



**FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 75<sup>th</sup> year**  
**DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES**  
(ver. 08-09)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 16</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: Thursday, August 26, 2010</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>LOCATION: South Miami Sr. High</b>

**Item 1: Call to Order and Remarks**

Call to order by Elissa Vento-Tatom – 7:15

**Item 2: Members and Guests Present, Mentor Assignments**

(Please sign-up if you would like to serve as a mentor or if you would like to be assigned to a mentor)  
Duane Hendon—Executive Director, FBA  
Glen Perry Instrument Repair—Thank you to Glen and Dora for sponsoring tonight's meeting

Mike Guzman – Southwest Miami SHS  
Berman Lopez – Hialeah Gardens Middle  
Curtis Edwards –Doral MS  
Tyrone O'Neal – Miami Sunset SHS  
Erich S. Rivero – Glades MS  
Paul Smith – Miami Palmetto SHS  
George Ortiz – Substitute  
April W. Ladd – Andover Middle  
Jeffrey L. Lawson – Hialeah-Miami Lakes MS  
Tim Birkett – Riviera MS  
Louis Nemec – Ponce De Leon MS  
Glenn Eichelberger – American HS  
John Bixby – Miami Killian SHS  
Daniel Ibarra-Scurr – Coral Gables SHS  
Andy Luna – Miami Springs SHS  
Elissa Vento-Tatom – David Lawrence K-8  
Fernando Collar – Ronald Reagan SHS  
Kenneth Washington – Booker T. Washington  
Arthur Scavella – Mays MS  
Marquist Williams – Miami Central SHS  
Chris Weickle – Buen Sonido D & BC  
Duane Hendon – FBA Executive Director  
Catherine Rand – FIU  
Lowell Thomas – Ferguson SHS  
Roger Topalian – Photographer  
Brent A. Mounger – Coral Reef SHS  
David Hines – N. Miami SHS

Sam Lussier – Academy of Arts and Mind  
Jon Hutchinson – Herbert A. Ammons MS  
R. Lee Johansen – ACND & Dash  
Jennifer Jimenez – South Miami SHS  
Melissa Zulueta – Mater Academy Charter High  
Christopher Illa – Felix Varela SHS  
Mayra Cobia – Braddock SHS  
Jezabel Joa – Kenwood K-8  
Carlos A. Perez – Bob Graham Education Center  
Ana Lebron Pena – Miami Lakes MS  
Christina Napoles – Hialeah MS  
Alexander Gonzalez – South Miami MS  
Ron Rivero – South Dade SHS  
Lee Morrison – New World SOTA  
Rafael Napoles – Hialeah Gardens HS  
Aramis Gonzalez – Ruben Dario MS  
Felipe Diaz – West Miami MS  
Earl Nixon – Booker T. Washington  
John McMinn – Miami Central SHS  
Gayle Cubberley – Curry MS  
Francisco Williams – Carol City Middle School  
Oliver Diez – Palmetto Elementary  
Wilfred Barry – Miami Edison SHS  
Robert Gonzalez – JMC Middle  
James Lockhart – North Miami Beach HS  
Omar A. Perez - Hialeah SHS

### **Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes**

Available online as posted

Motion by Jennifer Jimenez (waive reading of the minutes) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erich Rivero-Motion passed

Available as submitted on the state FBA website and our District website.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

End of Past Year's Statement: \$396.43 on 6/30/2010

Proposed Current Year Budget: see attached paper with details

Current Bank Balance: \$14,476.32

Encourage parents/middle school students to attend Marching MPA! The amount we make at the gate is directly tied to our assessment amount!

### **Item 5: Next Meeting Date and Place**

Our next meeting will be on Monday October 4, 2010 at 7:00 PM at Glades Middle School. There will be a brief PD following the meeting on utilizing Technology in the Band room (Smart Music demonstration, etc). Online registration for the PD is not yet available—updates will be sent via e-mail.

