

MSBOA DISTRICT ONE

Monday, May 1
Ludington – Jamestown Brewery
6:00 p.m. Meeting Agenda

Call To Order

Membership Introductions

Officer/Event Reports

Secretary Report: Craig Jones
Treasurer Report: Jamie Denslow
Band and Orchestra: Albie Todd
Solo and Ensemble: Greg VanStrien
Marching Band: Brian Balch
Adjudicator Report: Debe Mitchell
Medals: Michelle Nuffer
MS Honors Band: Curt Isakson
HS Honors Band: Heather Wiggins
Presidents Report: Jessica Gardner

Committee Reports

Festival Improvements: Albie Todd
Members Emeritus: John Taranko
Elementary Music Committee: Stephanie Purvis
Music Education Committee: Michelle Nuffer
String Committee: Bryce Ropp
Mentor Chair: Stephanie Purvis
District 1 Website/Music Technology: Greg VanStrien
Youth Arts Festival: Brian Balch
Jazz Activities: Curt Isakson

New or Unfinished Business

Honoring Our Retirees
Festival/Meeting Locations
Confirmed Calendar – need to add HS Honors Band
Officers for 2017-2018
Teacher of the Year Nominations
Marching Band Rules Suggestions

Announcements

MAEIA Information

Adjourn

Secretary Report

MSBOA District I Winter Meeting
Host – Cadillac – Clam Lake Beer Company
January 5, 2017

5:00pm – Social Time and Dinner

6:00pm – Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting called to order by Jessica Gardner at 6:00p.m.

Membership Introduction- Jessica Gardner

Those present introduced themselves.

Those in attendance were: P = Present A = Absent

P Baldwin – Brian Parent	P Manistee – Andrea Mack
P Bear Lake – Brenna Richardson	A Manistee Catholic Central - Robert Gras
P Big Rapids Middle School – Albie Todd	P Manton – Michelle Nuffer
P Big Rapids High School – Brian Balch	P Marion – Emily Cannell
P Big Rapids Crossroads Academy – Debe Mitchell	P Mason County Central – Tom Thomas
P Brethren - Brenna Richarson	P McBain – Heather Wiggins
P Cadillac – Mike Filkins	P Mesick – Craig Jones
P Cadillac – Bryce Ropp	P Morley-Stanwood – Greg VanStrien
P Chippewa Hills – Jodi Bloss-Ehnis	A New Era Christian – Craig Stace
P Chippewa Hills – Jenelle Buehner	P Onekama – Joy Smith
P Ewart – Diana Craven	A Pentwater – Dan Root
A Hart – John Taranko	P Pine River – Jessica Gardner
P Hesperia – Stephanie Purvis	P Reed City – Michael Kiepp
P Holton – Gretchen Thompson	P Shelby – Curt Isakson
PL Lake City – Phillip Bossenberger	P Walkerville – April Keith
P Ludington – Keith Kuczynski	P White Cloud – Jamie Denslow

Secretary's Report-Craig Jones

Copies of the minutes of the all meeting were provided for review. The report was moved by Denslow and seconded by Balch. *Motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report- Jamie Denslow

Written Report was presented and reviewed. \$14,695.22 are in our accounts. Other items: the need to update our QuickBooks software; requirement that all payments are needed before events and will not be accepted the day of an event; we have one school that still has not paid for marching band festival. Discussion took place on officer training, if the State Office will ever accept credit cards, and that personal checks for payment are not allowed. The report was moved by Filkins and seconded by Purvis. *Motion carried.*

Band and Orchestra Report- Albie Todd

Written report was presented, highlighting the need to have scores ordered early, double-checking the required list, and past sight-reading music is still for sale. B&O registrations were due tonight. The report was moved by Smith, seconded by Thomas. *Motion carried.*

Solo and Ensemble Report- Greg VanStrien

A written report was submitted and reviewed. Please make sure 2 copies of registration are turned in. Discussion on

the possibility of removing the Spring Junior High Solo and Ensemble from our schedule due to lack of student participation. The report was moved by Thomas and seconded by Smith. *Motion carried.*

