



## The University of Michigan Band Alumni Association

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, June 15– 7:00 PM

Revelli Hall

1. **Call to Order @ 7:11pm.**
2. **Approve January 2011 Meeting Minutes:** Matt M moves to approve the minutes, Matt P seconded, motion passed.
3. **Conductor's Forum:** Nothing to report at this time– but check the China FB blog for China updates. <http://moore.music.umich.edu/chinablog/?q=blog/37>
4. **Reviewed Previous Action Items and provided status.**
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Peter Cubba was absent): copies of the treasurer's report were distributed and walked through.
  - a. Discussed Scholarship and how it was calculated. Notes were added to the document. The principle balance is correct.
  - b. Net Income is (2,483) due to website costs.
  - c. Not much else has changed since the last meeting.
6. **Committee Report:**
  - a. **Finance Committee** (Peter Cubba/Absent): No update at this time.
  - b. **Reunion Activities Committee** (Rich Alder & Matt Miller): Discussed 72 roster.
    - i. **Homecoming:** Will need to give a bit more time for registration since there is not a BBQ/rehearsal on Friday this year.
      1. Homecoming packets will be put together on Wed this year instead of Thur so it will not interfere with Concert Band rehearsal.
      2. Will hold a packet pick-up Friday before the Cottage Inn dinner. Will have a list of members who paid for Cottage Inn at Cottage in instead of having tickets.
      3. Still confirming Agenda for the day.
  - c. **Member Activities Committee** (Michael Lee):
    - i. **Golf Outing Update** (Matt Miller): We are scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> at 9a for a shotgun start. Registration will start at 8:00 with goal of having everyone there by 8:30. We will target lunch around 3p.
      1. We are shooting for 92 participants.
      2. Cost is \$105 per person if before June 30<sup>th</sup> then it goes to \$120. Dinner only will be \$30.
      3. Tex sent an e-mail out.
      4. The committee combined the registration form with sponsor flyer.
      5. Diana is investigating food options.
      6. Pete D is working with sponsors. He also met with Kimberly who is going to contact her contacts as well.
      7. No longer require to have a band member on the team.
      8. Looking for registration and administration help for the Golf Outing.
  - d. **Communications Committee** (Matt Miller):
    - i. **Membership Update** (Gary Straffon): There have been about 40 additions. Gary will send membership updates to Dennis for M-Notes.
    - ii. **Web Site Update** (Linda Ridley): Enertia has been working on it and it is looking good. May be ready to pilot next week.
      1. Tex will work with Linda for the golf outing registration.
    - iii. **M Fanfare** (Matt/Gail): Submit articles to Gail by July 15. This is the Blast edition.
      1. Golf Outing- Tex, Concert Band- Sheri, Pep Band article to solicit new members- Pete D, Website- Linda, and Susan will check about an article for the Russian Tour



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- iv. **M Notes** (Dennis Gmerek): Submit notes to Dennis for June 20<sup>th</sup> M Notes.
  - e. **Governance Committee** (Matt Pickus): Nothing to report at this time.
  - f. **Ensembles Committee** (Pete Larson):
    - i. **UMBAA Concert Band** (Sheri Moore/Pete Larson):
      1. We were able to fill 2 new volunteer facilitator/coordinator roles: promotion, set-up
      2. Piloted sectionals:
      3. We had about 70 members again this session
      4. Discussed Fall dual concert in the Fall with Campus Band. If Campus Band does not have enough members for 2 bands, we will play in Hill. Alumni would play, there would be a break then students would play and then we would hold a reception.
        - a. We will reserve Huron as a backup in case Campus Band is to large
        - b. Concert will be Nov 13<sup>th</sup>.
      5. Will have committee meeting about 2-3 weekends after the June concert to review survey and plan for next year and future.
        - a. Will pull in more concert band members to be on committee
      6. Cottage Inn Mingle on 5/5 (Susan Sutherland): We had 39 people and it went really well.
    - ii. **Alumni Pep Band** (Pete Dalton): Softball and baseball band went really well and everyone had a great time.
  - g. **Fundraising Committee** (Mike Kardasz): Nothing new at this time.
7. **Old Business:**
- a. **Birthday Greeting Endowment Project** (Susan Sutherland): UMBAA submitted a request for seed money to start a new endowment scholarship for women in the band. Unfortunately we were not selected. Thanks to everyone that participated and helped with the request submission and then following presentation.
    - i. Members viewed the presentation after the meeting.
  - b. **Commemorative DVD 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** (Susan Sutherland): There is a commemorative DVD being created regarding women in the MMB.
    - i. Funding will come from sales of DVD. The rest will be donated efforts.
    - ii. Dick Gaskill and many others will assist.
  - c. **Special Gig Band** (Pete Dalton/Pete Larson): Ensembles Committee set forth 2 proposals; A and B that there passed out for review (see documents). The 2 proposals were reviewed and discussed. Members read both proposals.
    - i. There was a discussion:
      1. Proposal B is same as Proposal A except for allowing some volunteer options.
      2. Clarified 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph of Proposal B would come from Michigan Bands whereas 5<sup>th</sup> could come from within members or passed on from UM Bands.
      3. Pete D clarified that he did not intend to ever have any volunteer gigs and does not believe that both systems could exist. He is concerned that it will set precedence and that it would not be correct to play for one charitable event and not another.
        - a. In the past we have not sought out events but always waited to be solicited. This would change that and could lead to problems.
        - b. It would be hard to keep both paid-gig and volunteer gigs and he does not see how that could coexist.
        - c. Pete D will not be Band manager if we do have volunteer gigs.