### **Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA**

2 New Amendments (5+6) regarding removing gerrymandering (drawing districts to favor or hinder particular constituents)

Amendment 7—regarding reversing the above amendments

Amendment 8—Relaxation of Class Size Amendment – changes class sizes to school-wide averages

Be aware—SB6 will resurface in a new version, hopefully more teacher friendly

Possible new state FMEA conference location – Daytona Beach in 2014. Suggestions?

### **Item 7: Announcements**

FMEA Awards Nomination forms are in the Florida Music Director Magazine. (Superintendent of the Year, Administrator of the Year, Music Educator of the Year, Distinguished Service Award, Leadership Award for Music Education, Service Award, College of Music Educator of the Year, Hall of Fame Award, Innovative Program/Project, Middle/High School Music Enrollment, Music Demonstration Schools Project)

### **Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets**

University of Miami--fund-raising/performance opportunity on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please refer to e-mail which was sent out last week.

The annual music teacher's meeting will be held on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM—1:00 PM at the Miami Shores Country Club. PD credit will be offered. Invited speakers: Alberto Carvalho, James Judd. E-mail will be forwarded with more information. (This is at same time as our All-State auditions—please remember that you must work at the auditions if you have students auditioning for All-State). Veterans Day Parade in Miami Beach.

### **Item 9: Unfinished Business**

Site Hosts needed for:

- Middle School Solo and Ensemble/Jazz Band MPA: February 25—26, 2011
- High School Concert MPA (South Site): March 4—5, 2011

*Motion to accept All-State Auditions @ Coral Reef: Lee Morrison motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Smith (passed)*

*Motion to accept Barbara Goleman Sr. High as host site for High School S&E by Eugene Timmons 2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Jimenez (passed)*

*Motion to accept Glades Middle School as host site for Middle School S&E/Jazz by Curtis Edwards 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Guzman (passed)*

*Motion to close discussion for South Site MPA by Jennifer Jimenez 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Ortiz*

*Discussion on who will host South Site MPA: Coral Reef or Robert Morgan*

*Motion to close discussion for South Site MPA by Jennifer Jimenez 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Ortiz (passed)*

Voting for South Site by Secret Ballot:

Robert Morgan Will be the South Site for MPA South (passed)

Photography bid from Jolesch Photography—accepted by exec. Board.

Passed motion to the executive state board (from our last district meeting):

- Our motion to change the DNA policy to allow for substitutes at S+E festival was unanimously voted NO. The state felt it was the personal responsibility of the director to get your lists correct. There should be no students that appear with a solo two weeks before an event that you did not previously know about.

Officer Nominations (district positions).

Available positions: Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer

*Nomination for Assistant Sec: Mike Guzman Motioned by Erich Rivero, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Bixby (passed)*

*Nomination for Asst. Treasurer: Sam Lussier Motioned by Alex Gonzalez 2<sup>nd</sup> by Curtis Edwards (passed)*

*Elissa Vento-Tatom awarded John Bixby with an award for his services as district secretary for the past years.*

## **Item 10: Committee Reports**

Honor Band Committee—we will be meeting at South Miami Senior High next Thursday, 9/2/2010 at 7:00 PM to begin planning this year's Honor Band. Those who signed up at the last meeting are (anyone else is welcome to join): Jennifer Jimenez, Ralph Napoles, Manny Camacho, John Normandin, Brent Monger, Andy Luna, Eddie Ercilla, Felipe Diaz, Darrel Baker, Lee Morrison, Paul Smith, George Ortiz, Arthur Scavella, Gamiel Florentine, Mr. Scott (Carol City).