Marching Band Festival- Brian Balch

A written report was submitted and read through. Discussion on moving up the start time and not having a band pay for festival. The report was moved by Thomas and seconded by Bloss. *Motion carried.*

Adjudicator Report- Debe Mitchell

A written report was submitted and reviewed. It came down to the wire on filling some spots. The report was moved by Smith and seconded by Craven. *Motion carried.*

Medals Update Report- Michelle Nuffer

Order forms were handed out. 299 red and 99 blue medals went out at the Fall solo and ensemble. The report was moved by Smith and seconded by Wiggins. *Motion carried.*

Middle School Honors Band Report- Curt Isakson

A written report was given. Discussion on percussion assignments, and making sure parts are given to the students who know how to play them, especially mallet instruments. The report was moved by Craven and seconded by Wiggins. *Motion carried.*

High School Honors Band Report- Heather Wiggins

A verbal report was given, as well as extra copies of the student nomination forms, due back January 27. The report was moved by Smith and seconded by Mack. *Motion carried.*

President's Report- Jessica Gardner

A written report was submitted. The report was read over, with attention given to the attached worker policy to review and paperwork to sign up for the Remind account. The report was moved by Craven and seconded by Thomas. *Motion carried.*

Committee Reports

Festival Improvements- Albie Todd

FIC meets this Saturday. It was brought up to look at needing/adding language to the marching festival rules/procedures regarding the different football field dimensions of the 8-man football teams, as many more schools in our area and around the State are changing over.

Members Emeritus- John Taranko

No Report

Elementary Committee- Stephanie Purvis

No report

Music Education Committee- Jessica Gardner

Michelle Nuffer will be taking over this committee. Trying to get the 'non-music sub' lesson plans on the district website to send out to directors.

String Committee – Bryce Ropp

No report

Music Tech/District 1 Website - Greg VanStrien

No Report

Youth Arts Festival- Brian Balch

Reviewed qualifications of MYAF auditions.

Jazz Activities- Curt Isakson

March 22 – jazz clinic festival hosted by West Shore Community College and Shelby. February 4 – jazz combo clinic in Cadillac.

New and Unfinished Business

1. **Calendar:** The following proposed dates through 2019 were discussed and passed as follows:

2017-2018 Proposed Dates and Locations			
Event	When	Date	Location
Marching Band Festival (rain date)	2 nd Wed/October (3 rd Wed/October)	October 11, 2017 (October 18, 2017)	
MS Solo and Ensemble	2 nd Weekend/ Nov.	November 11, 2017	
MS Honors Band (weather date)	2 nd Tue/Dec.	December 12, 2017 (January 9, 2018)	
HS Solo and Ensemble	Last Saturday/ Jan.	February 3, 2018	
MS/HS B&O – week 1		February 28 & March 1, 2018	
MS/HS B&O – week 2		March 7 & 8, 2018	
State S&E		March 17, 2018	
MS Solo and Ensemble	3 rd weekend/ April	April 21, 2018	
Meeting Dates 2012-2013			
Fall Meeting	2 nd Tuesday/Sept.	September 12, 2017	
Winter Meeting	2 nd Thursday/Jan.	January 11, 2018	
Spring Meeting	1 st Monday/May	May 7, 2018	

2018-2019 Proposed Dates and Locations			
Event	When	Date	Location
Marching Band Festival (rain date)	2 nd Wed/October (3 rd Wed/October)	October 10, 2018 (October 17, 2018)	
MS Solo and Ensemble	2 nd Weekend/ Nov.	November 10, 2017	
MS Honors Band (weather date)	2 nd Tue/Dec.	December 11, 2018 (January 8, 2019)	
HS Solo and Ensemble	Last Saturday/ Jan.	February 2, 2019	
MS/HS B&O – week 1		February 27 & 28, 2019	
MS/HS B&O – week 2		March 6 & 7, 2019	
State S&E		March 16, 2019	
MS Solo and Ensemble	3 rd weekend/ April	April 13, 2019	
Meeting Dates 2012-2013			
Fall Meeting	2 nd Tuesday/Sept.	September 11, 2018	
Winter Meeting	2 nd Thursday/Jan.	January 10, 2019	
Spring Meeting	1 st Monday/May	May 6, 2019	

