

**M. J. C. C. B. D. A.  
JANUARY 29, 1999  
MINUTES**

**ATTENDING THE MEETING:**

Tom Carson, Head Dir., ECCC  
Steve Barnett, Head Dir., Co-Lin  
John Ungurait, Head Dir., NWCC  
Gary Sheppeard, Head Dir., Holmes  
Ricky Bishop, Head Dir., NECC  
Amanda Murphy, Asst., Dir., NECC  
Kyle Hill, Asst. Dir., PRCC  
Sammy Barr, Head Dir., Jones  
David Dueitt, Head Dir., MGCCC

Jared Brownlee, Asst. Dir., ECCC  
Stanley Stewart, Asst. Dir., Co-Lin  
Todd Hill, Asst. Dir., NWCC  
Darren Duerden, Asst. Dir., Holmes  
Naz Rhodes, Asst., Dir., NECC  
Archie Rawls, Head Dir., PRCC  
Randy Mapes, Asst. Dir., HCC  
Meri Malloy, Asst. Dir., Jones  
Cliff Taylor, Asst. Dir., MGCCC

**WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order by Gary Sheppeard.

Kyle Hill and Stanley Stewart were recognized for the fine job they did on the programs and All-State certificates. Everyone expressed their appreciation for the fine job Gary Sheppeard has done this year, especially with organizing the All- State Band.

**ALL-STATE BAND**

Discussion followed about the audition system for All-State Band. It was mentioned that the All-State Band was set up originally to be selected by auditions. Later due to a shortage of funds, the directors decided to go to the selection process that we have used for the last several years. Now that the state's finances are better it is logical for us to return to the original plan keeping in mind our goals of higher quality, more participation, and fewer cancellations. Sammy Barr moved that auditions be held on a Friday at 1:00 next year rather than on a Saturday. John Ungurait seconded the motion. Unanimous consent. Naz Rhodes recommended we pass out the music at the auditions to those who are selected. Everyone agreed that it is a good idea. Directors who are percussionist agreed to meet to discuss further the improving of the percussion audition material, and or system. It was agreed that encouraging percussionist to learn all percussion instruments is an important goal, as well as balancing the number of strong mallet players with strong battery players in the All-State Band.

Naz Rhodes recommended that we all write Dr. Starkey Morgan, President of Holmes Community College, to thank him for furnishing meals for those who auditioned for All-State Band.

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Steve Barnett moved that we should continue to use the priority list of clinicians. Robert Smith is next on the list. Archie Rawls amended the move to recommend the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices are to be drawn from the list in the order in which they appear. There was unanimous consent.

## **CLINIC SITE**

Stanley Stewart moved that we have the clinic at the University of Southern Mississippi. Todd Hill seconded. Motion was amended to add: if *visiting high school students are not allowed to attend the concert due to rehearsal scheduling or other problems, we should consider another college sight.* The order of preference will be USM, OLE Miss, Mississippi State. The motion passed.

Jones volunteered to furnish percussion equipment if next year's clinic is at Southern.

Nominations for secretary from the central area of Mississippi. Ricky Bishop nominated Tom Carson, Stanley Stewart seconded. The vote was unanimous.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Todd Hill moved that we form a committee to explore the idea of having an All-State Jazz Band. John Ungurait seconded the motion. The motion passed. The volunteers for the committee are Cliff Taylor, Naz Rhodes, Todd Hill, and John Ungurait.

There was also discussion of having a Junior/Community College Jazz Band Festival. The committee will also discuss this issue.

Several announcements followed concerning this year's concert.

It was noted that this year all the college presidents were mailed invitations to our concert.

Tom Carson suggested next year that we meet at Denny's in Jackson. It is close to the coliseum. The date of the meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 10, 1999.

Darren Duerden encouraged everyone to attend the Percussive Arts Society Clinic, Saturday, March 6, 1999, at Delta State.

Archie Rawls moved that we adjourn. Tom Carson seconded. The meeting was adjourned.