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President's Column by *George Strickland*



All spring concerts are over, instruments are packed or sent in for summer repair, newspaper articles about state solo and ensemble results are turned in, and the band hall inventory has been completed. It's time for much needed rest and relaxation, right? What's that? Summer flag camp, drum major camp, music for band camp auditions, guard uniform selection, fall contest music selection, drill design, and the list goes on and on. Please plan time to get away from the band hall during our short summer. You, your family, and your students need you to take a break. A time of relaxation for the present, of reflection on the past, and of anticipation of the future is what these few weeks are all about. It was good to see so many of you at the state solo and ensemble contest in San Marcos. I hope your students' experiences were positive and educational while performing. It was evident this year that we have almost outgrown the current facilities being used for the state UIL contest. I feel the site and location are great for our students, but more buildings are needed to accommodate participants. Your input to Dick Floyd and the UIL office would be appreciated. Please take time to write, call,

or e-mail about any suggestions that you might have concerning the entire state contest. Also, we as small school organization directors should remind our students that we are guests on the SWTU campus, and each of us should strive to leave the facilities as clean as possible. Upon leaving the music building around 6:00 P.M. Monday, I was amazed at the amount of trash left in the hallways. Just a simple reminder to our groups about picking up their area would go a long way with public relations between small school directors and the SWT Music Department and UIL.

A great big thank you is never enough to say to Don Thoede and our Region Coordinators that are busy this month with OPS tape auditions. These members of our organization give up many hours and several days of their summer to see that the process to the final audition is complete and on time. Several of our members are asked to serve on the judging panel for tape sessions. Thank you to each and every one that makes our OPS possible.

During our SBOD meeting at TBA in July we will receive reports from several committees. These reports will be shared with the membership during our General Meeting on Tuesday, July 25th. Committees are working on recommendations concerning home school student participation in ATSSB tryouts, junior high/middle school prescribed audition list, private school participation in ATSSB activities, and the Steering Committee OPS review. The Past Presidents' Committee will be reporting on the mentor program, small school educators video, and the future music educators camp.

I will give two other reports to the State Board for consideration. The first is to consider the addition of a College Membership Division for ATSSB. It seems that more and more university and college music education programs are encouraging their instrumental music majors to consider becoming assistant directors in large school programs to learn and gain experience from a mentor teacher and to continue to specialize in one instrumental area. Although this idea is necessary for some graduates, I can see a big void on the horizon for small school directors. By providing a College Division in our association, I believe we can become part of a student's well-rounded music education. For a small membership fee, we could provide the college student with a membership card, newsletters, opportunities to judge district and region band tryouts, exposure to the rewards of teaching in small schools, and job placement on our web site (which currently is accessible). The second report concerns plans for our upcoming Tenth Anniversary Celebration during the TMEA Clinic/Convention in February of 2001. Of course, no "cats out of the bag" now! Watch this newsletter for more information.

Be sure to make plans to attend the ATSSB-sponsored clinic, "Crisis Recovery in the Band Hall," during TBA. Mr. Bill Biskup, Director of Bands at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, will be our clinician.

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He will share some of the techniques that he and his staff have used during the past school year to assist in the recovery from their tragedy. This will also include the availability of modified equipment for physically challenged students.

As always, it is a real joy to serve you and our organization. Thank you for allowing me to serve. See you at TBA!

President-Elect's Column by *Gary M. Robbins*



We are living at a time when, at least in education, one of the only constants seems to be change. Many public school music teachers find themselves sorting out lots of "new" information brought about by the school reform movements. Across the nation, yet another wave of educational reform has been in progress addressing not only the curricular structure of our schools, but teacher education and certification as well. The general public has come to the conclusion that if the quality of teaching in schools improves, education will improve. No Duh!! Where have these people been? Any one can figure that one out. That is why I like attending our wonderful conventions. I get so many new and fresh ideas from the clinics that are presented. I have heard and seen many "professional educators" refer to our conventions as a vacation! They must not attend the meetings and clinics that I attend.