2. **Accompanists Concerns:** Discussion brought up by several directors on accompanist scheduling issues. Much talk was on not scheduling an accompanist with too many students, and for schools who share accompanists to talk to each other before scheduling. Discussion also took place on directors leaving work assignments to accompany students – there is a need for this to be monitored and having the ‘office workers’ notified so a replacement worker can be substituted.

3. **Marching Band Festival Field Boundaries:** Filkins brought up discussion with the issues of the boundary ruling and not allowing his band to finish there show up front, off the field. A copy of the marching festival rules were passed around, as well as the steps taken to figure out the process to clarify the rules. At this time, there does not seem to be a person in charge of interpreting the rules and wondered how the rule was determined by those who may not have the marching band experience to make these decisions. Following the MSBOA District Marching Band Rules from the State, Letter I, rule 7 – no one could not find who the State Marching Band Committee Chair was, where/what the “MSBOA Marching Band Festival Checklist” was for detailed procedures. A very long discussion took place on trying to clarify the rule amongst our district, with differencing opinions! It was agreed that this situation on clarifying marching band rules needs to be met at our District, as well as other Districts, with a need for a person at the State/District level to be a contact person for Marching Band Festival rule clarifications.

Motion by VanStrien, seconded by Filkins – The District 1 President will address at the State Meeting a possibility of a State Marching Band Vice-President or a State Officer to be responsible for making Marching Band Decision.

Motion Passed.

Todd brought up that he will also take this proposal to the FIC committee.

4. **Accounting Software** – following the State requirement, we need to have QuickBooks (purchased by our district) to run our financial reports. The need to update to the next version is necessary. **Motion** by Bloss, seconded by Mack to purchase the QuickBooks online version at \$15 per month. **Motion Passed.**

5. **Officer Checklist/Guidelines:** **Motion** by Jones, seconded by VanStrien, to have all officers make a checklist/guideline book of their duties, to pass onto future officers. This will need to be done by the end of the school year. Discussion took place at contacting the State Office for prior work done on such checklists/guidelines that may be already done (at the State level). **Motion Passed.**

6. **MSBOA Membership Fees:** The proposal of fees were reviewed and discussed by members. The President has been asked to gather feedback from the District to take back to the President's meeting. The reaction of the district was overwhelming negative of the proposal, with most of the small school districts worried about not being able to fund membership fees for next year if they are changed.

Announcements

1. Next Meeting Monday, May 1st, 2017 in Ludington (Jamestown Brewery).
2. Let's plan on picking out all 2017-2018 sites at the next meeting – and not table the sites to next school year.
3. A director suggested checking out the game: marching band vs. zombies.
4. Don't forget to look at the box of past Sight-reading music that is for sale.

Adjournment - Motion made to adjourn at 8:45pm by Mack and seconded by Smith.

Minutes submitted by Craig Jones, MSBOA District I Secretary

MSBOA DISTRICT I

Albie Todd, V.P. Band and Orchestra

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Dear Colleagues,

May 1, 2017

Thank You: To Heather and Curt, THANK YOU for hosting Band and Orchestra Festival this year! As far as I heard from Shelby, and my own experience working at McBain this year, everything ran incredibly smoothly, and that's thanks to the work of your parents, students, and above all, your own planning. Congratulations on being great hosts for our ensembles, and thank you for all of the work you did to make Festival a smooth experience for our District! Additional thanks to Heather for being so flexible as to plug two ensembles snowed-out from Shelby into the McBain site! Congrats on your beautiful, new performing space! ☺

Evaluations: It's not too late to turn in Site and/or Adjudicator Evaluations. You can submit them to your host or to Debe, respectively. We want to know if there is anything that can still be improved. Thank you to those of you who already have turned in evaluations!

