

# The University of Michigan Band Alumni Association



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

6/17/2015

### Budget Planning

Revelli Hall, 7:00 PM

In attendance: Kristy Penney, Salo Korn, Rich Alder, Jim Roach, Evelyn Laskowski, Stephanie Gage, Tracy Rudd, Bailey Oland, Mandy Siegel, Jason Townsend, Devonie Townsend, Jeff Henderson, Jim Kozich, Peter Cubba, Sheri Chisholm

1. Call to Order: 7:10 PM
2. Approve March Meeting Minutes **Jim K moves to approve, Evelyn seconds. Motion passes.**
3. Conductor's Forum: conductors' updates. **Dr. Pasquale not present, he does not have any updates for us at this time.**
4. Review of Action Items from March (Kristy)
  - a. On hold – Homecoming: Why is Blast Attendance down?
  - b. In Progress – Membership: Need updates from SMTD and MMB to add to website database.
  - c. In Progress – Investigate which award / honor would be appropriate for William K. and Delores S. Brehm.
  - d. In Progress – Obtain roster of the 1975 band for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “Let’s Go Blue.”
  - e. In Progress – Articles for the BLAST M Fanfare.
  - f. In Progress – Send David A. pictures of past MMB shirts.
5. Treasurer's Report (Jeff)
  - a. Review 2015-2016 Budget: **New line item for Amazon Smile, slightly smaller membership renewal estimate, \$0 postal permit, \$2500 allowance for printing and postage supplies, \$1600 for website cleanup. Budget allows for a net operating income of \$130. There was discussion to raise either the Homecoming participation fee or the membership fee. Discussion leans that people would get more for their money with raising Blast fee instead of membership fee this year. In the future once we have the website running for a while, and possibly other services that are more relevant for people who pay a membership fee but do not come to Homecoming, we could revisit raising the membership fee. Jim K moves to raise Blast fee from \$15 to \$25, Peter seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Jim K moves to raise the friends and family BBQ fee from \$3 to \$5. Jason seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Evelyn moves to pass the budget amended to reflect these increased fees. Mandy seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**
  - b. Membership “year” tied to fiscal year
    - i. New website can allow membership expire 12 months from date paid rather than on June 30<sup>th</sup> every year (regardless of when dues were paid). **People with yearly membership renewals will have these automatically be paid and renewed every year with the card on file. This will be paid separately from the Blast fee.**
    - ii. Bylaws state, “Unpaid dues shall be deemed delinquent if unpaid by the opening of the annual general membership meeting resulting in a loss of good standing by the member [Section 4.01(B)] until such time as the dues are paid.” So technically a membership expires on June 30, but everyone has until homecoming to pay them.
6. Committee Reports:
  - a. Finance Committee (Jeff):
    - i. Fundraising Committee (Pete C) – **We can do a 50/50 raffle around Homecoming, our website could have a separate page for participants could register online, as well as access to that registration page for the general public to participate. When they register online participants would be emailed their ticket number(s). We could also do day-of purchases on Homecoming, with the drawing taking place at the general meeting. Peter will look into the logistics of this more.**
      1. Don't forget to use Amazon Smile to raise money for UMBAA!
  - b. Reunion Activities Committee (Salo):

