



SCHOOL OF MUSIC, THEATRE & DANCE
BAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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AGENDA - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 15, 2022 – Zoom Videoconference, 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Meeting Minutes Approval
3. Conductor's Forum
4. President's Update (Kyle)
 - a. General Updates
 - i. Goals for this year
 - b. Update on National Association of Alumni Bands (NAoAB)
 - c. New Ideas
5. Review of Action Items
 - a. In Progress – Michigan Stadium Products Partnership
 - i. On hold – quote from website company will likely be needed.
 - b. In Progress – MMB Mentorship Project (Kyle)
6. Treasurer's Report (Jeff):
7. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance Committee (Jeff)
 - i. Fundraising Subcommittee (Eric):
 1. Amazon Smile - continue to advertise via announcements.
 2. Other ideas and options to raise funds?
 - ii. Auditor Update (Chris)
 - iii. Scholarships
 - iv. Funding Requests/Items on the horizon
 1. Concert Band Instrument Fund – Request
 - a. Final list of equipment with Richard Frey for prioritization and replacement recommendations.
 2. Campus Band Instrument Yearly Support – Future discussion item
 3. Concert/Campus Band Composition Competition – Future discussion item
 - b. Reunion Activities Committee (Devonie):
 - i. Homecoming Sub-Committee (Devonie):
 1. Lamination project next steps and update
 2. 2022 Blast will be 125th anniversary of Michigan Marching Band – Sept. 24th (Maryland)
 - a.UMBAA x MMB Committee Discussion (Kyle)
 - b. Leaky Bugle display for 2022 Homecoming (Jim R)
 - c. MMB Drum Major Reunion (Kyle)
 - ii. Other Reunions Sub-Committee (Jim R / Rich):
 1. Discussion of status related to COVID
 2. Anniversaries
 - a. 50th anniversary of Revelli's last year as director, with special emphasis on '69 and '70 bands.
 - i. Small committee has been formed – Rich, Joe Dobos, Carl Grapentine, and Al McCord.
 1. Details need coordination with next Blast event.
 - b. European Tour Band – reunion being explored for May 28, 2021.
 - i. Discussions regarding Michigan Union – Rich and committee taking lead
 - c. 1984 Symphony Band Reunion organizing (outside UMBAA) – no update.
 - iii. Parking Lot Award List (at UMBAA discretion, on an as needed basis)
 1. Begin thinking about ideas for 2021 Awards (*now 2022 – names redacted from public minutes pending the actual awards*)
 - c. Membership Activities Committee (Tex):
 - i. Social Events:
 1. UMS event update
 - a. Live performances to begin after Thanksgiving, no update on group sales yet.
 - b. Friday, March 11th (Philly Phil). Freeze date for tickets 2 weeks before.



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2. Symphony band concert this year
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3. Other Events
4. Football events/trips
 - a. Annual bus trip to a Big Ten stadium in 2022 and beyond
 - b. MMB Invitation to UMBAA for combined Spring Game performance
5. Salute to Service Performance Trip
 - a. Notified Earl Hurrey reached out about 2024 as an opportunity again, need to discuss with Professor Haithcock and Pasquale.
- d. Communications Committee (*Eric*):
 - i. Membership Update
 1. Extensions of memberships will continue to be evaluated to determine if additional graduating classes need to be included.
 - ii. Website Sub-Committee Update (Jim K):
 1. Action Items / Items in Progress:
 - a. Updates to who gets tickets from website
 - b. Update on "Preferred Partners" section
 2. If you notice needed updates send to Jim.
 - iii. M Fanfare (Jim K):
 1. M Fanfare re-work
 - a. Open to suggestions
 2. Jim is still looking for a new M Fanfare editor (Gail?).
 - iv. M-Notes (Kyle)
 1. Discuss new ideas from NAOAB.
 - a. Interviews with alumni in the news (Percy?)
 - b. Senior memoirs for 2021 class.
 - c. Student to run both M-Fanfare and M-Notes?
 - v. UMBAA Social Media (FB Group, Twitter)
- e. Governance Committee (Tex):
- f. Ensembles Committee (Brian):
 - i. Concert Band Subcommittee (Jim K):
 - ii. Pep Band Subcommittee (Tracy):
 1. Alumni Pep Band polo shirts (Kyle, Pete): Monitoring as we can, working with Kimberly Smith on options for future years.
- g. Nominations Committee (Eric):
- h. Student Liaison (*Sarah, Kevin, Issac*): No new items
- i. SMTD Liaison (Brian): No new items
- j. Golf Outing (Mike K):
 - i. Date: August 7th, 2022
 - ii. Getting pricing for both box lunch and banquet options
 - iii. Help with sponsors: Too many is a good problem!
- k. New Member Lunch (Devonie):
- l. Merchandise:
 - i. Homecoming items – target for potential 2022 rollout. Appears to be some discussion within the members that this would be a good idea.
 - ii. Utilize most recently updated logos wherever possible.
8. Upcoming Concert Dates and Events:
 - a. All concerts 8:00 PM at Hill Auditorium, unless otherwise noted)
9. Future Dates:
 - a. Next Board Meeting: April 5th, 2022
 - b. Planning Call: March 29th, 2022
10. Review New Action Items
11. For the Good of the Association
12. Adjournment