## **Item 11: New Business**

**Membership Dues & Enrollment Forms** - due September 1 – (earlier if you want uninterrupted FMEA and MENC magazine delivery). **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO AUDITION FOR ALLSTATE IF BAND DIRECTOR IS NOT AN FBA/FMEA MEMBER.**

Send to: FMEA, or PAY DUES ON-LINE AT [www.flmusiced.org](http://www.flmusiced.org)

**FSMA school dues** payment (due to FSMA by September 15). Check for renewal paperwork in your school mail.

**Classification Forms** are due October 1 to the District Chairman. Both Principal and Director Signature are required. Send to our district PO Box or personally deliver your form to a district officer. **Do not use school mail.**

- Form is available on the FBA website: [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba), and on our district website: [www.fbadistrict16.com](http://www.fbadistrict16.com).
- Report the enrollment of your ENTIRE SCHOOL, not just your band program.  
Senior High: Report grades 9, 10, 11, 12 or 10, 11, 12 as appropriate.  
Junior High: Report Grades 7, 8, and 9 (unless you plan to not use any 7th graders in any phase of MPA, then only count 8th and 9th graders).  
Middle School: Report Grades 7 and 8 only.
- FINE: \$50.00 for submitting this form late (Payable to FBA), \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline.
- Please make every effort to submit letters to request special performance times at any MPA with your classification forms. Letters should be signed by you and your principal. Requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis.

**All State Auditions:** (forms are on [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba) ). Use MPA online to enter your students. The link for MPA online is on our district website: [www.fbadistrict16.com](http://www.fbadistrict16.com).

- Site: Coral Reef Senior High
- Date: Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>
- Deadline: Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>
- Fees: \$10 per entry
- LATE FINES: \$50.00 for submitting forms late (Payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8<sup>th</sup> calendar day after the deadline.
- Band director must be a member of FMEA/FBA by September 1 in order to have students audition for all-state.

**High School Honor Band and 7-8th Grade Honor Band Nomination:**

Forms are in August Bulletin and on [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba)

Completed forms and fees should be sent to the respective chairman whose name and address are on the form.

**Marching Band MPA:**

- Date: Saturday, October 30, 2010
- Site: FIU Stadium (South Campus). Awaiting confirmation of venue from downtown.
- Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> (along with classification form).
- No assessment money collected at this time.
- Assistance required from Middle School/Junior High and non marching High School directors in order to **NOT** pay the added \$1.50 per entry assessment amount.
- Please encourage your middle school students to perform the Star Spangled Banner (arr. Kinyon) in the Middle School Massed Band (and encourage their parents to attend)!!! Our goal is to have 200+ students participating this year!

**Nominations for Oliver Hobbs Award and Tom Bishop Awards**

Criteria for the Oliver Hobbs Award:

- FBA Member for at least 15 years and a current band director in the state of Florida
- Attends FBA District and State meetings (July and January) on a regular basis
- Superior (at least 75% of the time) ratings at the District Concert and Marching (if High School) MPA'S
- Participation and with outstanding results at the District SE MPA
- Service to the profession. (District Officer, served on FBA/ FMEA/FSMA committees, etc, and/or helps with the MPA's and other FBA events.

*Nominations:*

- *Tyrone O'neal motioned to nominate Mike Dressman for Oliver Hobbs award, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Jimenez (passed)*
- *Lee Morrison motioned to nominate Ana Pena for Oliver Hobbs award, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Rivero (passes)*

*Discussion on both candidates.*

*Motion to call to question to vote by Brent Mounger 2<sup>nd</sup> by Curtis Edwards*

*Nominees voted on by Secret Ballot. Ana Pena is District 16 nominee for Oliver Hobbs Award*

Criteria for Tom Bishop Award:

- FBA Member and currently a band director in the state of Florida
- The nominee is teaching at the same school the year they are nominated.
- Attends FBA District and State meetings (July and January) on a regular basis
- Dramatic improvement in Concert and Marching MPA ratings from previous year(s)
- Participation and good results at the District SE MPA
- Band program has grown in numbers

*Nominations:*

- *Lee Morrison motioned to nominate Aramis Gonzalez for Tom Bishop Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Curtis Edwards (passed)*
- *Michael Dressman motioned to nominate Mike Guzman for Tom Bishop Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erich Rivero (passed)*

*Discussion on both candidates.*

*Motion to call to question to vote by Brent Mounger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erich Rivero*

*Nominees voted on by Secret Ballot. Mike Guzman is District 16 nominee for Tom Bishop Award*

**Rules Clarification:** The handbook will be voted on to reflect that the wording for playing a march is included as a “selection” and cannot be repeated for three years. Please see the handbook for all changes. **Changes are in bold and underlined.**

**New Executive Director:** There is a current search committee to find a new executive director. The deadline for applications is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Duane will be retiring in September 2011. Best wishes to him on his retirement!

