

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BAND AND CHOIR DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION
54TH CONVENTION AT HUMBOLDT STATE**

**General Meeting Agenda
February 6, 2016
9:30-12:00am**

1. Call to Order - Dean Nordby
 - Call to order at 9:30am
 - depending on the district offers, this may be Sue Delgado's last NORCAL
 - New teachers to NORCAL: Arcata High and Orland High
 - Student teacher introductions
 - discussion of music openings for next school year
 - Thank yous: Paul Cummings, HSU facilities, HSU Percussion student
2. Introduction of Board Members
3. Minutes from General Meeting: Feb. 7th, 2015 - Dean Nordby
 - Motion: Sue Delgado, 2nd: Arlene Burney, Approve: unanimous
4. Minutes from Summer meeting: June 7th, 2015 - Dean Nordby
-tabled
5. Treasurer's Report: Ryan Heimlich
 - 5.1. Band Expenses/Fees
 - 5.2. Choir Expenses/Fees
 - Motion: Sue Delgado, 2nd: Sean Millard, Approve unanimous
6. Historian's Report: Tom Slabaugh
 - 400 programs to be given out
 - able to get Davis school district to print for \$275
 - made a profit on the program through program Ads
 - discussion of NCBCDA logo and creation of new logo through a logo submission contest
 - recordings: Uniset, no cost to us
 - photos: no formal photo due to cost and the fact that everyone was taking their own photos
 - Thank you to Paul Cummings
 - Erik Olhson asked for a photo moment in the concert
 - Motion: Erica Bergeron, 2nd: Mary Colligan, Approve: All
7. CBDA Representative: Dave Green
 - 7.1. Bylaw change proposal to adjust language to allow elected board members to finish his or her term according to board approval should job for said individual change. Open for discussion.
 - CBDA is alive and well, meeting will be held at CASMEC and we should all attend

- First conference out of Fresno, lots of unknowns and kind of scary. There is a 3 year contract and we will see how it goes. Dave is resigning from this position as of today to be fully retired.
 - Dave discussed the CBDA Rep position and suggested to the board that it be appointed to Past President Bobby Rogers
 - Still working on representation. Less than 4% of students in all state are from NORCAL; CBDA is talking about adding a 4th band and/or a small school band
 - Motion to appoint Bobby Rogers to CBDA Rep for the one year gap:
 - Motion: Mark Wardlaw, 2nd: Sue Delgado, Approve: All
 - Combining the CMEA-NS Junior High Honor Band/Choir with NORCAL in Chico during the next rotation in 2018
8. Choral Representative Report - Christina Sleigh and Dan Sedgwick
- Jeffrey Benson is doing amazing work. Dan Sedgwick has never seen the kids clap for the director so much. The energy is high in the room.
 - The set of pieces is very good. The kids are very prepared and they made music from the start.
 - all of the sectionals were covered and great.
 - HSU numbers are high! Last year we had 105 choir kids, and this year we have 128.
 - Next year we can look for 130 or 140. The more schools the better! Please spread the word to other schools. More boys the better! Still a little short. Bring extra if you have more!
 - Dan is finished as choral rep and we are looking for a replacement.
 - Marsha Roby mentions that the tracks are great! Kyle Thompson made the tracks, but will not be doing it next year - we are looking for someone to replace him.
 - Alyssa mentioned that her students loved the sectionals being first.
 - Motion: Arlene Burney, 2nd: Sean Milliard, Approve: All
9. President-Elect Report: Casson Scowcroft
- 9.1. CD listening session
- listening session was held a weekend earlier at Dean Nordby's house in North Tahoe. Instead of doing all call to help, Casson invited specific music teachers for each instruments on January 3rd. Paid for lunch and mileage. Results were able to come out earlier. Some people might like to discuss this change.
 - Numbers were down, except for in certain areas
 - Paul Varhoff asked why there were no call backs; Casson replied that we did not do call backs and mentioned that we would continue to have call backs but that we did not do that this year
 - Arlene mentioned that perhaps more people would attend if the listening session was not in the mountains; Casson has five cats. WHAT?
 - Paul mentioned that we limit our submissions to 12. Perhaps this would help the quality of the sections if we raised the number of submissions. Dean asked what that number would be? 15 or 16 Paul said.

- Olhson mentioned that if there was an incentive for schools that have historically had lower participation. What can we do to encourage and foster the small schools? Casson mentioned the representation clause.
- Arlene does not think raising the number of submissions will help. Big schools will continue to knock out small schools.
- Mark feels that the lack of feeder systems are no longer really creating strong high schools. But this group is about supporting small schools, and would like to see us continue what we are doing to help those small schools, and helps those kids that deserve an honor band submission.
- Casson mentioned that HSU is usually lower numbers and it is an off year.
- Mary asked about electronic submissions. Casson stated that next year we will try to have both electronic submissions and CD submission.

9.2. Live Auditions

- Scales policy was up to 4 sharps and 4 flats. The problem lies in the auditioned scales on the sheet, which happened to be Gb. There was mass confusion, and the board will clarify this.
- Mark asked if there were student complaints. Casson said yes. Mark feels that he still felt the clarinets were placed appropriately.
- Dean would like to streamline the process and make it clearer, including a decision today.
- Andy DelMonte suggested that we choose keys to match the music.
- Dave Lawrenson suggests staying with CBDA material.
- Casson asked for a hand call
 - written material 20
 - 3 for four sharps and flats
- Matt Bringedahl: Why is this the first year that this has been an issue? Dean said that it has always been an issue, and it is time to fix it.
- Motion: Eric Ohlson, 2nd: Erica Bolunger, Approve: All

10. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP): Bobby Rogers/Christina Sleigh

- Ways to LCAP funding. Ask Bobby for questions. Reach out to your department supervisor. Write yourself in. Email Bobby for specific language and ideas.

