

ATSSB Region 8
Fall Region Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 10, 2019

Darrell Umhoeffer, TMEA Region 8 President:

Region 8's TMEA Secretary, Deb Barrick, presided over the motion to approve minutes from the spring meeting.

Over the summer, someone posed as Darrell Umhoeffer online and asked Deb Barrick (TMEA Region 8 Treasurer) for a check. She assumed the request was legit and wrote and mailed a check to this person. It was a scam and there is a police report for fraud. The region immediately reported the issue to TMEA. The state office immediately supported Deb and Region 8, and praised them for being model examples for the rest of the state for bookkeeping and on time reporting. Darrell reassured the region that Deb has gone above and beyond to rectify the situation, and the Region 8 steering committee recommends Deb continue as the region secretary/treasurer. There will be no increase in entry fees as a result of this scam. All of this is to say that there is no paper financial report for today's meeting. The region still has a positive balance of over \$17,000 after this fraud. Nominations for state offices: no nominations for president elect.

State TMEA news:

Membership fees are still \$50, convention fees are still \$60. If you don't have health insurance, you can now get it through TMEA! The 2020 convention is February 12-15. We had 37,000 convention attendees last year. The Dallas Wind Symphony is the featured President's Concert. Housing requests will open online on October 3rd at 6:00 AM. Please consider volunteering for convention. Make sure you are aware of TMEA audition policies and code of ethics. TMEA scholarships are available, over \$100K total. TFME has convention discounts available. If you want to nominate a distinguished administrator, TMEA recognizes them.

The Region 8 TMEA Calendar may need some corrections in the move to Google – email Darrell if you see any.

TMEA is 100 years old at the next convention!

Legislative update: you can check the August issue online for updates.

The spring region meeting will be May 2, 2020, at Midway HS.

If anyone is interested in entering students for Region 8 All Region Mariachi, contact the region orchestra division chair, who will oversee auditions.

#itstartswithmusic and #tmea100 – use these hashtags when advertising your kids on social media!

Tony Clines, UIL Region 8 Executive Secretary:

We are the 2nd largest region by # of groups going to contest statewide!

TMEA has agreed to let Tony hire an assistant executive secretary and it will be Darrell Umhoeffer.

Last year was the first year that Region Executive Committees allowed fine arts administrators to serve as well as superintendents, and this year we will have two FAC's on the Region 8 Executive Committee.

All UIL entry forms can be found on the region website.

Our region website now no longer goes through Texas Music Forms.

UILmusicregion8.com is the new website. We will still do all UIL entries through TexasMusicForms.com; make sure you update any profiles that are necessary.

When entering, make sure you fill out the entire profile and remember that "ISD" is not a school.

Middle school directors are responsible for checking enrollment and classification. C is <249, CC is 250-649, CCC is >650 for grades 7-8.

Remember that a "Combined" entry means multiple campuses combine to enter one UIL ensemble, and "Composite" means middle school students are involved in high school marching or concert/sightreading events. Schools as large as 5A can enter as composite.

Check UIL's Constitution and Contest Rules (C/CR) at uiltexas.org. Familiarize yourself with all rules that apply to you!

UIL Entry fees will go back up a little this year.

If you use the online fee tabulation form, use this year's form so you pay the correct amounts.

As of May 1, ineligible students may participate in concert/sightreading evaluations. Schools are not required to follow this rule so check your local policy on allowing ineligible students to perform at evaluations.

UIL will now require documentation of scores obtained from public domain, POP, or electronic download. For POP, you now need a letter from the copyright holder for permission to copy scores ... this is a big change (and possibly a big hassle)!

Another major policy change - sightreading rooms at all contests are now open to spectators who are not associated with the performing group.

There is a new and very specific rule change regarding students performing in multiple ensembles. If a student performs in different groups that sightread at

the same level, these prohibitions now apply: 1) The student can only perform in the sightreading room with one ensemble, 2) the student must perform with their first ensemble that performs in sightreading, 3) the student must identify to the judges in their 2nd ensemble that they have previously sightread the same piece, and 4) the student will be dismissed from the sightreading room for their 2nd ensemble.

There are 700 new small ensembles for band and orchestra. None of the music that is due to be removed had been removed from the list as of August 10, so pay attention to the list throughout the year.

Tony Clines, UIL Band:

Alternate dates for marching contests are listed on the region website. These are for severe weather or potential of severe weather.

All marching contest hosts must have professional medical personnel available.

Marching band directors, be aware of the forms you are responsible for: parent/student acknowledgement forms for students, your professional acknowledgement form, your marching band safety training, your marching band pre-participation form, and student medical history forms (kept at school).

The Area D 3A marching contest will be October 26 at Belton HS.

At Area and State contests, if there are 30+ bands in prelims, there will now be 12 finalists, and if there are 40+ bands at state prelims, there will be 14 finalists.

Be aware that there are some event code changes for UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest. Woodwind trio types have all been consolidated, woodwind quartets and quintets have been given new event codes, and some brass event codes have been consolidated as well.

