) shared his thoughts and attempts on clinicians for the 2016 Clinic and asked for the Association's input. Among his suggestions were Wilson Wise, a former Mississippi band director and director for the Air Force Band of Mid-America. Dale also mentioned Frank Ticheli, who is already booked to be at the All-South Clinic that same weekend.

Mr. Girling confirmed the dates for the 2015 Clinic as February 5-7, 2015. Approval was asked and received from Sprayberry and Mapes to host the Inter-Collegiate Band auditions at 1:00 pm Friday, January 23, 2015, in the Muse Band Hall at Hinds. He confirmed that the members of the Executive Committee would stay until the end of auditions to determine the instrumentation of the band and to make sure all participating schools receive their allotted representation.

Shaw Furlow motioned to adjourn the fall meeting with Andrew Dale seconding the motion. It passed unanimously.

Notes submitted by Hunter Corhern (ECCC)