Financials:

B/O Event Registration Fees	+ \$7,290.00
Supplies/Postage	- \$333.69
Shelby Judge Hotels/Stipend	- \$2,393.00
McBain Judge Hotels/Stipend	- \$2,640.53
Recording Tech Hotels/Stipend	- \$1,998.90
Sightreading Music	- \$390.00
SR Sale	+ \$166.50
Net	- \$299.62

So, we are approximately \$300 in the red this year. Part of it is flash drives not being returned to me, necessitating the purchase of more (\$150), but the recording techs are quite expensive too. If we have a comparable number of ensembles next year (58 groups this year, with a couple buying extra time), a registration fee increase of \$10 would put us into the black by a few hundred dollars. Therefore, a \$10 increase to our B/O registration fee is my recommendation, unless we'd like to play it even safer financially and raise fees more. We should discuss this during New Business.

Sight-Reading Music: I still have one piece of string music available for sale. Please see me if you're interested. I have gone on J.W. Pepper to find the cost and reduced the listed price by half. The rest of this year's music has already been sold.

Next Year's Dates: In our winter meeting, our proposed dates were February 28-March 1, 2018, and March 7-8, 2018. Please note – these are WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY dates. We should decide tonight where these events will be hosted.

Adjudicator Comment Flash Drives: If you have any, give them to me! We re-use them. Thanks!

Everyone - I hope you all have great Spring Concerts and wonderful summer breaks!

Respectfully Submitted,

Albie Todd
VP, Band and Orchestra



MSBOA District One Solo Ensemble Report

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VP Solo Ensemble
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THANK YOU

Thank you to Mike Filkins and Andrea Mack and their respective schools and boosters for helping us run two great festivals!

HIGH SCHOOL SOLO ENSEMBLE WRAP UP

Total - 510 Events - 68 more events than last year
Adjudicator Expenses - \$2323.59
Adjudicator Hotel - \$693
Lunch - \$362.67
Piano - \$1500
Money from Entry Fess - \$4994.75

Profit/Loss +115.49 (Big Rapids HS and Crossroads not included in total)

SPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLO ENSEMBLE WRAP UP

Total - 155 Events - 31 fewer events than last year
Adjudicator Expenses - \$955.30
Adjudicator Hotel - \$302.36
Lunch - \$341.03
Piano - \$0
Money from Entry Fess - \$1710.75

Profit/Loss +112.06

Respectfully Submitted,

MSBOA District One Adjudication Report - Spring 2017 2017-18 Adjudicators

<p><u>Marching Band 10/11/17</u> <u>(rain) 10/18/17</u></p> <p>Don Sherman – Walt Whitmer - Mike Kaufman -</p> <p><u>MS Fall S & E 11/11/17</u></p> <p>Nicki Bruski– Flute- Matt Bishop – Sax- Jean Hudson -Clar- Mike Eagan –Brass Julie Mathews – Brass - Elizabeth James- Percussion - Cindy Swan-Eagan – Dbl Reeds</p> <p><u>HS S & E – 1/20/18</u></p> <p>Susan Gould - Flute ~ Michael Lewis– Dbl Reeds Tom Clair – Clar/sax - Michael Larsen - Sax Don Sherman - Brass Julie Mathews - Low Brass//piano- James Sawyer –/Brass/Brass ens – Roger Stevens – Percussion Gabriel Villasurda - Strings</p>	<p><u>MS/HS B & O week 2/28-3/1, 2018</u></p> <p>Matt Bishop - Julie Mathews- Roger Stevens - Nancy Ruebke - SR</p> <p><u>MS/HS B & O week 2 – 3/7-8, 2018</u></p> <p>Matt Bishop - Julie Mathews - Roger Stevens- Nancy Ruebke - SR</p> <p><u>MS Spring S & E 4/21/18</u></p> <p>Patricia Gordon – dbl reed/clar- LuAnn DeVries – Sax/ww - Nancy Ruebke – Brass - Leo Ruebke- Lbrass/perc -</p>
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MSBOA District 1 Medals Report

