

MJCCBDA Meeting – Minutes
January 25, 2008 – All State Band Clinic, Starkville, MS

The meeting was called to order by President Jared Brownlee.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. Officer nominations

The floor was opened for nominations for secretary for the upcoming year. John Mixon and Jefferey Brown Jr were nominated for the office. John Mixon spoke on behalf of Jefferey Brown Jr. Nominations were closed and a vote was taken. Jeff Brown Jr. was elected as secretary. Shane Sprayberry moved up to president and Matthew Pickering moved up to vice-president.

2. Clinic 2009

MJCCBDA All State Band will take place at Delta State University or University of Mississippi. DSU is the first choice. Shane Sprayberry will contact each university to confirm dates for the respective school's honor band and will email the dates to the members of the MJCCBDA to decide where to hold all state band.

3. Clinicians

Shane Sprayberry suggested Bill Wakefield and Roland Barrett as potential clinicians for all state band 2009. Shane will contact each of these conductors to see if they are available to serve as a clinician.

4. Audition Music

Steve Barnett and Tracy Irby were suggested as composers for new audition music.

5. New Business

Our current audition process was discussed to determine if changes needed to be made to make the all state band experience more educational. Points discussed included:

Do we need a prepared piece?

How much time are our students really preparing the prepared pieces?

Should we have sight reading material composed?

Should we include required scales and or rudiments?

Should the judges assessment instrument be reconstructed to place higher values on scales and sight reading?

The majority of the MJCCBDA members agreed that we needed to keep using a prepared piece in auditions. The group also agreed that an arranged sight reading system would be more beneficial to the audition process. A set of sight reading books or orchestral excerpts could be purchased to be used in the audition process. The president or a specified brass/percussion/woodwind specialist would select the excerpts to be used for auditions.

It was recommended that the lettering rotation system for prepared music be realigned so that the wind parts correspond with the percussion parts.

The MJCCBDA website needs to be updated with current information and links and a more contemporary look. The website should also include the instrumentation of the all state band, various forms that could be downloaded or filled out electronically, and links to other community/junior colleges, four year institutions, and professional organizations. Jeff Brown Sr. was recommended to be in charge of updating the website.

6. Next Meeting

Date: September 5, 2008

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Hinds Community College, Raymond

Motion made to adjourn – seconded – meeting adjourned.

Members present:

Shaw Furlow, Copiah Lincoln Community College

Chris Warren, Copiah Lincoln Community College

Stanley Stewart, Copiah Lincoln Community College

Jared Brownlee, East Central Community College

Tom Carson, East Central Community College

Cary Eldridge, East Mississippi Community College

Robin Gray, East Mississippi Community College

Randy Mapes, Hinds Community College

Shane Sprayberry, Hinds Community College

James Bailey, Holmes Community College

Jeffery Brown Jr, Holmes Community College

Jeff Brown Sr, Jones Junior College

Matthew Pickering, Jones Junior College

Kenny Myrick, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

Heather Spicer, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College

John Mixon, Northwest Community College

John Ungurait, Northwest Community College

Mike Bass, Pearl River Community College

Kyle Hill, Pearl River Community College