



The University of Michigan Band Alumni Association

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

09/18/13

Homecoming Planning/Status

Revelli Hall, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order at 6:59pm
2. Approve June Meeting Minutes motioned by Jim W, seconded by Salo. Motion passes.
3. Conductor's Forum: conductors updates
 - a. John could not be here today, he is judging an event in Chelsea
4. Treasurer's Report (Jeff):
 - a. Review report – link to Jeff's presentation
 - b. We will be giving the same amount for scholarship money this year as last year
2. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance Committee (Jeff):
 - i. Quickbooks is going great. Would like to look at website options.
 1. Thanks so much for your help Jeff! Thanks to Peter and Jason for their help as well!
 - ii. Fundraising Committee (Pete D):
 1. Other Concert Band instruments (Jim W/Salo): Jim met Andrea and they will meet again after the MMB season is over.
 2. We received \$164 in donations through membership renewal, per Linda.
 - b. Reunion Activities Committee (Salo):
 - i. Homecoming October 05 (David/Gary):
 1. Workday with KKY/TBS scheduled on July 14th from 2-6pm
 - a. Went well and was quick; more efficient than last year!
 2. Jerry Luckhardt and Eric Becher will attend (Scott Boerma will not be attending Homecoming, but will be in town for the Nebraska game).
 3. Status:
 - a. Meeting with Gary to review what to do on Sept 19th
 - i. Gary has been printing things on industrial printers at work and will continue to do so at least for this year.
 - b. Meeting with Linda to review membership on Sept 13th
 - c. Homecoming prep day will be Tuesday, Oct 1st at 7pm until we're done. There will be pizza and pop.
 4. Need to talk to Kyle to see if he needs any help passing out instruments
 5. Gary and Jim R. will help with Friday registration
 6. Kristy, Rich and Peter C. will be able to help with Saturday morning registration
 7. David is going to find out if Kristy can bring her photo gear into the stadium to wander and take pictures – update: MMB only gets a set number of passes, and MMB Photo Video needs them all.
 8. Last year, there was a problem with jello shot trash in the band area. We need to police ourselves to ensure this doesn't happen again.
 9. As of the afternoon of 9/18, there were 267 registered.
 10. There are no registration deadline dates in the M Fanfare.
 - a. Online registration deadline is 9/27
 - b. Snail mail registration deadline was 9/13
 - c. Is there a way we can look into registering multiple band members for Homecoming / membership renewal at the same time?
 - ii. BBQ/Evening Prior October 04 (Tracy):
 1. Status: Grill booked, Linda is buying chips, plates, plastic wear, napkins.
 2. 179 have registered for the BBQ as of the afternoon of 9/18



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3. Pete D. has chafer trays, serving spoons / tongs, and table cloths.
- iii. Band-O-Rama: Jeff is ordering 50 tickets for Band-O-Rama
- iv. Crisler Concert: Jeff will order – there's 64 so far
- v. Reunion (Jim R / Rich):
 1. Potential 30 year reunion of the 1984 European Tour Symphony Band
 - a. Rich will follow up with Prof. Reynolds about a 30 year reunion of the 1984 European Tour Symphony Band
 - b. 61 Russian tour band, State Department sent the UM Jazz Band
 - c. 2015 or 2016 the School of Music renovations will be complete, is being promoted as a good year for a mass reunion.
 2. 2013-14: 50th anniversary for Jim R's years
 - a. Sent email and letters to 48 members of 1963 band
 - b. There are about 2 members that are coming
 - i. We can have them stand during the meeting.
 3. T-shirts for Revelli Hall's 40th anniversary in 2013
 - a. Rich talked to the company that did last year's t-shirts. Perhaps we should use Café Press so that people could order shirts themselves and ease the Homecoming check-in process.
 - b. Status? Not pursuing for this year.
 4. Looking ahead: 2014-15 will be the 50th year of the 1965 Rose Bowl/East West Shrine Game Band, first year of Band-o-Rama
 5. Need to ensure we have the most complete list of recently deceased members as we can.
 6. There is a Symphony Band concert in the evening of October 4th. There is some concern about how it could look if we are at rehearsal and not the concert. But with new music, we need the rehearsal.
 7. The new music will be sent to participants ahead of time. Kristy and Michael volunteered to help extract parts from the PDFs that contain all the parts for each piece.
- vi. Parking Lot Award List:
 1. Lifetime Achievement; Robert Jager, Keith Bryan, Don Sinta (next year will be the 40th anniversary of when Don joined the faculty).
 2. Honorary Membership; Michael Udow
 3. John Wilkins: Sheri to ask Haithcock about a special, decorative Block M baton. Pete D. motions that we should acknowledge and thank John for his dedication to the Alumni Pep Band at Homecoming with a gift limit of \$500. Roseanne seconded. Motion passes.
 - a. Roger Garrett, an alum, makes batons.
- c. Member Activities Committee (Linda/Jim R)
 - i. Social Events (Susan S): No update at this time
 - ii. Student Liaison (Jim K):
 1. KKY/TBS reached out regarding potential event (Jim)- status: no update. But now that school is back, we can look for representatives.
 2. Interest in UMBAA seems to be on an upward trend, and there is more communication and awareness between the two groups. Compared to where we were 5 or 6 years ago, this is fantastic. We should all be talking to current members as much as possible. Students will not join an organization if they don't know some of its members and what the organization is and does. I would encourage everyone to meet the members of their old section and expand that relationship beyond the 2 minutes at the homecoming morning rehearsal. Keep up the good work.
 3. With regard to recent grads, can we compile two email lists? One of all band grads of say the last 5 years, and another of just the most recent year. I get questions from recent grads all the time about UMBAA activities and bands. I would love to be able



