

1 Minute – MJCCBA Meeting, February 2, 2015 (Spring 2015)

2 1:30 PM, All-South Clinic, Hattiesburg, MS

3 Meeting called to order 1:31 (Hope you all appreciate the precision...)

4 Members Present: Kerry Simon of CCC, Jamie Foshee of Co-Lin, Juanita Proffitt of Co-Lin, *The Ed* Girling
5 of ECCC, Hunter Cohern of ECCC, Randy Mapes of Hinds, Shane Sprayberry of Hinds, James Bailey of
6 Holmes, Jeff Brown Jr. of Holmes, Jeff Brown Sr. of JCJC, Jonathan Helmick of JCJC, Lindsey Keay of JCJC,
7 Kyle Hill of PRCC, Michael Bass of PRCC, Andrew Dale of SMCC.

8 Prayer was led by Randy Mapes.

9 The President thanked the assoc. for an ‘interesting’ year in office. Appreciation was expressed to
10 Hunter Corhern for timely communications and those that came to set up equipment for the All-State
11 Band during the morning hours.

12 Reminder to load equipment tonight and set up after the OAK Grove concert. The Mardis Gras Parade
13 will be an issue in terms of traffic – remind your students!

14 Reminder about concert attire.

15 The Minutes were presented to the Association. Motion to accept Randy Mapes, second Jeff Brown,
16 unanimous approval.

17 **Old Business**

- 18 I. Jazz Band Clinic Proposal – Jim Southward – Must go before the Presidents for approval. He
19 plans to have this information and approval by the end of February. He needs site rotation,
20 site planning, and first site information. J. Southward will work on the financial end.
21 Presidents do not meet until the 24th.
- 22 A. Southwest CC volunteered to host – Andy Dale. From this initial site the plan is to rotate
23 between programs that have Jazz ensembles.
- 24 i. Kyle Hill, asked that we recognize that it be rotated between places that
25 have directors that participate in association meetings.
- 26 ii. J. Helmick begged the question – what makes them active, or a member in
27 good standing?
- 28 iii. Kyle Hill asked this to be tabled.
- 29 II. Halftime Time Limits – Ed Girling presented “Correspondence with Mr. Jim Southward
30 (1/29/2015).” Mr. Girling stated that J. Southward will forward our recommendations to
31 Coaches, Refs, etc. after we arrive at a decision.
- 32 A. Kyle Hill – Discrepancies exist regarding extended halftimes.
- 33 1. Is there a 12-12-2 clock, 13 and 13, there is no rule currently in effect. There was
34 discussion as to whether the rule currently exists as 12-12-2 or 13 and 13.

- 35 2. PRCC has been told that there are no extended haltimes and there is no rule written
36 down that is in effect.
37 3. Hunter Corhern stated that it does exist in the MACJC Handbook.
38 4. Hunter read that exceptions may be made to the rule according to the rules.
39 5. Ed Girling stated that the Andrew Dale will contact him once again since the original
40 prompt to J. Southward was for clarification of the rules.
41 6. The general consensus was that we as directors must “police ourselves” and train
42 your front ensembles/time your shows

43 **New Business**

- 44 I. Mardis Gras Parade – Reminder that Hardy Street will be closed.
45 II. State of the Honor Band Clinic
46 A. Andrew Dale – 2016 All South is Feb 4-6 according to USM. All the facilities are able to
47 be used. WE HAVE CHAIRS FOR NEXT YEAR. A. Dale will take care of reservations of
48 facilities.
49 1. Wilson Wise – U.S. Air Force of Mid-America will be next clinician
50 B. Kyle Hill – how will we do this next year?
51 1. Shane and Kyle met with their Presidents to discuss the status of the honor
52 band.
53 a. Findings: They determined that it was good for the Association and
54 students.
55 b. Discussion:
56 i. Kyle Hill discussed that he wants it to move back around again.
57 The Presidents of Hinds and PRCC think that it should move
58 back around again.
59 ii. Some Presidents may not be aware that their schools are not
60 participating. Some reasons may be financial, some may be the
61 interest of the directors.
62 iii. Additionally, new Presidents may not be aware that there is an
63 All-State Band.
64 iv. The question was posed by Kyle Hill: In current format, how
65 much longer can we sustain this?
66 2. Kyle Hill suggested returning to a “list band” in order to get programs back into
67 the honor band. Additionally, bigger name conductors should be a priority.
68 3. Kyle Hill also suggested that the clinic should return to the north to encourage
69 the programs in the northern portion of the state to participate.
70 4. Jeff Brown Sr. cautioned that everyone will need to present detailed
71 information regarding their percussionists if it returns to a list band.
72 5. S. Sprayberry discussed the following:
73 a. Model our efforts off of the CBDNA Intercollegiate band form.

