

**Minutes of the National Band Association  
Executive Committee Meeting**

President's Suite, Palmer House

Tuesday, December 19, 2006

12:00 noon – 3:00 pm

and

Wednesday, December 20, 2006

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

President Bobby Adams, *presiding*

1. A meeting of the NBA Executive Committee was convened at 12:00 noon on December 19, 2006 by President Bobby Adams. Officers present were First Vice-President Finley Hamilton, Second Vice-President Mark Heidel, and Immediate Past-President and Interim Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Linda Moorhouse.

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Executive Secretary-Treasurer Moorhouse reported the balance on hand in the checking account in Baton Rouge, Louisiana is \$24,050.00 as of 12/15/2006. Funds in the amount of \$125 were left the checking account in Hattiesburg, Mississippi to cover any expenses that had not cleared. NBA also has \$562.00 in a savings account. Note: the NBA Office moved from Hattiesburg to Baton Rouge in August 2006.

3. Membership Report: Executive Secretary-Treasurer Moorhouse reported that the membership has increased over 100 since a year ago. A fall membership drive was initiated to bring delinquent members into active membership status. Members are now encouraged to use the NBA website to renew and update their information.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. Immediate Past-President Moorhouse reported that the NBA 2006 Biennial Convention and NBA Community Band were successful events. The 2006 Young Composer/Conductor Mentor Projects were also well received and were held in conjunction with the 2006 Biennial Convention in Normal, Illinois in June. She reported that Music for All (Bands of America) is interested in sponsoring the next Young Composer/Conductor event, which will be held in the summer of 2008. Also, this was the first time the NBA Community Band met as a separate event and it was very successful. The band met in Las Vegas, Nevada in July with Robert Foster as conductor.

5. President Adams commended everyone for their help in securing material for the December 2006 *NBA Journal*, which has met with very favorable reviews. He also reported he is still in the process of trying to secure a permanent editor.

6. President Adams led discussion regarding the scheduled events at the 2006 Midwest Clinic and how they are in conflict with NBA meetings/activities. It was suggested NBA move the General Membership Meeting, which has been Thursday evening from 8:15-

8:45 pm the last few years, to another time and/or day. President Adams recommended that a consensus of the Board of Directors be taken to see if they are in agreement. Another conflict not encountered in previous years was the Past President's Dinner being at the same time as an evening military band concert.

7. Vice-President Heidel reported that the NBA Booth had workers signed-up and ready to work while the exhibits were open.

8. President Adams reported that the Chair of the Music Publications Committee, Cody Birdwell, had finished the updated NBA Selective Music List. While members of the Executive Committee found a few spelling/syntax errors, it was proposed the list be approved with edits as needed.

9. Vice-President Heidel submitted National Student Representative Tim Baumann's written report to the Executive Committee, as Tim could not report to the Executive Committee in person.

10. Revelli Composition Chair Terry Austin reported to the Executive Committee that this year's contest had 55 entries and three disqualifications. He was pleased to report that Frank Ticheli's *Symphony No. 2* won the 2006 contest. A formal announcement will be made at the Thursday evening General Membership Meeting. The Executive Committee asked if there could be some type of analysis on the work appear in the May *NBA Journal*.

11. AWAPA Commission Chair Robert Foster reported that last year's 2005 recipient, Frank Battisti, will receive his award on Thursday evening at the NBA General Membership Meeting. Foster then submitted for approval the nomination of David Whitwell to receive the 2006 award with the presentation to take place at the 2007 General Membership Meeting at the Midwest Clinic. The Executive Committee voted to accept the AWAPA committee's recommendation. The presentation will be made in December 2007 at the NBA General Membership meeting.