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to target that subset of members to try to get them information about our activities that they may not otherwise get due to lack of prior participation or formal registration

- iii. New member lunch (Linda): was Aug 21st
 1. It went well. The students appreciated it.
 2. We ran out of water, but had cookies left over.
 3. We should ensure that the staff gets some pizza before the kids come through the line.
- iv. Golf Outing (Mike K):
 1. 2013: Report Out
 - a. Looks like we made over \$6000
 - b. Our largest event yet in numbers of golfers and other participants.
 2. 2014: Would like to start investigating now
 - a. Talking to Chantel about the status for next year.
 - b. The event might not work if we can't play at the Michigan course with a weekend shotgun start.
 - c. Pete D. is retiring from the golf outing.
 - d. Need to survey participants from the last three years to see what options would be acceptable.
- v. Receptions (Mike K):
 1. Nov 10th at 5:30p: Campus Band/Alumni Concert Band Nov 10th in Mezzanine
 - a. There will be less food than last year, but we are hoping that with the changes to the concert that we will get more
 2. April 11th 2014: after Symphony Band concert
 - a. April 10th is Robert Reynolds 80th birthday so they would like to celebrate his birthday during the reception – Sheri to send an email to Michael Haithcock (about this or Don Sinta?)
- vi. Merchandise Sales (David):
 1. Setup on Café Press
 - a. Add link on umbaa.org 6/19
 - b. Created article for Café Press
 - c. \$200 in sales so far
 - d. How do we want to promote more?
 - i. Print an insert for the Homecoming materials
 - ii. Encourage the board to buy a shirt and wear to Homecoming
- d. Communications Committee (Peter C):
 - i. Reminder of our communication:
 1. umbaa-board@umich.edu: All board members and active past presidents
 2. umbaa-board-plus@umich.edu: All board members, all past presidents and SMTD (band directors in the School of Music)
 3. Board meeting documents: <http://www.umbaa.org/component/content/article/1-content/93-board-meeting-drafts.html>
 - a. Can also just to go umbaa.org and type minutes (or plans or roster) in the search
 4. We have a free account through Freeconferencecall.com. There is no need to set a reservation or anything. We can use the account at any time. Members just dial (605) 475-4000. Participant Access code is: 851539# So, if your groups ever need a conference call, they can just dial the phone number and then enter the participant access code.
 5. There is an UMBAA phone number now (Google Voice) that currently forwards to Sheri's phone. The number is (734) 531-8182.
 - ii. Membership Update (Gary/Linda):
 1. Will need to get updates from SMTD and MMB to add to website data.



