



# The University of Michigan Band Alumni Association

## ***Board of Directors Meeting Minutes***

*Wednesday, March 24, 2010 – 7:00 PM, Revelli Hall*

*Theme: Committee Planning*

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- I. **Call to Order @ 7:02p.**
- II. **Approve January 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes:** move to approve minutes by Peter Cubba, second by Dennis Gmerek, motion passed.
- III. **Conductor's Forum:**
  - a. **Michael Haithcock**- Thanked UMBAA for the symphony/concert band reception. The symphony band is excited to be going to china in May of 2011. Plans are underway. There will be a website created for blogging and discussions. Would like to have a person there to take photographs and document the events that they experience. There will be a new symphony band recording released May 1<sup>st</sup>. Jan 2011 there will be a new release of Dr. Revelli's years.
  - b. **Scott Boerma**- Staff are planning the next Marching Band season. The spring meeting is the last day of classes. Drum majors have been practicing for tryouts.
    - i. They are going to pilot something new this year to gain more student input. In the past, members were able to send ideas on the website. There will be an idea session held one afternoon to discuss themes students would like.
    - ii. They are still actively discussing how to fit in with the piped in music during the football games. They are working with the athletic department to possibly move to the end-zone and possibly mic the band with the "Piped in music" but need to work out the rules of the Big Ten.
    - iii. They are looking into doing something between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to involve the student section more. They are thinking about getting a group of students to come to a rehearsal to learn simple dance to spread throughout the student section.
    - iv. There will be a parachutist for a game this season.
    - v. There are discussions about having a half-time show for **the 1961 symphony band Russian tour.**
  - c. **John Pasquale**- Reminded everyone to join our concert band.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report (Peter Cubba):**
  - a. Very little activity in the last 60 days.
  - b. We have a positive net income of \$5000 ytd.
  - c. The scholarship endowment fund both market and principal value are increasing after being down in 2009.
- V. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Finance Committee (Peter Cubba)**- no update at this time.



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- b. **Reunion Activities Committee** (Rich Alder and Salo Korn):
  - i. **Homecoming 2010-** (Rich and Salo): No update at this time
    - 1. **Proposal** is underway and being reviewed to Tribute Eric Becher by Jan Zielinski Karnes. Eric Becker began conducting 30 years ago.
    - 2. An e-mail was sent to the board with a suggestion for the 2011 homecoming to have a **Varsity theme** as it will be the 100<sup>th</sup> year.
    - 3. **Need volunteers** for the 2010 homecoming committee.
    - 4. **Laminated Flip Folder Analysis** (Gary Straffon): no update at this time- still working on
  - c. **Member Activities Committee** (Linda Ridley):
    - i. **New member band lunch will be August 25<sup>th</sup>**. More information to follow.
    - ii. **Golf Outing 2010** (Matt Miller):
      - 1. It will be August 1<sup>st</sup> and held at the University of Michigan golf course. Would like to increase marketing this year.
      - 2. The website is Umbaa.org/golf
      - 3. Need volunteers to help with the Golf Outing.
    - iii. **Merchandise Sales** (Mike Kardasz)- no update at this time
    - iv. **Symphony Band Reception Recap** (Susan or Sheri)- It went really well. There were a lot of students there. Would like to make a platter for the percussion to give them since they have to put equipment away and arrive late to the reception. There was the right amount of food and it went really smoothly. The students really appreciate it and it is a good way to mingle with them.
  - d. **Communications Committee** (Matt Miller):
    - i. **Website** (Kristen Acton): The group met with the treasurer's office regarding the credit card section of the website. We may not be able to go with the University due to management issues. So we may have to go back with the other vendor we initially were pursuing.
      - 1. Tex explained why it was easier to go through the University initially due to security, liability, terms and conditions, ...
      - 2. Matt Pickus discussed other options to consider. Matt will give Tex the list to investigate including the alumni association.
      - 3. Overall website development is coming along but is dependent on the credit card section.
      - 4. We need a Webmaster to help in the interim.
    - ii. **M Notes**: Submissions to Dennis by March 30
    - iii. **M Fanfare**: Submission to Gail by March 30
      - 1. Website and golf outing article from Matt Miller
      - 2. Concert band is completed



