



SCHOOL OF MUSIC, THEATRE & DANCE
BAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, October 4, 2025

7:10 AM – Blast from the Past 2025

MINUTES submitted by Chris Alvey, UMBAA President

1. Good Morning & Welcome (**Introduce myself as President**)
2. Call To Order
3. MOTION to approve the 2024 General Meeting Minutes – *seconded, approved*
4. 273 Alumni Members returning today.
 - a. The oldest member attending is Robert Koester, first year in band 1951.
 - b. Nia Bagley (Clarinet, 1972) is celebrating her 50th consecutive blast!
 - c. There are 5 Wisbiskis in attendance today! Michael, Shawne, Alexandra, Jack, Sophie.
5. Celebrating 75th anniversary of UMBAA
 - a. In the fall of 1950, letters were sent to “all known band alumni” to meet in the Michigan Union for a social hour after the Michigan vs. Northwestern football game. Over sixty former Michigan Band members attended, a constitution that had been prepared in advance by the organizers was approved, and the University of Michigan Band Alumni Association was formed. [First Alumni Band performance at a football game was in 1952.]
6. *This is the 50th anniversary of Let’s Go Blue – first performance by the full MMB in the stadium (last-minute addendum to the Agenda)*
7. Recognize members who have passed away since last year’s Blast
 - a. Doris McNabb English Youngquist (flute, first year in band 1946), beloved longtime Blast participant, passed away just 3 weeks ago [Sept. 14] at age 99. *Doris’s daughter Carol and son-in-law Jonathon are here with us today.*
 - b. Jim Nissen (trumpet), Professor
 - c. Doug Stotter (horn), Professor at Univ of Texas-Arlington
 - d. Lynn Klock (alto saxophone), Professor of Music at UMass Amherst
 - e. Jack Bittle
 - f. Kenneth Copp
 - g. <Ask to membership> Any others that I did not mention? – *no others were noted*

REQUEST A BRIEF MOMENT OF SILENCE
8. Introduce conductors for the day:
 - a. Nathan Werme – Director of the Michigan Alumni Band
 - b. James Tapia – Director of the MMB from 1999-2001
9. Straw Poll for Higher Registration Costs if Lunch is Provided – *show of hands appeared to be heavily in favor of this*
10. Recognize Board Members/Past Presidents in attendance (**stand and thank**)



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11. Recognize our Homecoming volunteers (please stand and be recognized)
 - a. Special thanks to UMBAA Homecoming Committee: Jim Kozich, Tracy Rudd, Kyle Milliman, Michael (Tex) Lee, Jeff Henderson, Sheri Chisholm; everyone who helped with folder stuffing last week or is going to help with folder un-stuffing next week; and especially to Eric Miller who took over as Chair and cat-herder-in-chief this year
12. Giving
 - a. Thanks to all of you who've supported us this year, whether it's by donating OR VOLUNTEERING. It is UMBAA's continuing mission to improve the experience of current students - we appreciate your past support, and of course encourage it in the future.
 - b. 20th Annual UMBAA Golf Outing was held once again in August at UMGC. This year we raised ~\$5,000 for the scholarship endowment.
 - 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 of the UMBAA website) or get them in contact with us.
 - c. Scholarships – once again distributing \$35,200 to 16 MMB and SMTD band students (\$2,200 per student) this year.
 - i. THANKS TO EVERYONE'S CONTRIBUTIONS
 - d. Concert Instrument Fund – New vibraphone purchased for ~\$6,000 for the Campus & University Band program. Thanks to generous donations to the Concert Instrument Fund by the UMBAA membership.
 - e. Support for MMB Europe trip - \$8,250 for 3 percussion alumni (2025 graduates not eligible for current student support); \$10,000 for mountain karting / group hike for everyone on the tour.
 - f. Support for Symphony Band spring tour around the state of Michigan: \$2,000 for tour-end lunch and reception.
13. Business Portion of the meeting:
 - a. Nominations for the Board of Directors.
 - i. The Nominations Committee submits the following slate: incumbents Jeff Henderson, Kyle Milliman, Rachel Donato, Monica Vogel, and Keon Rasouli (*Keon was nominated by the Board to fill the open position on interim basis in March*) as Directors with a term expiring in 2028.
 1. All in favor?
 2. All opposed?
 3. Motion [passes/does not pass] – *Motion passed*
 - ii. If you are interested in participating on the Board, or just learning more about it, reach out to any of us at any time. Emails for the executive board (Pres, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer) are on the UMBAA website. Five out of the 15 board seats are up for renewal every year.



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14. UMBAA Ensemble Updates

- a. Alumni Pep Band
 - i. Nathan Werme and Ryan Schrauben return as directors.
 - ii. MBB/WBB/Hockey should be really good again this year – COME PLAY!
- b. Alumni Concert Band
 - i. Fall session started mid-September, but still time to join.
 - ii. Talk to Jim Kozich if interested or look it up under Events on the UMBAA Website. Rehearsals Thurs. nights at Skyline HS.
 - iii. Consider playing if you're local. We really enjoy making music together. Could definitely use more clarinets (and saxophones?) this year!

15. Awards

- a. ***Distinguished Service Award – Devonie Townsend [read & present certificate]***

16. Please continue to check the website for the latest information about the organization.

- a. Update your profile for latest contact information on the UMBAA website.
- b. Follow us on social media – Facebook (+ members-only group) and Instagram (@umbandalumni for all accounts)!
- c. Volunteers are always welcome – volunteer database now being maintained.
- d. The next UMBAA Board Meeting will be on November 10, 2025.

17. Motion to adjourn. *Motion seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:18.*