TMEA Band Division Vice President nominations from the floor were Glenn Lambert, Fine Arts Coordinator at Wylie ISD, and Dana Pradervand, University of Houston. The region nominated Dana Pradervand.

Bob Vetter, TBA Region 8 representative:

Next year's convention is July 23-25, 2020. The featured clinician is Kevin Sedatole, and the featured composer is Steven Bryant. CPE credit forms and clinic handouts are now available from the website for the 2019 clinic.

TMEA Band division announcements:

Play in the Temple College Symphonic Band. John Batson is the interim conductor. Temple College Jazz Festival will have 2 guest artists tentatively

including Doc Severinsen, March 26-28. The Temple College Band Invitational will be April 30-May 1.

Other contest dates and hosts:

The UMHB marching invitational will be October 10, visit www.kkycmbi.com for entry forms.

Academy HS will host a marching contest October 19, and will offer a clinic from a judge following the performance.

McGregor HS will host a marching contest October 5, and concert/sightreading contests on February 19 and March 18.

Drums Across The Brazos (College Station HS) is accepting entries for their November 9 drumline contest.

Whitney HS is hosting a marching contest October 12, prelims/finals format, and also including a post performance clinic.

Gatesville HS will host a marching contest on September 28 with an Area finals format.

Troy HS will host a marching contest on October 8, with a post performance judge clinic.

Madisonville HS will host a USBands marching contest on September 28 that includes a morning performance and a 30 minute clinic with a judge in the afternoon.

Connally HS will host a marching contest on October 2nd.

Marc Nichelson, ATSSB Region 8 Coordinator:

The meeting was called to order at 11:52.

The minutes were approved with a motion from Mark Dorsey and a second from Eric Senzig.

Webmaster report, Sara English: the old website is still working but new site is online. Updates will only go to the new site. Atssb.org/region-8 is now the official site, but atssbregion8.org is still working.

Region Vice Coordinator's report, Jon Schriver: if you have questions about the entry process, ask Jon or Marc. They want to make sure your kids get entered in the right contest. ALWAYS break your ties.

Middle School coordinator reports, Brian Boecker/Mark Dorsey: Use year B sets of music, music for both zones are on the website, and otherwise no reports from either coordinator.

Marc: all information you need is on the agenda that was emailed earlier in the week. Note the name changes in the middle school groups – the audition sites

are still Groesbeck Zone / Robinson Zone, but bands are East Zone Symphonic, West Zone Symphonic, and Combined Concert.

READ THE AGENDA. Marc wants us to get out quickly and will not read it to us. Make sure all checks go to Stephanie in Madisonville. Some of us still need to contact your business office's vendor list to change the treasurer's address from China Spring to Madisonville.

When you register with TMEA, you MUST list all of your assistant directors, so that region audition panels can be filled. Marc will find you if you don't.

If you have students in the region band, you are required to attend the clinic and concert.

All Region Band instrumentations are listed on the region website.

The ATSSB Area auditions will be in Robinson on January 11.

PLEASE bring adult chaperones to supervise your students in the warmup area at middle school auditions.

Region 8's rules are on the website.

At Area Jazz recordings – you get only one opportunity to record, so prep your students accordingly. Make sure students are used to playing into a microphone while wearing headphones.

Mark Dorsey may need surgery close to audition time and would like someone to shadow him as West Zone middle school coordinator.

Biannual officer nominations:

Treasurer (Stephanie Schmidt): nominated by Josh Nowlin, approved by acclamation.

Webmaster (Stephanie Schmidt): nominated by Neil Haag, approved by acclamation.

Middle School East Zone Coordinator (Brian Boecker): Nominated by Gust Witt, approved by acclamation.

Middle School West Zone Coordinator (Mark Dorsey): Nominated by Rebecca Kroll (who also volunteers to be Mark's shadow), approved by acclamation.

Remaining officers (region coordinator, vice region coordinator, and secretary) will be nominated at the spring 2020 region meeting.

Nominations for state representative were entertained from the floor:

2C state representative – no nominations, closed with a motion from Crystal Senzig and a second from Mark Dorsey.

2A state representative – Jon Schriver was nominated at a previous meeting. Nominations closed with a motion from Mark Dorsey and a second from Sara English.

4A state representative – Marc Nichelson was nominated from the floor, nominations were closed with a motion from Rachel Berg and a second from Crystal Senzig.

No new business was discussed at the meeting.

Directors from McGregor, Academy, Connally, Troy, Whitney, Gatesville, and Madisonville spoke for their marching contests.

Jon Schriver spoke for the Centex Honor Band auditions and asked for interested directors to meet after the ATSSB meeting.

If you are new to Region 8 or in a new position, please visit the region website and update your directory information. There were 8-10 email bounces from summer emails.

The meeting concluded at 12:13 with a motion from Mark Dorsey and a second from Kristi Flusche.