**All-State Guitar Ensemble:** New this year. Audition materials/info available on FMEA website.

## **Item 12: District MPA Dates and Sites**

- High School Solo and Ensemble/Jazz Band MPA: January 28-29, 2011 @ Barbara Goleman Senior High
- Middle School Solo and Ensemble/Jazz Band MPA: February 25-26, 2011 @ **Glades Middle School**
- High School Concert Band MPA: March 4-5, 2011
  - North Site: Hialeah Gardens Senior High
  - South Site: **Robert Morgan Educational Center**
- Middle School Concert Band MPA: April 1-2, 2011 @ Ronald Reagan/Doral Senior High

State Concert MPA – no more student conductors due to timing. Will go to 4 sites on **April 28-29, 2011**. State Concert MPA will be piloting a 1 year program where there will NOT be a clinic afterwards, but will instead feature a listening time so each school can hear other bands.

State S&E – MS students are NOT allowed at state S&E, but, there is a clarification for schools that have 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. The new wording will read:

Junior Senior High School Jazz Combos or Woodwind, Brass, or Percussion Choirs that qualify for State Solo and Ensemble may enter State S&E with the stipulation that a majority of the qualifying group's membership consists of students in grades 9-12.

High School students can now perform duets at S+E festival.

## **Item 13: District MPA Adjudicators**

Full list of district adjudicators will be e-mailed to the membership and posted on the district website.

## **Item 14: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)**

## **Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees**

Music Committee (before Oct 1st for Concert titles, Dec 1st for S/E):

Clinics Committee: (before Oct 1):

Other:

## **Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board**

Must be in the form of a motion (please provide it in writing to our District Secretary with a rationale).

## **Item 17: Correspondence**

## **Item 18: For the Good of the Association**

Review the marching band etiquette guidelines that were prepared by Martha Stark and published in the FBA handbook.

Remember that each director is responsible for knowing the rules, policies, and guidelines published in the FBA handbook

Jairo Ontiveros for the Jazz Root Series. Contact info: [jontiveros@arshtcenter.org](mailto:jontiveros@arshtcenter.org)

February 26, 2011 FIU Pre-MPA. Only ten spots available. Contact Cathy Rand for more information: [crand@fiu.edu](mailto:crand@fiu.edu)

FIU Pre-Game Opportunity for high schools to perform at FIU Stadium during football games. Contact new Director of Marching Band at FIU Barry Bernhardt: [Barry.Bernhardt@fiu.edu](mailto:Barry.Bernhardt@fiu.edu)

Erich Rivero: Thank you fellow band directors for your assistance on a new bid list. Thank you to Glen Perry for sponsoring our meeting.

Thank you Sterling Jones for taking over as webmaster for district 16 website.

Brent Mounger: Congrats to Brian Wuttke on his new Position at George Mason University.

Thank you Roderster Brandon for taking the initiative on the new Miami Wind Symphony.

Anyone looking for a private lesson teachers for music theory and French horn please contact Josephine Camacho.

Directors looking for someone to take composite pictures for their program contact Roger Topalian.

A New Drum and Bugle Corp is starting in South Florida. Go to [www.buensonidodbc.webs.com](http://www.buensonidodbc.webs.com) for more information.

## **Item 19: Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn by Jennifer Jimenez 2<sup>nd</sup> by April Ladd

**Name of District Secretary: Andy Luna**

**Signature:**