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3. Ring article from Matt Pickus (hoping to have registration form in).
  4. Bios of officers from officers. Dick has pictures from when Mike K had them taken.
  5. Travers City from Mike K.
  6. Pep Band article from Pete D recapping the 18<sup>th</sup> and ending with a paragraph on the paid gig.
- e. **Governance Committee** (Matt Pickus):
- i. **Finance Committee auditing**: no update at this time
  - ii. **Directors and Officers Insurance** : no update at this time
  - iii. **Affiliation with UM Alumni Association**: A document was passed out and reviewed. There are 2 categories: Association affiliates and Educational affiliates.
    1. The Alumni Leadership council holds 2 meetings a year and a member of our group would be allowed to attend those meetings.
    2. There will be a change in the structure during the next 2 months.
    3. Rochelle will continue to gather information and have a proposal ready the for the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- f. **Ensembles Committee** (Pete Larson):
- i. **UMBAA Concert Band** (Sheri Moore): A document was passed out and reviewed.
    1. We had 53 members this Winter session. Thanks to Langston for his time. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped during the session and to the on-going support from the School of Music Theater and Dance.
    2. Spring Session starts 4/22. Rehearsals will 7p Thursday evening at Revelli Hall with a concert June 6<sup>th</sup> at Forsythe Middle School at 2:30p.
  - ii. **Alumni Pep Band** (Pete Dalton): We have continued to grow this year. Along with another successful and year, we have expanded out repertoire. There was a paid gig that we performed at this Winter.
- VI. **New Business**:
- a. **Fundraisers** (Mike Kardasz):
    - i. Fundraiser Guidelines Proposal: no update at this time
    - ii. Charity Poker Game Proposal: no update at this time
  - b. Peggy Moller discussed having the **practice field resurfaced** with a more cushioned surface.
    - i. There is a rubberized turf is very tough that could be skated on and could be parked on.
    - ii. The Athletic department is looking at turfing all of Elbel field. If that happens, the band may have to share the field.
    - iii. We should first see if the athletic department is going pay to have it turfed first.



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- iv. There was a discussion to see if they could use the rubberized turf for the band section versus a turf.
  - v. We offered to see if there was anything that we could do help support the field to be upgraded. There is noting at this time. Just wait to see what will happen with the athletic department. Scott Boerma will let us know. Susan Sutherland will get an estimate on what it would cost.
  - c. There is a discussion on starting a **percussion endowment**. Scott will get contact information from past percussionists from Gary to pursue.
- VII. **Old Business:**
- a. **Recap of Victor's Pep Rally** (Pete Dalton): There was about 600-700 people that attended the pep rally. Our organization grossed about \$2140. Donations were then made from members that played at the event.
  - b. Pete is continuing to work with Gail and Rice on how to help coordinate the payment of members when there is a paid opportunity.
  - c. Pete continues to work on how to rotate members fairly in the future.
- VIII. **Upcoming Concert Dates and Events:**
- a. Symphony Band: April 09, 2010 – 8 PM, Hill Auditorium
  - b. Concert Band: April 14, 2010 – 8 PM, Hill Auditorium
  - c. MMB Spring Meeting: April 20, 2010
- IX. **Future Meeting Dates:**
- a. May 19, 2010: 7 PM Committee Progress Reports – Revelli Hall
  - b. July 21, 2010: 7 PM Budget – Advantage Computing Systems
  - c. September 15, 2010: 7 PM Pre-Homecoming – Revelli Hall
  - d. October 16, 2010: General Membership / Homecoming
  - e. November 17, 2010: 7 PM Officer Elections – Revelli Hall
- X. **For the Good of the Association:** TheUMBAA sheep is playing hockey this Friday at the cube at 9:15p. Kimberly our new Development Officer is excited to meet withUMBAA but unfortunately was not able to make it this meeting.
- XI. **Moved to adjoun** by Matt Pickus, second by Sheri Moore; motion passed.