12. Hall of Fame Chair William (Bill) Moody reported on the Hall of Fame Board of Electors meeting, where they unanimously elected Ed Lisk to the NBA Hall of Fame of Distinguished Band Conductors. Bill will contact Johnny Long about the committee's recommendation and secure an exact date for the presentation, which should be in the spring of 2008. The Executive Committee voted to approve the committee's recommendation.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

13. On suggestion from International Division Chair Timothy Reynish, President Adams asked about the possibility of having a forum/discussion page on the website for the entire membership to use to make posts. Right now this feature is only available in the Student Member area. Executive Secretary-Treasurer Moorhouse will talk with the web designer about moving the student forum page to an area for the entire membership. In

addition, Vice-President Hamilton proposed we have an area on the NBA website which deals with band music errata. He will investigate sources that might be able to contribute to this project.

14. Other discussion centered on a possible “Trade Shop” page, and an area where members could submit concert programs for sharing/viewing. This led to a discussion of an area called the “Director’s Forum” which would include concert programs, a chat forum area, and an errata collection. Executive Secretary-Treasurer Moorhouse said she would ask the web designer for costs and feasibility.

15. President Adams reported that a marketing proposal was submitted to NBA from an outside company. Discussion ensued on the feasibility of producing a promotional DVD on the NBA, and its history, to give to potential donors at the corporate level. It was decided to table the project discussion at this time until adequate funding could be secured.

16. President Adams reported he has formed a Membership Committee to include all Division Chairs with Dustin Seifert serving as Chair. This committee will focus on membership growth and retention.

17. David Gregory and Jim Rohner met with the Executive Committee to discuss a proposal to reduce the cost of the NBA student membership. The proposal also included subsidizing the entire membership costs of an unlimited number of student members for one year. With the help of specific corporate sponsors, these student members would receive all the benefits of NBA membership including *The Instrumentalist* and the *NBA Journal*. Gregory further suggested that NBA members could be involved in that they would be the ones to nominate students for this one-year free student membership--and they can nominate someone new every year. As sponsors, they could also be mentors. Talk ensued to adjust the Student Member dues from \$25 to \$10 per year, and to add a new student membership category, “Honorary Student Member,” for the free student memberships. Since a constitutional amendment would need to be made in order to permanently alter or restructure dues, a suggestion was made to make this a special project for this biennium. It will need to go to the Board of Directors for their approval. The Executive Committee thanked both Jim Rohner and David Gregory for their generous proposal.

If approved by the Board of Directors, each Honorary Student Member would receive a letter to include the nominating sponsor’s name. Executive Secretary-Treasurer Moorhouse would also contact the webmaster to make the necessary adjustments on the NBA website’s membership database.

18. The Executive Committee met with International Chair, Tim Reynish. Discussion centered on how to increase the visibility of NBA abroad. Reynish generously offered to provide room and board for two NBA members to attend the Canford (England) Summer School of Music Wind Band Conductors’ Course should the Executive Committee want to expand the International Conducting Symposium (ICS) venue. The Canford event will

meet during the first part of August. NBA would be responsible for transposition and per diem only. In the past, the ICS events have happened on even numbered years (held in Rome, Italy in 2004 and 2006). A motion was made, seconded and accepted to look into Reynish's offer.

19. President Adams adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm on Wednesday, December 20, 2006.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Moorhouse, *Interim Executive Secretary-Treasurer*

**Minutes of the National Band Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Chicago Hilton Hotel and Towers—Lake Huron Room  
Thursday, December 21, 2006  
9:30 am - 11:30 am**

First Vice-President Finley Hamilton, *presiding*

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by First Vice-President Finley Hamilton. Vice-President Hamilton asked everyone in the room introduce themselves and their position on the Board: Tim Rhea (At-Large Representative), Stephen Pratt (College/University Representative), Stephen Gage (At-Large Representative), John Casagrande (At-Large Representative), Bill Gora (Jazz Activities and At-Large Representative), Tim Holtan (Military-Professional Representative), Robert Hansbrough (Eastern Division Chair), Doug Phillips (Awards Chair), Linda Moorhouse (Immediate Past-President and Interim Executive Secretary-Treasurer), Mark Heidel (Second Vice-President), Finley Hamilton (First Vice-President), Bobby Adams (President), Steve Trull (Music Industry Representative), Paula Thornton (High School Representative), Tim Baumann (National Student Representative), Joe Alme (Camper Citation Chair), Mary Land (Elementary/Middle School Representative), Lisa Zemlock (Elementary/Middle School Representative), Dustin Seifert (Southwestern Division Chair), Terry Austin (Revelli Composition Contest Chair), Andrea Strauss (At-Large Representative), Scott Taylor (High School Representative), Susan Creasap (Mentor Chair/Music Education Chair), Rick Good (Marching Band Chair), and David Gregory (International Projects Chair).