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MINUTES - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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Attendees: Chris Alvey, Sheri Chisholm, James Davis, Janette Gryniewicz, Jeff Henderson, Jim Kozich, Michael (Tex) Lee, Eric Miller, Kyle Milliman, Jim Roach, Devonie Townsend, Kevin Wroblewski, Sarah Wroblewski

1. Call to Order – 7:15 pm
2. Meeting Minutes Approval – *Motion by Eric; Second by Jim K; unanimous approval.*
3. Conductor's Forum – *No SMTD conductors attended. Kyle shared the following updates.*
 - a. *Re: The Women Conductors' Forum, which UMBAA agreed to support financially (approved last year, amount not to exceed \$500), did not take place in 2021 as planned but will be rescheduled this year.*
 - b. *Re: Homecoming, 2022 is the 125th anniversary of the MMB and the 50th anniversary of women joining the MMB. The halftime show will primarily focus on the latter. As per an e-mail that went out to UMBAA membership on Feb. 14, a joint MMB/UMBAA special committee is being formed to plan for this.*
4. President's Update (Kyle)
 - a. General Updates
 - i. Goals for this year:
 1. *Kyle proposed establishing clear goals for what we want to achieve in the near term (this year) as well as potential longer term goals. Suggested starting with creating a 'playbook' for Homecoming, laying out what needs to be done & how. Multiple board members voiced agreement that this is an important goal. Devonie & Homecoming Committee could lead this.*
 2. *Other ideas that were raised: More regular communication with membership? Expand membership to more alumni who don't participate in Homecoming? Review fundraising/support goals beyond scholarships?*
 3. *ACTION (all): prior to our next meeting, e-mail Kyle with any additional thoughts or suggestions for goals. Will be discussed further at next meeting.*
 - b. *Update on National Association of Alumni Bands (NAoAB) (Jim R.) – Jim R is now on the NAoAB Board and attended his first board meeting last week. There is an in-person symposium planned (1st weekend in June, in Florida) and they are working on sessions of interest to both Alumni and College bands. Meanwhile Jim has contacted all colleges in Michigan that might have alumni bands and has been getting responses back. Likely NAoAB will be adding more members!*
 - c. *New Ideas – No updates*
5. Review of Action Items – *No updates.*
6. Treasurer's Report (Jeff): *Report was shared. No discussion.*
7. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance Committee (Jeff)
 - i. *Fundraising Subcommittee (Eric): No updates*
 - ii. *Auditor Update (Chris): Chris has reviewed all financial statements (checking, savings, credit card); no concerns.*
 - iii. *Scholarships – As discussed at last November's meeting, Kyle and Jeff are still planning to meet with Kim Baumgartner (MMB Development Office) to discuss scholarship goals for this year. Kyle has emailed Kim and is waiting for her response.*
 - iv. *Funding Requests/Items on the horizon – No updates*
 - b. Reunion Activities Committee (Devonie):
 - i. Homecoming Sub-Committee (Devonie):
 1. *Lamination project next steps and update – basically complete, just need to redo a few parts/pieces that didn't copy well.*
 2. *2022 Blast will be 125th anniversary of Michigan Marching Band – Sept. 24th (Maryland)*
 - a. *UMBAA x MMB Committee Discussion (Kyle) – see above under Conductor's Forum. At least one member of UMBAA Homecoming Committee needs to participate. Any UMBAA Board Members who would like to participate should e-mail Kyle directly. First halftime show of the season will focus on the 125th anniversary; Homecoming halftime show will focus on 50th anniversary of women in the MMB.*