The only way to improve as a teacher is to seek improvement. I think some classroom teachers try to use the same lesson plans year after year. I remember an English teacher being very upset because she had to turn in her lesson plan book at the end of the year. She commented that she had used those same lesson plans for eight years! She did not want to have to come up with some fresh ideas. How many of us have tried to teach and reach kids the same way for several years in a row? Maybe that is why you are getting bored or tired of your current job. It's probably because that the students are getting bored and tired of doing the same thing everyday.

My son came home earlier in the year and made the comment, "We do the same thing every day." He, for the first time, had been bored with going to school. He is in the fourth grade. It was the first time I have heard him make this comment. It made me realize that I needed to evaluate the way in which I was presenting my lessons. Variety is truly the spice of life!

I hope as some of you are thinking about changing jobs, you realize the grass is not always greener on the other side of the fence. Or maybe it is greener because someone has fertilized it. Consider staying where you are and adding some fertilizer to your grass. I realize that sometimes administration changes and circumstances cannot allow you to stay. It might be worth a try.

The SARC activity is very quiet right now. If you have any suggestions or comments that you would like to share, please contact me. I will be willing to listen. Our membership has grown and gotten stronger because of the caring ears that have been listening to our membership. We do not have a lesson plan that can not be changed. Fresh ideas are always welcome.

I hope for each of you to have a very restful summer. Try to take lots of time to get reacquainted with your family. Spend some quality time with your wife (or husband) and children. Remember that you will not take all of those trophies and awards with you to heaven, but you will be able to take your family!

Best wishes for a great summer.

Executive Secretary's Column by *Kenneth L. Griffin*

Membership renewals for 2001 are stapled inside this Newsletter (if applicable). Please take a minute to look it over. Mark any corrections, fill out all the blanks (especially if it says "NONE GIVEN") and put it in a safe place to be paid when your school budget year begins (or go ahead and send in the check now while you are thinking about it!). Just remember that after October 1, the dues increase to \$50 unless you are joining as an Associate

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Member (everything is the same, you just cannot run for office, vote, or enter students in any ATSSB competition). Those of you who have already paid your dues for next year should have a note to that effect in red on your renewal



application. If I missed one, just check for information changes and send it to me only if you have changes to report. A cover page showing your ATSSB and TMEA membership card must be sent with the initial entry forms for the first audition entered (ATSSB or TMEA).

In your fall region meetings, you need to nominate a President-Elect, a Class C/CC Representative, and a Class AA Representative to the State Board of Directors.

Try to attend the ATSSB-sponsored clinic at TBA: "Crisis Management in the Band Hall" given by Bill Biskup, Band Director at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. We all have faced (or will face) intense situations in our band halls at some time in our careers. This clinic should provide an insight on how to deal with these times. It will be held in CC 207 at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25.

The Update for the Prescribed Audition List (we will be using Year E) will be sent to each school with the September Newsletter by first class mail. You should put it at the front of your PAL and discard the pink colored pages and any old pages being replaced. We will of course still have PAL's and the current update available for new members at our table at TBA (or for old ones who lose theirs!), so plan to stop by and pay dues, pick up a PAL or just visit a while. If you don't get a chance to come to TBA, I will mail a copy of the Prescribed Audition List to everyone who joins as a new member after that time. I will be glad to send you another copy if you misplace yours after TBA - just call or drop me a note and I will respond as soon as possible. We had these PAL's printed and collated professionally, but it is very possible that an error was made - a page left out, facing the wrong way, stapled wrong, etc. Let me know if you find an error and I will send you a replacement.

This coming year, Col. Arnold Gabriel will be the clinician for the Symphonic Band and Bobby Francis from Texas Christian University (formerly from Texas A&M University-Commerce) will be the clinician for the Concert Band. ATSSB has commissioned a grade 3+ piece from Robert Sheldon for the Concert Band.