1. Membership Report and Treasurer's Report: Linda Moorhouse reported a balance of \$24,050.00 as of December 15th. Membership was reported to be 2414 members as of the beginning of The Midwest Clinic, an increase over last year at this time. An effort was made during the fall NBA office transition to contact those members whose dues had lapsed during the previous biennium.

2. Second Vice-President's Report: Vice-President Heidel reported there are five new division chairs, one new international chair, and 32 new State Chairs. An extended report of division activities appears in his written report.

OLD BUSINESS:

3. Revelli Composition Contest Chair Terry Austin reported there were 55 submissions for the 2006 contest. The winner, *Symphony No. 2* of Frank Ticheli, will be announced at the General Membership meeting on Thursday evening. At this time, NBA is looking for a permanent corporate sponsor of the Revelli contest.

4. Division Reports:

Eastern Division Chair Robert Hansbrough reported there are eleven new State Chairs in his division. Each of the State Chairs is also a prominent leader in his/her own state. A detailed report of the division's activities can be found in his written report.

Southwestern Division Chair Dustin Seifert reported there are two new State Chairs in his division (Texas and New Mexico). A detailed report of his division's activities can be found in his written report.

5. Elementary Middle School Representative Lisa Zemlock gave a brief overview of what appears in her fall 2006 written report. She collected data this past fall on from the NBA membership.
6. The High School Representatives had no report to give.
7. The At-Large Representatives had no report to give.
8. College/University Representative Stephen Pratt announced his written report included information gathered from college and university NBA members during the fall.
9. Jazz Activities Chair Bill Gora had no report to give.
10. Marching Band Chair Rick Good gave an overview of the current research he and another faculty member are doing at Auburn University. He referred the Board to his fall 2006 written report.
11. Military/Professional Band Chair Tim Holtan gave a brief overview of what appears in his fall 2006 report. Most notable was the 25% cutback of personnel in the Air Force bands.
12. Corporate/Industry Representative Steve Trull had no official report to give. He asked that anyone who has a need to communicate with industry members, please contact him for assistance.
13. NBA Awards Chair Doug Phillips presented a brief report on the activities since he took over this position this fall, and encouraged board members to utilize the NBA Awards. All information on the NBA awards can be found on the NBA website.
14. Music Camper Certificates Chair Joe Alme gave a report on recent camper certificates given this past summer along with a brief history of the number of NBA camper certificates he has given out over the years since he has chaired this committee.
15. NBA Music Publications Chair Cody Birdwell was not in attendance. However, he submitted a written report to President Adams which was shared with the Board. An updated version of the NBA Selective Music List can be viewed online through the NBA website.

16. International Projects Chair David Gregory reported that the 2006 International Conducting Symposium was held in Rome, Italy in April 2006. This year's recipients were Larry Doren and Brian Froedge. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Italian Army Band was unavailable for the project this time around, so the participants took part in other activities which included a music festival in Rome.

17. Mentor Project Chair Susan Creasap reported participants are up from 13 to 21 in the last year. She encouraged Division chairs to ask State Chairs to secure lists of possible mentors in each state. She will contribute an article for the May 2007 *NBA Journal*.

18. National Student Representative Tim Bauman asked the Board to please refer to his written report which includes a number of activities shared by NBA college chapters.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

19. Reduced Student Membership Fee/Honorary Student Membership: David Gregory reported on a special project which provides NBA with a new membership category for this biennium, the "Honorary Student Membership." Students under this membership category pay no membership fee for one year. A generous donation from members of the music industry will not only subsidize the cost *The Instrumentalist* magazine, but will also cover the printing and mailing costs of the two full issues of the *NBA Journal* for these Honorary Student Members. In addition, Gregory also reported the regular Student Membership will decrease from \$25 to \$10 for this biennium, as their *Instrumentalist* subscriptions will also be subsidized by these generous corporate members, who wish to remain anonymous.

