



SCHOOL OF MUSIC, THEATRE & DANCE

BAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, September 24, 2022

7:35 AM – Blast from the Past 2022

1. Good Morning & Welcome
 - a. *Call to Order at 7:35AM*
2. 304 Alumni Members returning today.
3. Celebrating 125th Anniversary of the founding of the Michigan Band
 - a. The oldest member attending is Doris English, first year in band 1946.
4. Celebrating 50th Anniversary of inclusion of women in the MMB.
 - a. Recognize members of 1972 class in attendance today – Lynn Hansen, Marjorie Harcourt, Carolyn Kibbe, Sally Weaver.
 - b. Digital event was held this past Sunday – video recording will be released to the membership in the coming weeks.
 - c. Doris also the oldest returning female member (wasn't allowed to march).
5. Recognize members who have passed away since last year's Blast
 - a. Roger Lund (first year 1966), member of 1971 European Tour.
 - b. Julie Giacobassi passed away after a fierce battle w ALS. 1971 European Tour member. Performed w National Symphony Orchestra 10 yrs and then SF Symphony for 25 years, retiring 2006.
 - c. Rick Fleissner (first year 1972)
 - d. George Cavender's first two assistants
 - i. Rev. John Larkin (graduate student, then Asst. Director) 1971-1973)
 - ii. James Keene, (first year 1966, then Asst. 1973-75). 1971 European Tour Band, became the fourth Director of Bands at Illinois, 23 year tenure.
6. Introduce conductors and conductors for the day:
 - a. Nathan Werme – Alumni Band Director (Ryan Schrauben unable to attend)
 - b. Women Conductors today – Lynn Hansen, Karen Dunnam, Carly Uhrig, Sarah Powell, Sally Weaver.
7. Recognize our Homecoming volunteers (please stand and be recognized)
 - a. Special thanks to UMBAA Homecoming Committee: Jim Kozich, Chris Alvey, Tracy Rudd, Sheri, Tex, Isaac Anderson, Jeff Henderson, Eric Miller, and *last but not least – would crumble without her* Devonie Townsend
 - b. Thanks to special Joint MMB/UMBAA Anniversary Committee for input on this year's celebrations. UMBAA Contingent: Debra Klueger, Karen Dunnam, Monica Vogel, Bruce Flynn, Madeline Macy, Rachel Rigole, Ellyn Gendler, Gail Stout, Marianne Swenson, Michael Lee, Lexi Willison, Ralph Hinterman, Betty Chu.
8. Giving
 - a. Continue to give where you can – either by donating OR VOLUNTEERING.
 - i. Support for Elbel Field Rental charges for parent tailgates. We will try auctioning tailgate experiences again next year.



- b. 17th Annual UMBAA Golf Outing was held once again in August at UMGC. This year we set another record, raising over \$8,000 for the scholarship endowment, and it continues to grow each year!
 - i. Special thanks to Mike Kardasz and the rest of the Golf Committee.
 - ii. If you know any businesses that might be interested in supporting, please send their information to Golf Committee (email info on event webpage)
- c. Scholarships **increased this year by \$15,000** – we distributed \$35,200 to 16 MMB and SMTD band students (\$2,200 per student) for 2022 and beyond.
 - i. THIS IS THANKS TO EVERYONE’S EFFORTS.
9. Recognize Board Members and Past Presidents in attendance.
10. Thank outgoing Board members for their service – Jim Davis and Brian Igoe.
11. Business Portion of the meeting:
 - a. MOTION to approve the 2021 General Meeting Minutes. *Motion by Gail Stout, seconded by many. Unanimously approved by voice vote.*
 - b. Nominations for the Board of Directors.
 - i. “The Nominations Committee submits the following slate: James Roach (incumbent), Kyle Milliman (incumbent), Jeff Henderson (incumbent), along with 2 new candidates – Monica Vogel (Tenor Sax, first year 2011), and Rachel Rigole (piccolo, first year 2017) for term expiring in 2025.
 - ii. *Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.*
12. UMBAA Ensemble Updates
 - a. Alumni Pep Band
 - i. Nathan Werme and Ryan Schrauben return as directors.
 - ii. MBB/WBB/Hockey should all be really good this year – COME PLAY!
 - b. Alumni Concert Band
 - i. Successful return after COVID hiatus this past summer.
 - ii. Fall session just started (first rehearsal of 10 week session last Thurs).
 - iii. Talk to Jim Kozich if interested. Rehearsals Thurs. nights at Skyline HS.
 - iv. Please consider playing in Concert Band, especially if you’re local. Always looking for players, and coming back strong after the time off will be important.
13. Please continue to check the website for the latest information about the organization.
 - a. Follow us on social media – Facebook (official page & group) and Twitter
 - b. Update your profile for latest contact information on the UMBAA website.
 - c. Amazon Smile – connect your Amazon account please!
 - i. UMBAA continues to benefit from this.
 - d. Volunteers are always welcome – please ask how you can contribute.
 - e. The next UMBAA Board Meeting is November 2022.
 - f. All meetings continue to be held virtually on Zoom.
14. Motion to adjourn
 - a. *7:44 am, seconded by many, approved unanimously.*