May 2017

Currently, we have:

	Blue	Red
Solo and Ensemble	125	117
B&O Festival	208	115

Past Years' Medal Tallies:

Solo and Ensemble

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Blue	669	773	862	772	850
Red	405	449	438	452	393

Solo and Ensemble medal tally per each event for the 2016/2017 school year

- Fall Middle School S&E: 222 Blue (up 5), 99 Red (down 13)
- Winter High School S&E: 526 Blue (up 97), 224 Red (down 27)
- Spring Middle School S&E: 102 Blue (down 24), 70 Red (down 19)

Band and Orchestra

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Blue	1113	1139	912	807	927
Red	383	752	478	158	399

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Nuffer, Medals Chair

President's Report

5-1-2017

- We did it – the end of another successful year for District One! I would like to say thank you to everyone for their hard work, great ideas and collaboration as we navigated our way through the various events and happenings! A huge thanks to the Executive Board for their countless hours spent preparing and executing their various festivals and tasks. Also for their thoughtful opinions and insights on various issues and questions that came up throughout the year.
- **Thank you** to all our site hosts and chairs for their hard work in preparing and executing great sites and festivals throughout the year: Mike K., Brian, Andrea, Mike F., Curt and Heather!! So much time and energy goes into preparing for and hosting a festival. Thank you!!
- **Congratulations** to Albie Todd and the Big Rapids Middle School Eighth Grade Band on their outstanding performance at the Michigan Music Conference!
- **Congratulations** to everyone who had students performing in the All-State Ensembles at MMC!
- **Congratulations** to all the District One Bands and Orchestras who qualified and performed/will be performing in the State Band and Orchestra Festival!
- **Congratulations** to all the nominees and events that were accepted to the Michigan Youth Arts Festival! Did you know we have TWO District One schools/students selected as Concerto Competition Soloists who will be performing at MYAF? Outstanding!
- **Thank you** to all the District I members who were able to attend the Winter General Membership Meeting at MMC.
 - D1 NEEDS to keep showing great representation at our State General Membership Meetings. Change is always part of the process of any organization and we've see that this year. Your participation means that we will have a voice that matters and can change for the better.
 - One item up for a vote is raising everyone's fees \$25 across the board for next year.
 - The Spring Meeting is: **Saturday, June 3rd at 1:30 p.m. at Okemos High School.** Tonight might be a great time to set up potential carpools and to make plans to attend!
- Reminder that the deadline for submitting an ensemble for the 2018 MMC is May 22nd.
- Officer training update: State office replied that the officer trainings provided previously were for training in Quick Books when we made the switch to that software. That they have tried to provide trainings in the past (such as at MMC) but were poorly attended and that they would be more than willing to facilitate/create trainings, but the problem is with attendance and finding dates that work.
 - Our D1 officers have created checklists which will be used when handing off the position to new officers. I did not print them off for tonight, but will include them in the packet for the website and am hoping Greg will also put them in the "Documents" section of our website. Thank you for the time you put into creating those!
- Date changes: 2018 HS S/E will be on January 20th, 2018. 2019 HS S/E will be February 9th, 2019.
- State VP of Marching Band update: I made a motion and argued the case at our Winter Executive Board meeting, but it was defeated and determined that this issue would be handled by the F.I.C.
- Just a reminder that if you are hoping to use another school's equipment at Festivals – please make sure to ask the host first. We have very generous and accommodating hosts – but as a courtesy, please make sure you check with them and plan accordingly with other schools attending as necessary.
- Thank you for the opportunity to serve our District in this capacity. It is my privilege and honor to work with so many dedicated and talented colleagues – you never cease to amaze me! Good skill for the rest of your school year and here's hoping for time this summer to relax, re-energize and enjoy some much needed and well-deserved time off!

