

ATSSB Region 8
Official Fall Region Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 4, 2018

Darrell Umhoeffer, TMEA:

Darrell introduced the Region Steering Committee, comprised of himself (region president), Brent Colwell (vice president), Debra Barrick (secretary/treasurer), Bre Osborn (band division chair), Jeremy Cameron (orchestra chair), Amy Triggs (vocal chair), Debra Johnson (elementary chair), and Steve Crawford (College chair).

Region 8 Nominations for TMEA President Elect were entertained. After a vote, Derek Perkins, current TMEA Vocal Vice President, received the region's nomination.

TMEA announcements:

Please read the TMEA code of ethics. We are all bound to this code of ethics!

Be familiar with region audition policies, and don't rely on region chairs or hosts to bail you out.

TMEA convention fees will stay the same. Dates for the next convention are February 13-16, 2019. The featured concert is The Piano Guys. TMEA housing opens on October 1st at 6:00 AM.

Region 8's spring meeting will be at on Midway HS May 4, 2019.

There is an All Region Guitar ensemble attached to the string auditions.

Brent Colwell spoke about opportunities available at Temple College.

Temple Jazz Festival will be the last weekend of March, and vocal and string groups are accepted. Also, A&M Central Texas offers a Bachelor of Music degree thru Temple College.

TMEA legislative update: Darrell paraphrased TMEA President Bob Floyd by saying, big changes happen when people vote... especially when teachers vote ... you need to get out and vote.

UIL report (Darrell Umhoeffer filling in for Tony Clines):

Everything that Tony needs to update or communicate for this meeting will be posted on Darrell's Midway website Tuesday or Wednesday. The UIL website will be updated in a few weeks.

The Region 8 UIL website will be updated soon. Keep checking.

If you are new to the region or are a new teacher, go to

TexasMusicForms.com and fill out / update your information. Please list your cell phone and email address when you do.

There will be only ONE deadline for all contest entries this year; last year's "hard" and "soft" deadlines were too confusing.

For middle school campus classification, class C is less than 250 students in grades 7-8, and class CC is 250 or more students in grades 7-8.

Please go online to the Constitution and Contest Rules and read the rules pertaining to the contest you enter. You are responsible for this information! Rules violations aren't just published in the Leaguer, they go to your principal and the region executive committee.

The region had a great financial year last year – ALL large group contest entry fees will be lowered!

Late Solo & Ensemble Contest entry fees are an additional \$25/student after the first \$9.

Band Division Meeting

UIL Band (Darrell continuing to fill in for Tony Clines):

Alternate dates for marching contests are posted on the website; they are only for use in the event of severe weather (not lightning delays).

Make sure you have Parent/Student Acknowledgement Forms AND the Professional Acknowledgement Form completed.

Complete your Marching Band Safety Training ASAP.

2A Area D marching contest will be October 27th at Whitney.

4A Area D marching contest will be October 27th at the new stadium in Round Rock.

Per Brad Kent's June email – the 8 hour rule for Districts of Innovation does not kick in until the Tuesday after Labor Day.

Changes in the State Marching Contest: 1A is now longer a pilot, it is officially sanctioned, and 2A now advances on even numbered years.

Marching band physicals are likely to be required in 2019.

Schools wishing to video their contest performance may do so by filling out an Educational Use form on the UIL website, and use the videographer of their choice. Contest hosts are encouraged to set aside areas for videographers. Nobody has been hired for Region 8 contests yet. Contact Tony if you have any questions.

Eric Eaks pointed out a discrepancy in the South Zone UIL Concert and Sightreading date (listed as both March 28-29 and just March 29). Tony Clines clarified by text that a few bands will perform the evening of March 28 and there will be bands performing all day on March 29.

Band Division Announcements:

Brent Colwell - there is a flyer for the Temple Community Band at the meeting. Also, Temple College's band festival will be the 1st week of May.

Rustin Honeycutt - Troy Marching Festival will be Tuesday Oct 9.

Josh Nowlin - Whitney Pre-UIL marching contest will be Oct 13. There will be a clinic with a judge after each performance.