- 74 b. Solos and ensembles literature could be listed to understand the level of all
75 students.
- 76 6. Kyle Hill
- 77 a. A List band might make it more accessible and affordable for schools in the
78 north.
- 79 b. Dr. Lewis thinks that we should send representation to the President’s
80 meeting to inform them of the state of the All-State Band.
- 81 C. Motion: A. Dale – moved that Kyle Hill presents the state of the band to the President’s
82 Council.
- 83 1. Randy Mapes amended to add S. Sprayberry to the delegation.
- 84 2. K. Hill asked for qualification on what to share with the President’s Council –
85 what changes will be made to the clinic?
- 86 a. E. Girling added that before a decision is made, we will need to look into
87 alternate host sites and find out cost, logistics, and scheduling.
- 88 b. A. Dale and E. Girling both discussed the necessity of booking early.
- 89 3. A discussion of time conflicts and the change of venue ensued. Kyle Hill
90 summarized that if we move the date to accommodate the venue change,
91 someone will always have a conflict but if it encourages northern school to
92 participate it would minimize the loss of one or two programs.
- 93 4. J. Helmick asked if band directors in the northern part of the state had been
94 asked, “If we move the clinic closer to you, will you participate.” The answer was
95 no, no one had been contacted to solicit why northern schools are not
96 participating.
- 97 5. J. Sprayberry suggested that we book both USM and Ole Miss now and discuss
98 the issue with the Presidents.
- 99 6. Consensus was reached that the northern schools should be contacted to
100 determine if moving the clinic would encourage increased participation from
101 schools from the north. Further, A. Dale asked why not discuss this with the
102 Presidents first, then move it in 2017?
- 103 7. Andrew Dale withdrew the motion
- 104 D. Motion: Jonathan Helmick moved to have A. Dale, K. Hill, S. Sprayberry to approach the
105 Presidents regarding the state of the Honor band. The proposition will be that the
106 association delegates aforementioned ask the college presidents to encourage Northern
107 participation. If participation of northern colleges occurs in 2016, the assembly will
108 entertain and explore the possibility of moving the site location in 2017 to
109 accommodate northern schools.
- 110 1. The motion received a second by H. Corhern.
- 111 2. The assembly unanimously approved.
- 112 III. Honor Band Audition Process
- 113 A. E. Girling encouraged us to discuss the tryout process.
- 114 B. Randy Mapes suggested that we avoid the idea of a list band.

- 115 C. J. Helmick recommended the possibility of students submitting recordings for
116 acceptance and part placement auditions the first day of the event.
- 117 D. A. Dale stated that the association already had a presentation regarding doing the same
118 process via a paid website for one week per year.
- 119 1. H. Corhern voiced the concern that we could be locked out and lose the
120 available audition information.
- 121 E. J. Helmick recommended the use of free software such as Drop Box. An audition
122 committee could then be developed to manage the online data and submit it to the
123 various judges.
- 124 F. Motion: J. Sprayberry put the motion to the assembly to go to online auditions. The
125 President and VP will come up with a plan to implement it and that plan will become
126 official immediately. There will be audition online for entrance and sight-reading for
127 part placement.
- 128 1. H Corhern- second.
- 129 2. Unanimous approval from the association.
- 130 IV. Music for Auditions
- 131 A. E. Girling received music for everything but high brass. He would like audition music so
132 that he can have music available in September for the Association.
- 133 1. M. Bass volunteered to select the high brass music.
- 134 V. Election of a new officer
- 135 A. E. Girling called for a nomination for Secretary
- 136 B. M. Bass nominated Shane Sprayberry
- 137 1. Second by James Bailey
- 138 2. S. Sprayberry was voted Secretary by acclimation
- 139 VI. Announcements
- 140 A. Roger Bobo Festival of Brass will be held at Jones County Junior College June 11-14,
141 2015.
- 142 B. R. Mapes encouraged everyone to publicly thank E. Girling for his work as President.
- 143 C. H. Corhern announced that he will be leaving ECCC and encouraged everyone to inform
144 the band directing community to apply.
- 145 VII. Adjournment
- 146 A. Jame Bailey motioned to adjourn
- 147 1. M. Bass Second
- 148 2. Motion accepted unanimously!

149 Minutes were prepared by Jonathan Helmick and respectfully submitted all the way from Slippery Rock
150 Pennsylvania.

151 I'm going to miss you all... even Kyle Hill...

152 Puppies and Duckies,

153 JH