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2. In December, we should run some queries to see if those who have donated to the scholarship fund, etc., have donated this year. If not, we should reach out to them to make sure that going electronic has not been a problem.
 3. Two people have requested paper forms. So far, only 1 person has been very upset.
 4. Linda has done a fantastic job helping people utilize the online registration process.
- iii. Web Site Update (Linda Ridley):
1. Enertia status:
 - a. The server with the website was hacked on July 28. Linda was able to login as admin long enough to turn off the registration forms because after moving to a new server Enertia was going to restore to July 26. After the site was moved to the new server and logins were working again, credit card processing was not working. The site was back up and everything was working on Aug. 21. Many of the people who had trouble logging in while the server was down thanked me for letting them know the status.
 - b. Registrations are rolling in. Linda has been creating logins for people, creating new passwords and adding records for people who weren't in our database.
 - c. A page of people who have registered for the Blast has been added, and will be updated weekly.
 - d. I would like more Press Releases to add to the site.
 2. New Website Sub-committee status (Kristy Penny/Jason Townsend):
 - a. Approved up to \$15K
 - b. Working on Power Point of Requirements to vendors
 - i. Identified 4 local designers and Stout Systems
 - c. Target final recommendation at Nov meeting and vendor demo if appropriate
- iv. Transition to electronic:
1. This homecoming will not be in M-Fanfare. Will write article to register on-line and renew membership on-line. Will have options to; print form from website and mail in, email for a copy of form or call for a copy of the form.
 2. Going to transition from mailed M-Fanfare to electronic M-Fanfare
 - a. This Fall have article about going electronic, if would still like paper to please: email, call, ...
 - b. Determined will send M-Fanfare electronically starting in Winter, with the exception of those who requested a paper copy (so far, less than a dozen have requested paper).
 - c. Next summer, we should consider sending a postcard reminder for Blast / membership renewal.
- v. M Fanfare (Gail):
1. Identify articles for M-Fanfare
- vi. M Notes (Pete L): 25th of each of month
1. Send Pete any news
 2. Linda: send an article to Pete about registration deadlines for Blast to go out ASAP.
 3. Dennis G. has been paying \$50/month for Mail Chimp program. Need to get that switched.
 4. Could send out an email with a different distribution list through the Mail Chimp program to notify people when a new M Fanfare is available.
 5. Communications committee needs to meet to decide how to continue with M Notes and M Fanfare. Gail feels they are still distinct enough to both exist. Should also think about how to utilize Mail Chimp.
- vii. Logo update: No update at this time
1. Jane Namenye will be presenting different options
- e. Governance Committee: Standing rules have been updated.
- f. Ensembles Committee (Kristy):



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- i. UMBAA Concert Band (Sheri):
 1. Dustin Barr is our new Conductor
 2. We need more saxophones, oboe, bassoons, trombones. Pete will send the list of saxophone and trombone Pep Band players.
 3. Started last Thur with concert on Nov 10th with Campus bands
 - a. Scuttlebutt says that members are not enthused about the 25 minute concert time, with 19 hours of rehearsal. Some have said they will not go to the concert.
 - i. Start the 9/19 rehearsal with reminder that there is a Concert Band subcommittee to handle concerns from members.
 - ii. Could still possibly move concert to a different venue.
 4. Bailey is Investigating CD options – need to have a subcommittee meeting
 - a. Jim Wiseman has offered to record the pep band, so perhaps he could record the Concert Band
 5. Winter: Jan 16st-Mar 27th with a concert on March 30th
- ii. Alumni Pep Band (Pete Dalton):
 1. Director search committee status:
 - a. Going to announce Co-Interim Directors: James Nissen and Evaristo Rodriguez
 - i. 2 year appointment
 - ii. Have end of first year review: Alumni, School, Athletic Dept
 - iii. Professors Pasquale and Haithcock with meet with both to work out principles and logistics together
 - iv. If the 2 years work well, will move forward with model
 - v. Sheri to send out an article, first to Pep Band, second to M Notes.
 - vi. The Director Search Committee is officially done! Thanks to all of the members who gave their hearts and minds to the process.
Many many thanks to Sheri for leading the committee through the process.
 2. Pep Band subcommittee:
 - a. Bailey and Tracy have agreed to facilitate
 - b. Setup and teardown of chair/stands
 - c. Music selection
 - d. Music going electronic
 - e. Coordinate socials after events
 - f. Shirt distribution
 3. Need to figure out schedule for the season
 - a. GLI
 - b. Mens Basketball and Hockey games the day after Thanksgiving.
 4. Alumni Paid Band (Pete Dalton): Status
 - a. Big hit! Played a wedding, played 9/17 and 9/30 for the Ann Arbor Visitors Bureau. Possible emergency gig to play the re-opening of the Holiday Inn on Plymouth Rd.
 - b. Rotating members through the paid gigs
 - c. Have generated \$8K back into the program
 - d. Need 2 or 3 1st trombone players!
 - e. Have the first situation where our agent at Gail and Rice has generated a gig for us, but may need to turn it over to the Fanfare Band and not get anything out of it.
- iii. Traverse City Alumni Band: did the Fourth of July parade
- iv. Chicago UMBAA Concert Band (Gary Straffon): no update
- v. Atlanta UMBAA Band (Gary Straffon): no update
- vi. Nominations committee
 1. Linda is going to be retiring



