

**NWNMMEA Fall Meeting**  
**Band Minutes**  
**August 22, 2018**

1. Call to Order - 3:51PM
2. Attendance - Katie Patton, John Patton, Justin Swearinger, Megan Quintata, Patrick Neff, AJ Carson, Laura Argotsinger, Mark Smith, Helen West, Jessica Scruders, David Bridgewater, Christopher Argotsinger, Brittanie Byahatti, Phil Meda, Kathleen England, Alex Olivas, Buffy Tolstedt, Chris Smith, Jennifer Lasley, Michael Johnson, Bill Griner, Kevin Zweirs
3. Financial Report:
  - Pay outstanding fees
  - Operating in negative for all events except jazz fest
4. Old Business
  - Payments of fees/registration
5. New Business
  - Policy eligibility
    - AJ motions that we stick to NMAA eligibility rules for all Band MPAs.
      - Helen seconds.
      - Discussion
        - If this passes, you must bring eligibility form or you will not be able to perform.
        - This is not a competition, it is for feedback.
        - This does not affect your evaluation or school grade.
        - This is an assessment, not a competition.
      - AJ retracts his original motion.
    - Chris motions that bands can participate in MPA with ineligible students (or without an eligibility form) but they will have to perform for comments only and no rating.
      - Michael Johnson seconds.
      - Members vote, and motion does NOT pass.
    - Jennifer makes a motion that eligibility for MPA will be determined by director discretion and school policy.
      - John Patton seconds.
      - Members vote, and motion passes.
  - Welcome to the new directors in the district!
  - Honor Band Site etiquette presented by Dave Bridgewater
    - MS auditions on October 3 and HS auditions on October 10
    - Keep an eye on students!

- When you are not listening to auditions you should be monitoring student behavior in gym and hallways.
- Chris motions for NMAA eligibility form required for District Honor Band auditions.
  - Helen seconds
  - Discussion
    - Auditions happen during the same semester as the event.
    - Students who are eligible for auditions would also be eligible for the event without redoing a grade check.
  - Members vote, and motion passes.
- The Concert A-flat Major scale and 2 octave chromatic scale was already selected as a MS audition piece. We need to select a second.
  - Kathleen motions that middle school honor band auditionees will play the Concert F Major Scale
    - John Patton
    - Discussion
      - It shows off the range of the brass players.
    - Members vote, and motion passes.
- Phil has contacted Gerri Reese to be our MS Honor Band Clinician. She will get back to him soon, and Phil will send out audition excerpts.
  - Because we are receiving audition materials later than desired, we will push back the sign up deadline for these events.
    - 15 day sign up deadline (Sept 19 for MS)
    - 15 day sign up deadline (Sept 26 for HS)
- Phil has contacted Dustin Seifert to be the HS Honor Band Clinician.
- All State Audition Site – Aztec High School Nov. 5, 2018
- Honor Band **Dec. 7, 2018 PVHS**
- Marching MPA Brandon Boerio, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
  - We need more clinicians. Send names and contact information to Phil.
  - Names mentioned for contact - Daniel Cabiario, Rodney, Bill Griner
- Band MPA \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- Jazz MPA \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- Registration Deadlines
  - The registration form on the NMMEA website will close 30 days prior to ALL EVENTS. (This includes S&E!)
- Mileage, presented by Jennifer Lasley
- Members reviewed the proposed changes to contract. We will either use a sliding scale (what we used to use, but reformatted on the page to make more sense) or IRS recommended mileage (14 cents per mile)

- Discussion
  - We need to promote that our schools and families are low income.
  - Choir uses the IRS recommended and has no issues finding clinicians.
- Megan motions to change our contract to use the IRS recommended payment for mileage.
  - Chris seconds
  - Members vote, and motion passes.
- Bill Griner advocated for a second MPA in the south. He has a sponsor that is will to help with costs. Grants would host.
  - Discussion
    - 24 bands entered the MPA last year.
    - About 14 bands would stay north and about 10 would go south.
    - We will hold the South MPA on March 5th (at Grants). We will hold the North MPA on the 6th (at Bloomfield).
    - Phil and Jessica will travel to both to officially register scores so that both events are officially sanctioned and can qualify bands for the NMAA All-State Event.
- NWNMMEA Jazz Fest (MPA)
  - March 15 was the date we voted on last, but this is not the date available at SJC.
  - Helen motions to hold Jazz Fest/Jazz MPA on March 29 at SJC
    - Jennifer seconds
    - Members vote, vote passes.
- S&E April 27, 2019 at Rehoboth Christian School
  - Jennifer makes a motion to raise the Solo & Ensemble participation fee from \$5 to \$7.
  - John Patton seconds.
    - Discussion
      - The problem with this event is not the fee, but rather the lack of participation.
      - Since we are consolidating to one event, some of us now have to travel much farther which is already increasing our cost.
    - Members vote. Majority was abstention. Motion abstained, so fee will stay at \$5 as before.
- Marching Band Festival order.
  1. Durango
  2. Gallup

3. Bloomfield
4. Aztec
5. Kirtland
6. Pv
7. Shiprock
8. Fhs

**2018-2019 Schedule (Remember to register 30 days prior.)**

- MS Honor Band Auditions Oct 3, 2018 at TBA MS
- HS Honor Band Auditions Oct 10, 2018 at TBA MS
- Valencia Classic Marching Oct 6, 2018 in Los Lunas, Valencia HS
- NM Pageant of Bands Oct 20, 2018 in Albuquerque, Manzano HS
- NWNMMEA Marching MPA Oct 24, 2018 at Farmington HS
- All State Auditions Nov 5, 2018 at Aztec HS
- NWNMMEA Honor Band Dec 7, 2018 at Piedra Vista HS
- All State Conference Jan 9-12, 2019 in Albuquerque, UNM
- Ft. Lewis Select Band Clinic Feb 8-9, 2019 in Durango, CO, FLC
- Ft. Lewis Jazz Fest March 1, 2019 in Durango, CO, FLC
- NWNMMEA MPA South March 5, 2019 at Grants
- NWNMMEA MPA North March 6, 2019 at Bloomfield
- NWNMMEA Jazz Fest (MPA) March 29, 2019 at SJC
- S&E April 27, 2019 at Rehoboth Christian School
- Spring Meeting May 8, 2019 at TBA
- NWNMMEA President Laura Argotsinger presents.
  - Band budget needs to make more money. We cannot have all events in the red.
  - We need to buckle down and cut expenses. Find closer clinicians. Find cheaper options.
  - After events we will buy clinicians meals, but not directors.
- Chris Argotsinger - Go to the San Juan Symphony Peter and the Wolf on Sept 15 at Henderson. Invite your students!

**Adjourn Meeting:**

- Helen West makes a motion to adjourn our meeting.
- Dave Bridgewater seconds.
- Members vote. Motion Passes.
- Meeting Adjourned at 5:18PM.