Each member of NBA who is in good standing will be able to nominate one student, every year, for this special membership. This will be done online through the NBA website. The entire NBA membership could double over night if everyone exercised this opportunity. After the period of one year, the Honorary Student Members have the opportunity to continue as regular Student Members where they will continue to pay only \$10.00 for yearly membership.

Vice-President Hamilton suggested a letter or certificate should be sent to the student member honoree on behalf of his/her one-year honorary membership.

David Gregory made a motion to put into effect the "Honorary Student Member" category for two years, as a special project, to conclude with Bobby Adam's presidency. Motion seconded by John Casagrande. Motion approved.

20. Marching Band Chair Rick Good suggested that NBA might want to submit a request for a marching band research project/clinic at the 2007 Midwest Clinic. He also requested help from the division chairs to disseminate information for his ongoing research in this area.

21. President's Report: Bobby Adams gave his thanks to the Board for their willingness to serve NBA for this biennium. He also thanked the Board for turning in their *NBA Journal* articles early. The December 2006 *NBA Journal* seemed to be met with a very positive response by members and non-members alike. President Adams will be forming an editorial board to begin the process of securing refereed articles for upcoming *Journals*. The aim of the *Journal* will be one which covers a broad spectrum of material and will not cater to one particular segment of the membership. General membership articles will still be encouraged for submission. One page of the *Journal* will be made available to each of the major associations (e.g., ABA, CBDNA, WASBE) to use as they see fit. The belief is this will benefit NBA members to have a working knowledge of other organizations.

NBA will continue the selling of ads for the *NBA Journal* to help offset costs. However, the amount of advertising will not exceed the cost of the *Journal*. The integrity of the *Journal* content will always be protected—articles and submissions will always exceed the number of ads secured, and there will be a limit to the number of ads in the *Journal*.

President Adams talked about the importance and need for membership growth. He has asked Southwestern Division Chair Representative Dustin Seifert to head up a Membership Committee consisting of the other Division Chairs.

President Adams reported on the possibility of a DVD project for the promotion of NBA and its ongoing activities. Discussion ensued about the promotion of NBA, and Executive Secretary Linda Moorhouse talked about the NBA Booth, and its availability for anyone to use. She also encouraged the need to secure Corporate sponsorships to help offset the costs of the various NBA projects in place.

President Adams spoke on behalf of International Division Chair Tim Reynish, and his enthusiastic support of NBA as witnessed at a morning Phi Beta Mu meeting at the Midwest Clinic. Tim Reynish also suggested that there be a chat forum page on the NBA website for everyone to use. Right now, the only chat area is located in the Student Member area of the NBA website. Discussion from the Board ensued and it was agreed to make a chat forum area available for everyone to use.

In Tim Reynish's absence, President Adams reported on Reynish's offer to give tuition and housing scholarships to two NBA members for a week long conducting symposium in Canford, England in August 2007.

22. NBA Selective Music List: Andrea Strauss suggested the Selective Music List be printed in a hard copy format and sold (and mailed) to the membership for a nominal fee. Discussion ensued about doing the same for the Membership Directory. David Gregory talked about the issues dealing with privacy. He suggested that NBA might not want to send the NBA Directory to members in the mail, with personal information about each member available to anyone who could intercept envelopes with the directory inside. No further discussion ensued.

23. Honorary Student Member: Scott Taylor asked about the possibilities of giving the new NBA honorary student membership to high school students. David Gregory remarked that the project was intended for college students at this time.

24. Recruiting: Discussion arose regarding superintendents and principals, and how could NBA help to get information about bands into their hands. John Casagrande brought up Music Advocacy and NASSP—would NBA consider going to one of their conferences to advocate ‘band’? Casagrande talked about Fairfax County (VA) and their implementation of a council of all music teachers. Mary Land talked about the need for total support from the colleges to the high schools to the middle schools. Bobby Adams added information about MENC and their lobbyist efforts at the national level.