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2. Welcome Bailey!!! Will replace Dennis's spot
3. Need one more candidate - Evelyn Laskowski (nominated after the Sept. Board meeting, approved via email before the General Membership Mtg)
4. Tex would like to motion the slate of Jim R., Jeff H., Salo, Bailey, and one vacancy. Jim K., seconds. Motion passes.
3. Old Business: No old business at this time
4. New Business: No new business at this time
5. Upcoming Concert Dates and Events
 - a. Symphony Band Oct 4th at 8p
 - b. Concert Band Oct 7th at 8p
 - c. Band-O-Rama Oct 26th at 7:30p
 - d. Symphony Band with UM Combined Choirs Nov 5th at 8p
 - e. UMBAA Concert Band and Campus Bands Nov 10th at 3p
 - f. Symphony Band Nov 22nd at 8p
 - g. Concert Band Nov 25th at 8p
6. Target Future Board Meeting Dates:
 - a. Planning call 2nd Wed and Board meeting 3rd Wed
 - b. Sept 18: Board meeting @7p- Pre-Homecoming planning
 - c. Oct 05: General Membership/Homecoming (Minnesota)
 - i. Kristy will be taking pictures, so we need a substitute to take minutes. Linda might be able to help.
 - d. Nov 06: Officer/committee head touch-base-phone call @7p
 - e. Nov 13: Board meeting @7p- Officer elections – Sheri would like to treat us to pizza and salad at CUBS. Meeting to be held at CUBS instead of Reveli.
7. Action items from previous meetings (Sheri Chisholm):
 - a. *In progress*: Gary will contact Linda Leslie to pull members for 10, 25 and 50 yrs back.
 - b. *In progress*: Gary will contact Bob Gray about starting a UM Alumni Band in Atlanta.
 - c. *In progress*: The Website committee will continue to meet
 - d. *In progress*: David will update the Homecoming document
 - e. *In progress*: Rich will follow up with Prof. Reynolds about a 30 year reunion of the 1984 European Tour Symphony Band
 - f. *Complete*: Rich and Jim R will discuss designing a T-shirt for Reveli Hall's 40th anniversary in 2013
8. Action Items from last meeting (Sheri Chisholm):
 - a. *Complete*: Jason, Jeff and Peter will meet to discuss finances
 - b. *In progress*: Jason & Jeff to look into other investment options.
 - c. *Complete*: David to submit article about availability of UMBAA items on Café Press to Pete L. and Gail.
 - d. *In Progress*: Communication committee will meet to discuss going electronic and how to use M-Notes/M-Fanfare in the future
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 - e. *In Progress*: M Fanfare articles due Nov 1st for next M Fanfare
 - i. Café Press – David
 - ii. Homecoming – Jim R.
 - iii. Pep Band – Bailey & Tracy (pictures, new conductors)
 - iv. Paid Gigs – Pete D.
 - v. Concert Band – Sheri



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- vi. New board members, new officers
 - vii. Scholarships that were awarded at Homecoming
 - viii. Concert schedules
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- f. *In Progress*: Mike K.: Need to survey participants from the golf outings of the last three years to see what options would be acceptable if the UM course is not available for a weekend shotgun start.
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10. For the Good of the Association:
- a. New scholarship endowment in honor of Don Sheppard.
 - b. Why not get together past UMBAA scholarship recipients? It's a great way to reach out to former band members and pull them back into UMBAA
11. Motion to Adjourn by Sheri, Seconded by Jim K., motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 9:06pm.