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- b. Leaky Bugle display for 2022 Homecoming (Jim R) – *Would be great if we can have this ready. Crowdsource as a slide show or database - possibly create a Qualtrix form for people to upload things.*
 - c. MMB Drum Major Reunion – *Jim R spoke with Rodney Weir this morning; he has been in contact with many drum majors and is holding a block of rooms at Weber's. Kyle will see if Rodney has responded to the e-mail survey for the UMBAA/MMB Homecoming Committee, and get in touch with him about participating in the committee regardless. Jim Davis has heard from Steve Roberts that he would be happy to help with this and Kyle will pass that on to Rodney.*
 - ii. Other Reunions Sub-Committee (Jim R / Rich): *Enough to do this year with the 125th and 50th anniversaries above, but should check to see if the anniversaries below or anything else should be covered or at least mentioned.*
 - 1. Anniversaries
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 - b. European Tour Band – reunion being explored for May 28, 2021.
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 - c. 1984 Symphony Band Reunion organizing (outside UMBAA) – no update.
 - iii. Parking Lot Award List (at UMBAA discretion, on an as needed basis)
 - 1. Begin thinking about ideas for 2022 Awards – *awards were not given in 2021; two names are still on the list for awards this year. More can always be proposed.*
- c. Membership Activities Committee (Tex):
 - i. Social Events:
 - 1. UMS event update – *Only a couple of weeks until the Mar. 11 concert we were considering for a group event. Postpone this idea for next season. Tex will touch base with Carl after the schedule for the new season comes out this summer.*
 - 2. Symphony band concert this year
 - a. Tex discussed with Carl based on winter semester schedule. – *Carl is not as familiar/ comfortable with the more modern repertoire chosen so currently no events are proposed.*
 - 3. Other Events
 - 4. Football events/trips – *No specific updates, but still plenty of support/enthusiasm for this idea.*
 - a. Annual bus trip to a Big Ten stadium in 2022 and beyond
 - b. MMB Invitation to UMBAA for combined Spring Game performance
 - 5. Salute to Service Performance Trip – *Kyle still intends to raise this with Haithcock & Pasquale, but likely a relatively low priority. It sounds like 2025 may be the last year for this and the organizers are going more toward individual volunteers than specific alumni groups.*
- d. Communications Committee (Eric):
 - i. Membership Update – *No need to continue pandemic extensions of free memberships*
 - ii. Website Sub-Committee Update (Jim K): *No updates*
 - iii. M Fanfare (Jim K): *Jim has confirmed Gail (Stout) is on board. Other volunteers spoke up: Chris and Janette can help with formatting, editing etc; Kyle and Janette can help with MailChimp; Janette and Tex can help with 'light' html editing.*
 - iv. M-Notes (Eric/Kyle) – *No updates*
 - v. UMBAA Social Media (FB Group, Twitter) – *No updates*
- e. Governance Committee (Tex): *No updates*
- f. Ensembles Committee (Brian):
 - i. Concert Band Subcommittee (Jim K):
 - 1. Jim is putting together details for a season this spring, Apr. 7 – Jun 5, all at Revelli Hall. Communication will go out soon.
 - 2. Question was raised if an SMTD recital hall might be available for the performance? (June 5). Jim K and Tex will look into this.
 - ii. Pep Band Subcommittee (Tracy): *Kyle noted there are only 2-3 games left for the indoor season. Covid protocols have been running smoothly. No other updates.*



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- g. Nominations Committee (Eric): - *No updates*
- h. Student Liaison (Sarah, Kevin, Issac): - *No updates*
- i. SMTD Liaison (Brian): - *No updates*
- j. Golf Outing (Mike K):
 - i. Date: August 7th, 2022
 - ii. Getting pricing for both box lunch and banquet options
 - iii. Help with sponsors: Too many is a good problem! *Send any potential sponsor information to the golf committee (Mike K, Kyle, Eric)*
- k. New Member Lunch (Devonie): - *No updates*
- l. Merchandise: - *No updates*
- 8. Upcoming Concert Dates and Events: - *No updates*
 - a. All concerts 8:00 PM at Hill Auditorium, unless otherwise noted)
- 9. Future Dates: - *Note dates for the whole year will be available on the Google calendar shared by Kyle (email) earlier this year.*
 - a. Next Board Meeting: April 5th, 2022
 - b. Planning Call: March 29th, 2022
- 10. Review New Action Items
 - a. *All: prior to next Board meeting, e-mail Kyle with any additional suggestions for either short or long-term goals for the organization.*
 - b. *Kyle and Jeff: discuss scholarship goals for this year with Kim Baumgartner*
 - c. *Kyle: contact Rodney Weir (re: Drum Majors' reunion) to see if he can participate in the UMBAA/MMB special committee, and pass on that Steve Roberts would like to help with the reunion.*
 - d. *Jim R / Rich Alder (other Reunions sub-committee): check if any other anniversaries should be mentioned or somehow acknowledged at Homecoming this year.*
 - e. *Tex (re: Social events): check with Carl for potential concerts of interest when the new UMS season is announced.*
 - f. *Tex, Jim K (re: Concert band): check on possible availability of SMTD venue for June 5 concert.*
- 11. For the Good of the Association: *Jim D. shared the following: Eric Becher, Steve Roberts & 1 other MMB alum are involved in developing a not-for-profit arts center in St Augustine, like "Interlochen of the South" for art, music, theater. One idea they have is to host "long weekend" events for alumni groups (e.g. Thursday evening first rehearsal to concert on Sunday, with fun stuff in the interim) and they have put together a survey to gauge interest in this. They asked if we could send this 'market research' sort of survey out to our email list? Board consensus is YES.*
- 12. Adjournment: *Motion by Jim D, second by Jim R. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.*