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Gardner

Festival Improvements Committee

Winter 2017 Report

Members Present:

District 1 – Albie Todd, FIC Representative
District 2 – Rachel Linsmeier, FIC Representative
District 3 – Jerry Cutting, FIC Representative
District 5 – Heidi Schlosser, FIC Representative
District 6 – Aaron Mirakovits, FIC Representative
District 7 – Eric Joslin, FIC Representative
District 8 – Patty Priewski, FIC Representative
District 9 – Seanna Danielak, FIC Representative
District 10 – Rob Ash, FIC Representative
District 15 – Sean Patton, FIC Representative
District 16 – Justin Comerford, FIC Representative
Committee Chair – Merlyn Beard

The FIC committee met on Saturday, January 7, 2017 in the State Office in Okemos. Our meeting generated discussion and motions for MSBOA Executive Board action.

Motions & Discussion Summaries:

Please note all motions, (passed, tabled, and defeated) and a summary of the discussion are included in this report. In addition, any additions to the language of existing policies, procedures or rules are underlined, while subtractions are crossed out. Also every attempt has been made to reproduce the motions in the chronological order in which they were addressed in the meeting. The numbering is a continuation from the Fall Report so that it will be easier to compile for the Spring Report.

Worker Policy

8) It is moved by Mirakovits and seconded by Schlosser that Worker Policy, page 16, Number 5 be updated to read as follows:

5. Failure to fulfill work assignments will result in the following:

a. Level 1 -- Should a director member fail to fulfill a work assignment, or to attend the workers meeting on time, the member will first be notified of failure or tardy to work with a specified length of time to respond. The director member must have a letter of verification sent from an adjudicator or colleague to the festival chairperson, stating he/she did fulfill the work assignment and/or was on time. If this is done within a two-week time limit the action will be dropped. Otherwise, a letter will then be sent to the principal placing the director ~~school~~ on probation for three years. If all work assignments at the same level of event (district or state) are fulfilled for three years, the director's name will be removed from the Level One List.

a. Level 2 -- If the same director member fails to fulfill a work assignment or to attend the workers meeting on time while the director school is on probation, the member school will be denied sending students to the same type of event (example: District S&E) FOR ONE (1) YEAR. Upon the school's completion of the one year suspension of participation, the director's name will be placed on the Level One List.

a. A director member may reduce Levels 1 and 2 one level by working two extra half-days at another State Festival. Such a request to work is to be made by the violating director member to the appropriate festival official. Work assignments will be given by the festival official if more workers are needed.

a. In the case of an emergency, or a personnel change at the affected member school, consequences may be waived by the respective executive board. **PASSED**

These changes are designed to clarify the difference between the member school and the director/teacher.

Special Needs Students/Accommodations

9) It is moved by Mirakovits and seconded by Ash to recommend the State Office add a specific area on all event registrations to list any and all appropriate accommodations necessary for a special needs student. **PASSED**

10) It is moved by Joslin and seconded by Linsmeier to strike No. 3 of Section B in Registration, page 56.

Remaining items will reflect this deletion.

TABLED

This discussion needed more information, but was working from the point of view that when this rule was created most IEP/special needs students were in self-contained classroom and not part of the general school population and therefore not part of the instrumental music program. This is not the case today, so if we want an accurate number of the student pool in the school, this part of the procedure may need to be reconsidered.

11) It is moved by Mirakovits and seconded by Ash to add the following policy on page 16 in the MSBOA policies:

MSBOA Policy on Disability and Special Needs Accommodations

MSBOA will make every reasonable attempt to accommodate individual students with special needs participating in events. It is the responsibility of the individual students' director to communicate with MSBOA officials the specific accommodation needs of particular students through the event registration process. The participating school will be responsible to provide equipment, materials and personnel needed for the accommodation. A director may be required to provide relevant documentation to support a requested accommodation and/or modification. Modifications and/or accommodations shall be approved or denied by the appropriate Executive Board.