25. Member At-Large Stephen Gage suggested that we send 10 *NBA Journals* to each State Chair to send out to non-members for recruitment. In addition, Tim Holton suggested we ask Division Chairs to see if they wanted *NBA Journals* for recruitment.

26. David Gregory asked if NBA was mailing extra *NBA Journals* to selected University music departments. Linda Moorhouse reported that to her knowledge this was not being done at this time. Any extra *NBA Journals* were being mailed to new members.

27. First Vice-President Hamilton thanked everyone for their attendance and reminded them about the General Membership Meeting in the evening. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Moorhouse, *Interim Executive Secretary-Treasurer*

**Minutes of the National Band Association  
State and Division Chair Meeting  
Chicago Hilton and Towers—Lake Erie Room  
Thursday, December 21, 2006  
1:30 am – 2:30 pm**

Second Vice-President Mark Heidel, *presiding*

1. Vice-President Mark Heidel convened the meeting at 1:35 pm. He asked that everyone introduce himself or herself. He then asked those in the room to read the minutes of last year's meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as written.

2. Executive Secretary-Treasurer Moorhouse gave an overview of the NBA Division and State Chair handbook, and the revisions that have been made since last year.

OLD BUSINESS:

3. Division Reports:

Eastern Division Chair Robert Hansbrough talked about the State Chairs in his division and their leadership positions within their respective states.

North Central Division Chair Peter Griffin reported there are ten new chairs in his division.

Southern Division Chair John Culvahouse reported on the new chairs in his division.

Southwestern Division Chair Dustin Seifert reported on the new chairs in his division and referred everyone to his written report.

Western Division Chair Royce Tevis reported on all the new chairs in his division.

Northwestern Division: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Vice-President Heidel asked for State Chairs to research their state music associations for the current enrollment of music students in the public schools and report back to him.

5. President Bobby Adams talked about the need for membership growth. Dustin Seifert talked of the need to build membership beginning at the state level. Discussion ensued on how to promote NBA, how to have a presence at state conventions, how to secure booth space, etc.

6. Executive Secretary-Treasurer Moorhouse reported that NBA has brochures titled, “*Why Join Music?*,” and the need for them to be updated and reprinted. John Carmichael volunteered to update the brochure and send it back to the NBA Office. It will then be sent out to all State and Division Chairs in pdf format for review.

7. Executive Secretary Moorhouse also talked about the availability of NBA Division Grants, the NBA Booth, and the various free awards which can be presented by Division and State Chairs. The awards can be obtained from the NBA website.

8. A suggestion was made to add another line to the NBA application, “Why did you join NBA?” Talk ensued regarding “Why join NBA?”

9. Vice-President Heidel volunteered to write a “*Why Join NBA?*” brochure. President Adams offered to contribute a preface to the brochure. Vice-President Heidel asked State Chairs to submit information for the brochure to Division Chairs, and Division Chairs will submit material to Vice-President Heidel for inclusion.

10. Laura Rexroth suggested that the “Why join NBA?” article from a 1950s *Instrumentalist* publication be reprinted in a future *NBA Journal*.

11. Peter Griffin suggested NBA try and tie in the student member brochure to the regular membership brochure. (*Why Join NBA?*)

12. John Culvahouse asked about the next (2008) summer biennial convention. President Adams reported that he is looking into several different venues that probably would not include Normal, Illinois again.

