

MJCCBA Minutes
February 10, 2006

The business meeting was called to order and discussions are as follows:

I. New Business

The majority of the meeting was spent on All State matters. The matter of changing the format of auditions was discussed. In past years, the band was considered a “list” band (members were placed in the band by director submission). It was changed to an audition band to improve quality. Over the past several years participation in the band has dwindled. Some speculations are that students don’t like to audition, the date set isn’t convenient for many students that have classes through early afternoon, and that both the auditions and clinic cause them to miss too much class. A motion was made to vote on keeping it as an audition band or to switch to a list band again. Majority ruled to keep it as an audition band. The audition date is tentatively set for the week before the Martin Luther King holiday, but can be adjusted to accommodate school schedules.

Another motion was made to delay the beginning rehearsal to the evening instead of early afternoon to accommodate student’s hectic class schedules. The association voted and majority ruled to change the beginning rehearsal time to later in the day.

The idea of changing the audition material was also discussed. Some suggest that the audition material is too long and that the brass audition is too difficult. David Dueitt suggested that we commission someone to write audition material specifically for our students and on each instrument (i.e. one piece written with technical and lyrical attributes approximately 16 bars in 4/4 time.) David Dueitt motioned and Sammy Barr seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Other items/changes discussed:

Election of officers:

After rotating off the board, there will be a three year period before an association member can serve again. John Ungurait motioned to accept Randy Mapes’ by-law changes to the constitution. It was seconded by Howard Luttrell. (See attachment for by-law change)

Election of new secretary:

John Ungurait nominated Shane Sprayberry to be the 2006-07 secretary. Shane was “railroaded” by acclamation.

Site for 2007 clinic:

U of M expressed interest in hosting clinic 2nd weekend in February.

DSU also expressed interest to host clinic. They are working to change their schedules to accommodate us.

A motion was made to acknowledge retiring band directors in our association. Efforts will be made to acknowledge them at their “home” concerts on behalf of the MJCCBA association. Retirees are Naz Rhodes, Ricky Bishop, and Jeff Brown. Gary Sheppard motioned and it was seconded.

Suggestions were made to change 1st meeting into something “fun”, etc. but many local laws prohibit. The 1st meeting of the 2006-07 year will be the Friday after the 1st game.

There was a motion to adjourn and it was seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

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MJCCBA secretary