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- i. 2015 Homecoming (David):
  1. October 10, 2015 @ 3:30pm
  2. Past directors have been invited, awaiting responses
  3. Summer work day? **Still no date.**
- ii. Reunion (Jim R / Rich):
  1. Anniversaries
    - a. 2015 will be 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Let's Go Blue (1975) **Rich is working on a 1975 band reunion.**
    - b. 2015 will be 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the hiring of Wilfred Wilson as conductor of the University of Michigan Band. Wilson was the first paid faculty member to lead the band. From the time of the band's founding, in 1897, it had been led by unpaid, volunteer conductors.
    - c. 2015 marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the the hiring of William Revelli.
- iii. Parking Lot Award List:
  1. Lifetime Achievement: Robert Jager (composer), Keith Bryan (SMTD),
  2. Honorary Membership: Michael Udow
  3. William K. and Delores S. Brehm? Donated \$8M to SMTD for building renovations. **They would qualify for an Honorary Membership because William was in choral studies (not band/ instruments) at Michigan and Delores went to Eastern Michigan, so neither of them have direct ties to the band programs, but their donation will have a significant impact on University bands. Jim K moves to award them Honorary Memberships, Stephanie seconds. Motion passes unanimously. Kristy will contact Professor Haithcock to discuss this and arrange a date to present the award, Homecoming or Band O Rama would be ideal.**
- c. Member Activities Committee (Jim R):
  - i. Social Events (Jim K): UMS Concerts - Use UMBAAHAIL Promocode
    1. Any upcoming events?
  - ii. Student Liaison (Jim K):
    1. Spring meeting will be Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm
  - iii. New member lunch (Linda): No report at this time **August 26th.**
  - iv. Golf Outing (Mike K): **51 golfers registered, many generous sponsors. Volunteer meeting will be called soon.**
    1. August 9, 2015 @ UM Golf Course
    2. Need to vote to serve alcohol **Need to approve the purchase of the liquor license. Bailey moves, Tracy seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**
  - v. Receptions (Mike K):
    1. None scheduled at this time
  - vi. Merchandise Sales (David):
    1. Café Press
      - a. Increase price by \$1
      - b. Special "Let's Go Blue!" Anniversary shirt for Homecoming
- d. Communications Committee (Jim R):
  - 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
    3. Board meeting documents: <http://www.umbaa.org/component/content/article/1-content/93-board-meeting-drafts.html>
  - ii. Membership Update (Sheri):
    1. We now have a SMTD contact to help us get the membership updates, Alex Fox
  - iii. Web Site Update (Website subgroup):
    1. New Website Sub-committee status (Kristy Penney/Jason Townsend): **Everyone should try to log in again and see how it goes. New site is live, old site is gone. Jason gave tour of its functionality for login, event registration, and member portal.**
    2. Launched for Golf Outing registration
  - iv. Transition to digital:
    1. Transitioning from mailed M-Fanfare to digital M-Fanfare

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- v. M Fanfare (Gail): **Jim R has been in contact with Gail. She remains strongly opposed to going entirely digital.**
  - 1. Identify articles for next M-Fanfare, the BLAST issue **Gail gave Jim R a list of information/articles to be put in the issue. He will send her an email and Facebook message to find out what information she already has, or what she will find out herself, and what pieces she needs.**
- vi. M Notes (Pete L): 25<sup>th</sup> of each of month
  - 1. Identify articles for next M Notes **It would be good to have a reminder about the golf outing go out, since the registration price will be going up in a few weeks.**
- vii. Electronic News Distribution (Sheri / Roseanne):
  - 1. Any progress? **No progress to report.**
- e. Governance Committee (Tex): No report at this time
- f. Ensembles Committee (Evelyn):
  - i. UMBAA Concert Band (Sheri):
    - 1. Joshua Roach will continue as conductor for Fall & Winter. **He has already selected the music. Sheri will be sending out a survey soon to wrap up the winter session.**
  - ii. Alumni Pep Band (Pete Dalton):
    - 1. Pep Band subcommittee (Bailey and Tracy): **Softball season is done, we had great numbers for all events and got a lot of good press. We will start getting music scanned and distribute through a private box instead of through the website, for right now.**
      - a. Jim & Evy are both returning as co-directors
  - iii. Alumni Paid Band (Pete Dalton): **Paid gig in May went very well.**
    - 1. Possible event in July 2015—**Cancelled as of this week.**
  - iv. Traverse City Alumni Band (Mike K): No Update
  - v. Chicago UMBAA Concert Band (Gary Straffon): no update
  - vi. Atlanta UMBAA Band (Gary Straffon): no update
- g. Nominations Committee (Peter C.): No report at this time
- 7. Old Business:
  - a. Music Librarian – Gary Straffon transition to Devonie Townsend **Gary has not been able to get files to Devonie yet.**
  - b. University of Michigan Bicentennial 2017 (Bailey) **The weekend surrounding the spring football game will be the Spring Festival (April 4-6) and the weekend surrounding Homecoming will be the Fall Festival. Working on finalizations for a logo, to be debuted this coming fall. All UM affiliated groups will be encouraged to use this logo.**
- 8. New Business:
- 9. Upcoming Concert Dates and Events:
- 10. Future Board Meeting Dates:
  - a. Planning call 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed and Board meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed
  - b. September 9: Officer/committee head touch-base-phone call @ 7pm
  - c. September 16: Board Meeting @ 7pm – Pre-Homecoming Planning
  - d. October 10: General Membership/Homecoming (Northwestern)
  - e. November 11: : Officer/committee head touch-base-phone call @ 7pm
  - f. November 18: Board Meeting @ 7pm - Officer Elections
- 11. Review New Action Items:
- 12. For the Good of the Association: **There is a meeting of band alumni associations in Seattle in July. This would be neat to participate in the future, this is the first year for this meeting.**

**Jim K moves to adjourn meeting, Bailey seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 PM.**