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4. There was a discussion of who would manage the volunteer gigs. A volunteer would need to coordinate volunteer gigs and Pete D would not be the band manager.
  5. Matt P discussed how he thinks it would create precedence as well and would actually generate bad will if we say no to them the next year.
    - a. Pete L explained this could also happen with paid gigs if we are not able to get enough members to play. Pete D and others did not see it the same way.
  6. Pete D feels like we cannot make value judgments for one charity and not another.
    - a. Tex explained that he didn't see it that way.
  7. There was clarification that the intent would be that a member would request the volunteer gig and not have charities soliciting volunteer gigs. So the request would come from within our membership and not from external requests.
  8. Pete L has a hard time restricting members from playing for charities.
  9. Matt P brought up the issue that he feels this would take money away from Fanfare Band.
  10. Pete D discussed the Christmas Caroling group that goes around AA and plays. They started playing near Salvation Army without representing the UM Alumni Band and that others could do similar things for charities without being part of UM Alumni Band.
  11. Pete D felt that charities would less upset about not being able to pay but would be upset for being turned down when we played for a different charity.
  12. Ted asked if we eliminated paragraph 5 in proposal B would volunteer options be filtered through Michigan Bands.
  13. Susan would like to change APB on both proposals to a represent a different group altogether. There was a discussion that it would be the APB band and that the paid gig band is the APB band.
  14. Pete D reviewed the Fanfare Band request form, requirements and pricing structure.
    - a. There was a discussion of our current price and whether that would need to change or not so we are not cheaper than Fanfare Band so we do not compete with Fanfare band.
  15. Matt P called the question. The board voted to continue discussion.
  16. Sheri explained that Proposal B is meant to only add the option to play for volunteer gigs. The way the current structure it written we can only play for money and that is too limiting long term.
  17. Susan read Scott B's e-mail out loud.
  18. Pete D. reiterated that Scott asked to keep it to a minimum and that we would not seek volunteer opportunities.
  19. Sheri explained that 5 was in order to account for gigs that we would be able to play for to equal out the athletic teams events that we are not allowed to play at now given our current language. That would account for about 2 or 3 gigs of the 5. So we would only have 2 or 3 at most a year.
  20. Pete L also explained that Scott would have final say and would be able to say no if 5 is too high.
  21. Voted for proposal B; 7 voted no, 4 voted yes and 4 abstained.  
Proposal B fails (did not pass).
- d. Discussed Band Manager: Matt P moved to keep Pete D as Band Manager for remainder of his term, Linda second; Motion passed.



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### 8. New Business:

- a. **'Update the Percussion' Program at Revelli Hall:** (Salo Korn):
  - i. Salo reviewed his document.
  - ii. There was a discussion of whether ACB money could go towards equipment. Pete L and Sheri spoke earlier with Michael Haithcock and there seems to be no money in the budget to assist.
  - iii. Salo is going to discuss further with Scott Boerma.
  - iv. Board members will contact Salo if they are interested in participating in helping with percussion equipment.
- b. **Resignation of Laruen:** It was with deep sadness to read the letter of resignation from Laruen. A motion was made to accept the resignation, second, motion passed.
  - i. Tex mentioned that we should fill the position. Pete D mentioned that the By-Laws state that we have 2 meetings to fill the position.
  - ii. Tex **moved to add Jim Kozich to the board** to replace Lauren. Second by Dennis, Motion passed.

### 9. Upcoming Concert Dates and Events:

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| a. UMBAA Concert   | June 12, 2011  |
| b. Golf Outing     | August 7, 2011 |
| c. Band Week Lunch | August, 2011   |

### 10. Future Meeting Dates:

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|------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. July 20, 2011 | UMBAA 7 PM (Budget)             |
| b. Sept 28, 2011 | UMBAA 7 PM (Blast)              |
| c. Oct 29, 2011  | General Membership / Homecoming |
| d. Nov 16, 2011  |                                 |

### 11. For the good of the Association:

- a. There was a discussion about parking behind Revelli Hall being enforced. There is metered parking by the indoor track building.
- b. Pete D mentioned that Eric Becher finished his PhD and has accepted a position at Pikeville College in Pikeville KY.
- c. The Traverse City Cherry Parade is the morning of July 9. If any UMBAA Alumni would like to participate, they may contact Peter Deneen ([imdeneen@charter.net](mailto:imdeneen@charter.net)) or Ross Childs ([rccons@charter.net](mailto:rccons@charter.net)).

12. Pete D **Moved to Adjourn**, second, motion passed @ 9:36pm.