Jon Seale - Drums Along The Brazos drumline contest will be November 10th.

The Midway Marching Preview will be Saturday Oct. 6.

Stephanie Schmidt - Madisonville Showcase (sponsored by USBands) will be Sept 29.

Jose Sanchez - Gatesville marching contest will be Oct 13. Area Finals format, plus percussion/guard judges.

There will be a BOA Regional on Oct 13 in Waco – there were just two slots left as of August 6.

Collin Anderson recognized OPS achievements from Region 8. Clifton MS was a runner up and Cameron C.H. Yoe was a 1st place finisher.

TBA report, Bob Vetter:

Thanks for attending. Clinic handouts are available on the Guidebook app, and on the website end of Aug.

25th-27th. Featured clinician is Jerry Junkin, composer John Mackey.

ATSSB Meeting

Marc Nichelson, Region 8 Coordinator, presiding:

The meeting was called to order 11:31.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved with a motion from Bill Large and a second from Rebecca Kroll.

Both Marc Nichelson and Eric Senzig (region secretary) requested that ALL directors please re-submit your directory information on the region website.

Go to the “directory” tab at ATSSBregion8.org and click “Director Information Form”, then the “Director Registration Form” button to do this.

If for any reason any of your information has changed, please click “Directory Update Request” under the “directory” tab.

Sara English, Webmaster, offered to post any promotional flyers for contests, etc. on the region website. They can be emailed to Sara at senglish@connallyisd.org.

Stephanie Schmidt, Treasurer, reported that we bought a new laptop computer so region auditions can be tabulated faster. The region gave \$400 in scholarships to All State students. Please make sure all entries on time (there were no issues with late entries this past year, yay!) and keep Stephanie posted if there are any issues or complications.

Both Marc and Stephanie asked directors to PLEASE make sure your business office has Stephanie’s Madisonville HS address, NOT China Spring HS, for entry checks. Marc is still getting entry checks mailed to CSHS. The correct address for Madisonville HS is PO Box 879, Madisonville, TX, 77864,

Jon Schriver, Vice Coordinator, reported that the ATSSB Region Jazz clinic and concert will be on November 19. The auditions will be at Groesbeck HS on September 19, and there will be two separate recording locations at the region auditions. Marc explained how the jazz coordinator office was rolled into the new office of vice coordinator at the spring meeting. Both Brian Boecker (Groesbeck zone) and Mark Dorsey (Robinson zone) reported that the middle school audition etudes were officially online. Marc clarified the date for the Groesbeck zone auditions as being December 7th, not November 30th as was erroneously printed in the meeting agenda.

Marc Nichelson's region coordinator report:

The region's clinic and concert will be Saturday, January 19, 2019.

There is no known errata for audition etudes other than what is printed online on the state ATSSB website.

It seems like a no brainer but the sponsoring director is required to be present at the clinic and concert to supervise participating students. (This announcement is from the state office.)

Area fees have increased to \$25.

Collin Anderson, state Outstanding Performance Series coordinator, pleaded with participating directors to name their entry files correctly; about 75% of the files sent to him were not named correctly. Also, DO NOT include the announcement of the name of your band in the file as that will (obviously) give away the name of your school.

At region auditions, participating schools MUST bring adult chaperones to supervise/monitor/assist students while they are not auditioning, especially for the middle school auditions.

Marc entertained state officer nominations for 1C and 3A. Collin Anderson nominated Cari Martin for 3A state representative and directors approved this nomination.

Contest announcements:

McGregor will have their usual pre-UIL concert and sightreading contests, with high school in February, and middle school in early April.

Jon Schriver spoke for the Centex Honor Band auditions, which is a separate All Region type organization for 2A and smaller schools. Please contact him for more information as he is the new chairman.

Robin Williamson spoke for Pride of Texas Music Festivals, who hosts an early April band festival with a performance and then a trip to a bowling alley.

There being no new business, the meeting adjourned at 11:51 with a motion from Mark Dorsey and a second from Rebecca Kroll.