11. Stand Up For Music: Dean Nordby

- NORCAL is a contributing group to the campaign. NORCAL will continue to support it.
- Our standards are 21 years old, and new standards need to be created/approved. The proposition to do so did not pass - so changes need to be made and then adopted.
- Please get informed and involved. It will be great for VAPA people created the VAPA standards, not non-VAPA people.
- support is \$250; this helps for the lobbyist, who is very strong.

12. Introduce Conductors

12.1. Band: Chris Chapman OSU

- The band has a very strong work ethic, and it is a strong representation of them, their parents, and their teachers. The students have been very professional, they are really cooking, and it will be a great concert. It is unusual to find this many people (adults/teachers) get along and work so well together. He has had a terrific time.
 - Dave: any suggestions for us?
 - Chris worries that we have too much rehearsal time on the day of the concert. Chris really, really like the sectionals. He felt the amount of time was good.
- 12.2. Choir: Jeffrey Benson SJSU
- Choir is great. They are great kids and the very prepared. They are rowdy (in a good way) and very polite. He has never had so many students thank him after rehearsal. Awesome kids and awesome musicians!
 - Questions:
 - too much rehearsal? yes. Might not need Friday evening 7-9, or do one more piece.
 - Were they prepared? Students were very prepared.
13. NorCal Rep to the State Board Position
- already covered
14. Election of Officers
- 14.1. Choir Rep
- Nominations: Alissa Aune,
 - Motion: Dave Green, 2nd: Tom Slabaugh, Approve: ALL
- 14.2. NorCal Representative discussion (Dave Green)
15. Future Band Directors and 2019 Nominations
- 15.1. Band
- 15.1.1. 2017: Linda Morehouse - no contract. verbal yes.
- 15.1.2. 2018: Andy Collinworth - no contract. verbal yes.
- Discussion/Motion to switch Andy and Linda so that Andy can be at Sonoma State if Linda is ok with it.
 - Motion: Nancy Dutton, 2nd: Dave Green, Approve: ALL
- 15.1.3. 2019: Nominations
- Tom gave a description of past conductors
 - Sharon Lavery (USC) 22
 - Sarah McKoin (Texas Tech) 3
 - Paula Crider (UT/retired) 3
 - Joan DeAlbuquerque (Luther College) 6
 - Emily Moss (CSULA) 22
 - Ray Cramer (retired) 7
- Motion: Dave, 2nd: Bobby, Vote: ALL
 Vote: tie to Sharon and Emily
 2nd vote: Sharon Lavery: 18, Emily Moss: 15
- Nominations in order: Sharon Lavery, Emily Moss, Ray Cramer

16. Future Choir Directors and 2019 Nominations
 - 16.1. Choir
 - 16.1.1. 2017: Josh Haberman - on contract
 - 16.1.2. 2018: Sharon Paul - will be contacted
 - 16.1.3. 2019: Nominations
 - John Talbert (Long Beach) 27
 - Shauna Cross-Stewart (Biola) 3
 - Jennifer Tibben (UNR) 2
 - Chris Peterson (Fullerton) 10
 - Karen Kennedy (Miami) 2
 - Ola Gjielo (NYC) 11
 - Jenny Bent (SSU) 4
 - Irish Levin (Cal Poly) 1
 - Motion: Mark Wardlaw, 2nd: Sue Delgado, Vote: ALL
 - Run off between: Chris Peterson: 15, Ola: 17
 - Nominations: John Talbert, Chris Peterson, Ola Gjielo
17. Announcements from Sue Delgado about a donation for a memorial scholarship.
 - Nancy Evans-Fowler (Carmel Middle School) Memorial Scholarship
 - donate at CASMEC or give to Sue Delgado
18. Future Dates
 - 18.1. 2017: February 2-4, Sonoma State University
 - 18.2. 2018: February 1-3, Chico State University
 - 18.3. 2019: February 7-9, Humboldt State University
19. Items for summer agenda:
 - 19.1. dnordy@ttusd.org
 - 19.2. June 4th, 2016
20. Adjournment
 - Arlene would like to thank and congratulate the board for a nice job. Some items:
 - missing items
 - making a checklist
 - president's message
 - bios for conductors
 - schedule
 - printed name tags
 - audition times posted earlier
 - food at Sonoma State
 - length of meal times
 - save yourself money by being shorter on rehearsal times
 - earlier concert times so that people can go home to save money
 - there was much discussion of the logistics for earlier concert times: dressing rooms, less hotels, earlier travel times, less vocal/instrumental strains, etc.
 - Percussion worries: more submissions needed
 - found the website very cumbersome to use

- concert details
- discussion of allowing a current board member who was elected and then changes jobs to a non-high school job to finish their term on the Board.
- Motion: Nancy Dutton, Second: Alissa Aune, Vote: All

Motion to Adjourn

M: Sean Millard, 2nd: Sue Delgado, Vote: All

Meeting Adjourned at 11:38am