13. Vice-President Heidel thanked everyone for their attendance, and reminded them about the evening General Membership Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Moorhouse, *Interim Executive Secretary-Treasurer*

**Minutes of the National Band Association  
Student Member Meeting  
Chicago Hilton and Towers—Lake Erie Room  
Thursday, December 21, 2006  
11:30 am – 12:30 pm**

National Student Representative Timothy Baumann, *presiding*

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by Timothy Baumann.
2. Student Constitution: Discussion centered on the need for a more strict National Student Chapter Constitution. At this time, there is a suggested working model on the NBA website. Flexible and open-ended, it can be adapted for most any college/university. Each student chapter can add what they see fit in order to suit their chapter.
3. Midwest Luncheon: Another idea presented was to have a student/general luncheon next year at Midwest if possible.
4. Commissioning Project: The Western Kentucky University Commissioning project was discussed and at the general consensus was to have the NBA student chapters support the project, “Opera for Wind Orchestra and Voices” at roughly \$18,000. After further discussion and consideration about the matter following the meeting, Baumann thought it would be in everyone's best interest to direct the time, money, and energy of our student chapters towards a smaller, more easily accessible project. No details about what yet. Baumann will contact the WKU student who was organizing the commissioning project and let him know.
5. Tim Baumann thanked everyone for their attendance and reminded them of the evening General Membership Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Timothy Baumann, *National Student Representative*

**Minutes of the National Band Association**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Chicago Hilton and Towers—Williford Room C**  
**Thursday, December 21, 2006**  
**8:15 pm**

President Bobby Adams, *presiding*

1. The meeting was convened at 8:15 pm by President Bobby Adams, who welcomed members and guests.
2. Interim Executive Secretary-Treasurer Moorhouse submitted the financial and membership reports. She also remarked on the success of the 2006 NBA Biennial Convention, held in conjunction with Bands of America. The NBA Convention made up the first two and a half days of the Bands of America Summer Symposium. The passing of gavel to Bobby Adams took place during the finale evening concert which featured the Anjo Gakuen High School Wind Orchestra (Japan). The Anjo Gakuen students and their director Kozo Yoshimi presented a gift to NBA in the form of a donation close to \$500.
3. President Adams recognized NBA Past-Presidents in attendance.
4. Paula Crider, chair of the Young Conductor Mentor Project, reported on the 2006 Young Composer/Conductor Mentor Project which was held in conjunction with the NBA Biennial Convention in Normal, Illinois this past summer. Three young conductors and three composers were selected to work with mentor teachers Robert Ponto, Gary Sousa, Robert Rumbelow, Mark Camphouse, Julie Giroux and James Curnow. Robert Shelton's Prairie Winds adult band served as the host ensemble.
5. National Student Representative Tim Baumann elaborated on the current activities of some of the NBA Student Chapters.
6. International Projects Chair David Gregory reported on the 2006 International Conducting Symposium that was held in April in Rome, Italy. Two NBA members, Larry Doren and Brian Froedge, were selected to participate in this year's event.
7. Terry Austin, Revelli Composition Contest Chair, reported that there were 55 completed submissions for the 2006 contest. The winner was Frank Ticheli's *Symphony No. 2*. Frank Ticheli, who was in attendance, briefly spoke to the membership.
8. First Vice-President Finley Hamilton presented NBA Citations of Excellence to those members who were in attendance whose bands performed at the 2006 Midwest Clinic.
9. William Moody, Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee, reported that Ed Lisk was selected for induction into the NBA Hall of Fame of Distinguished Band Conductors. The

induction will take place in the spring of 2008. More information regarding the weekend event at Troy University will be released by December 2007.

10. Robert Foster, Chair of the AWAPA Commission, announced that David Whitwell had been selected to receive the AWAPA Award at the 2007 General Membership Meeting at the Midwest Clinic. Foster then proceeded with the 2006 presentation to Frank Battisti. Battisti thanked the membership and spoke briefly to those in attendance.

11. David Gregory announced the formation of the Honorary Student Membership for this biennium. Any NBA member in good standing will be able to nominate a college student to receive a free NBA membership for one year. Also, regular Student Memberships will decrease from \$25 per year to \$10 per year. It was through the generous donations of corporate sponsors that this special project was made possible.

12. President Adams reported how pleased he was with the response of the December 2006 *NBA Journal*. He also announced his plans to increase membership with the help and formation of a new membership committee consisting of Division Chairs. He then thanked the support of the Division and State Chairs and the Board of Directors. Before he closed, he reminded everyone of the reception following the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Moorhoue, *Interim Executive Secretary-Treasurer*