There will be an ATSSB State Board of Directors breakfast meeting at 7:00 a.m. in the Ramada Emily Morgan Majestic Room on Tuesday, July 25. Your board includes all elected state officers, all Region Coordinators, all Founding Members, and invited guests. If you would like to have input on matters relating to ATSSB State Board of Director activities, I would suggest calling or writing your Region Coordinator (or any state officer) and telling them of your concerns so they can advise the full Board.

We will have our ATSSB General Session at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25 in the Convention Center, in Room 207. Please make plans to attend if you will be at TBA.

I hope to be able to visit with a lot of you at TBA. Good luck as you begin another year with your students, especially if you are at a new school (be sure to let us know your new address!).

ATSSB at TBA

Sunday, July 23

1:00 p.m. **ATSSB Outstanding Performance Series**
Class C followed by Class AA - CC Rehearsal Hall
Class CC followed by Class A - CC VIP Room
Class AAA followed by SARC Meeting - CC 006
ATSSB Office - CC 1057

Tuesday, July 25

7:00-9:30 a.m. **ATSSB SBOD** Breakfast meeting Majestic Room, Ramada Emily Morgan
1:30-2:00 p.m. **ATSSB General Session** - CC 207
3:00-4:00 p.m. "**Crisis Recovery in the Band Hall**" by Bill Biskup, Band Director at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, sponsored by ATSSB - CC 207

The ATSSB Outstanding Performance Series

by *Don Thiede*, State Chair



When you get this Newsletter, probably all entries for the 2000 Outstanding Performance Series that advanced to the State level will be in my possession. If that is so, your Area Coordinator should have already notified you. I wish you all the best of luck at the State adjudication.

The rooms in the convention center have been assigned for the OPS State adjudication at TBA. Class C and Class AA will be judged in the Rehearsal Hall. Class CC and Class A will be judged in the VIP Room. Class AAA will be judged in Room 006. The tabulation room will be in Room 1057. All adjudication will be held on Sunday, July 23rd. The Class C, Class CC, and Class AAA bands will be judged at 1:00 p.m. The Class A and Class AA bands will be judged at 3:30 p.m. The sessions are open to the public.

I will be setting up equipment on Sunday morning, July 23rd. I really need help with this! I wish some of you would volunteer to help me set up. Please email me at drt@htcomp.net if you want to help me. You may call me at (254) 675-6789 if you wish. If I don't get volunteers, I will be calling some of you. Please understand that setting up so much equipment is not a one-person job!

I also need judges for the State adjudication. If you are interested in being on a State panel, please contact me now! I will be calling some of you very soon. I need a total of thirty judges and monitors.

As you know, there will be fifteen winners put on the 2000 OPS CD. If a recording of your band is selected to be on the 2000 CD, please be prepared to provide an original DAT or a CD of your performance by August 15th. I really prefer CDs now due to technology changes in recent years. If any of your tapes have made it to the State adjudication, I suggest you contact now the individual that recorded your performance and alert him to the fact that you might need a DAT or a CD made by August 10th so you can get it to me by August 15th. I cannot have the 2000 OPS CD made until I collect DATs or CDs from all the winners! Please get started with that now. Feel free to bring a CD or a DAT with you to TBA, and if you are a winner, you can leave the CD or DAT at the ATSSB booth. I will pick it up there.