The MSBOA will follow the National Federation of High Schools recommendations to determine whether modifications and/or accommodations may or may not be offered:

1. The modification or accommodation would constitute a fundamental alteration of the nature of the activity.
2. The modification or accommodation would give the student an unfair advantage over other students.
3. Changing the nature of selective activities – students must legitimately earn their position in the activity.
4. The safety of the student or others in the activity would be at risk.

MSBOA strongly encourages its members to be informed and aware of any IEPs, 504s, or other relevant modifications and accommodations necessary for their students to participate in MSBOA activities. The State Office will continue to monitor how the modification and/or accommodation of students with special needs affects the association, and propose changes to this policy as necessary.

PASSED

Aligning Terminology

12) It is moved by Schlosser and seconded by Mirakovits to change on Page 15, MSBOA District Transfer Policy Basis for Request, Letter a from Geographic to Geographic Concerns. So the language matches MSBOA Festival Transfer Policy, Basis for Request: Geographic Concerns.

PASSED

Solo & Ensemble

13) It is moved by Schlosser and seconded by Comerford to Reword Letter D: pg. 21 & 22
1-7 remain the same.

8. High School Event Time Requirements

High school events (solos or ensembles) shall be a minimum of two minutes in length, or no rating will be given.

Repeats, D.C.s, or D.S.s may not be added to the music to meet minimum time requirements.

- a. District solo and ensemble events will be allowed six minutes for their performance.
- b. Winds, strings, and harp proficiency examinations will be allowed ten minutes for the performance.
- c. Piano and percussion proficiency examinations will be allowed fourteen minutes for the performance.
- d. Chamber ensembles (9-20 musicians), at both District and State Festivals, shall perform a minimum of three minutes, and not more than twelve minutes, or no rating will be given.
- e. Any chamber ensemble music (9-20 musicians) included on the "Suggested Chamber Music List" found on the MSBOA website meets all qualifications for performance, regardless of performance time.
- f. The adjudicator is allowed an additional two minutes for all high school District and State solo and ensemble events, or four minutes for chamber ensembles (9-20 musicians), to complete his/her written and/or oral comments.
- g. The student(s) may prepare a solo or ensemble of any length, but not less than two minutes or no rating will be given, and the judge shall have the right to start and stop the students(s) in the event as he/she desires.

9. Middle School/Junior High Time Requirements

Middle School/Junior High District festival events (solos and ensembles) shall perform a minimum of one and one-half (1 ½) minutes, or no rating will be given. Repeats, D.C.s, or D.S.s may not be added to the music to meet minimum time requirements.

- a. District solo and ensemble events will be allowed six minutes for their performance.

- b. Chamber ensembles (9-20 musicians) shall perform a minimum of three minutes, and not more than twelve minutes, or no rating will be given.
- c. Any chamber ensemble music (9-20 musicians) included on the "Suggested Chamber Music List" found on the MSBOA website meets all the qualifications for performance, regardless of performance time.
- d. The adjudicator is allowed an additional two minutes for all district events (solos or ensembles) to complete his/her written or oral comments.
- e. The student may prepare a solo or ensemble of any length, but not less than one and one-half (1 ½) minutes, or no rating will be given, and the judge shall have the right to start and stop the students in the event as he/she desires.

10. Directors, parents, and students are not to take adjudicators to task for any reason.

PASSED

Other discussion generated included the following topics. No action was taken at this time on these concerns.

- Festival Transfer and Festival Event Transfer; language alignment – Tabled until September for a more in depth discussion.
- Marching Band Rules; concern about an 8 man football field
- Marching Band Rules: Field Boundaries, Penalties and references to other documents – Tabled until September
- Access of independent study music students to MSBOA Events – No Action
- Inclusion of 6th grade students in S&E and B&O Festivals beyond a minority of the ensemble for schools that start students younger than 6th grade. Committee suggested that a pilot project would provide more data and help determine the course that MSBOA could follow.

Thank you to all of the committee members for their time and dedication to MSBOA and the State office in their help facilitating our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Merlyn Beard, Chair
Festival Improvements Committee