I have been asked whether OPS will ever use CDs instead of cassette tapes. I have been researching the issue. Many members have contacted me and suggested that OPS use CDs instead of cassette tapes next year. I need help from the entire membership on this issue. I would appreciate any input you can give me pertaining to this matter. Your opinions are very important, but please do some research before you contact me. If you think we should or should not use CDs next year, I want to know why. Scott Probst at Probst Audio told me that CDs are cheaper to purchase than cassette tapes. He also said that the price to produce a CD would be about the same as a cassette tape because of the technology involved. Many directors have told me that they were given CDs at their UIL Contest instead of cassette tapes. I also know that most recording companies are using CDs instead of cassette tapes now. Scott told me that metal type 4 cassette tape is no longer being manufactured. It is true that not all CD players will read just any CD. It is possible that even if we chose to use CDs we may still have to use a cassette tape back up. In spite of all this, are CDs the way to go? Must we have a cassette tape back up? I will be making a recommendation to the SBOD at TBA about this issue. The recommendation I make will be based on your input and the information I collect from experts in the field. Please let me know what you know about this!

See you at TBA!

TMEA/ATSSB 2001-2002 PROPOSED AREA ALIGNMENT

The following region and area alignment is being proposed for the school year 2001-2002. It reflects extensive input from school districts throughout the state and is intended to address to the greatest extent possible the travel and parity issues that have been voiced by music educators statewide.

- Minor revisions may have occurred during the last few months based on continued statewide input which was to have been received prior to June 1, 2000.
- Each school has been assigned to the geographical region where the school district is located. All existing transfers have been voided. Transfer requests must be submitted in accordance to UIL policy. TMEA may or may not recognize UIL approved transfers as it may impact parity for TMEA activities.
- Remember that none of these revisions will have any impact on the 2000-2001 school year. All changes will take effect in September of 2001.
- The information is specific to TMEA/ATSSB activities. Additional information regarding the impact these changes will have on UIL activities can be found at the UIL MUSIC website.
- It is proposed that TMEA (and UIL) use the existing ATSSB Area configuration to advance bands from region to area in TMEA Honor Band competition and UIL Marching Contest competitions. It is also proposed that each region advance three qualifying bands from each class to Area.

Schools in regions different from the one in which they participated in ATSSB activities this past year are in **bold type**. If your school is in a region different from your current participation, your district will need to petition the UIL to change regions once again.

Schools which to the best of our knowledge do not have a band program are designated with an asterisk (*). ATSSB would appreciate any corrections to this list of school with no band programs by phone (281-494-2151), by mail (ATSSB; 15310 Amesbury Lane; Sugar Land, TX 77478), or by email (execsec@atssb.org).

REGION 1: ATSSB AREA A-WEST

- 3A: Dalhart; Dimmitt; Perryton; River Road; Sanford-Fritch; Tulia
- 2A: Albany; Canadian; Clarendon; Friona; Grandview; Amarillo Highland Park; Memphis; Panhandle; Spearman; Sunray; Wellington; West Texas
- 1A: Booker; Bovina; Boys Ranch; *Channing; Claude; *Follett; Groom; Gruver ISD; Gruver; Happy; Hartley; *Hedley; Kress; *Lefors; *McLean; Miami; Nazareth; Shamrock; Spur; Stratford; *Texline; Vega; Wheeler; White Deer

REGION 2: ATSSB AREA B-NORTH

- 3A: Bowie; Breckenridge; Childress; Clyde; Eastland; Gainesville; Graham; Iowa Park; Merkel; Sweetwater; Vernon; Abilene Wylie
- 2A: Anson; Archer City; Callisburg; Cisco; Coahoma; Colorado; Electra; Eula; Hamlin; Haskell; Hawkins; Hawley; Henrietta; Holliday; Jacksboro; Jim Ned; Nocona; Olney; Quanah; Seymour; Stamford
- 1A: Aspermont; Baird; *Byers; Cross Plains; Crowell; Ector; *Era; *Harrold; *Highland; *Knox City; Lindsay; *Lorraine; Muenster; Munday; Paducah; Petrolia; *Rising Star; Lee; Roby H; Rochester; Roscoe; Rotan; Saint Jo; Throckmorton; *Westbrook; Windthorst

REGION 3 (competes with Region 20 in ATSSB activities): ATSSB AREA B-NORTH

- 3A: Commerce; Crandall; Eustace; Forney; Kemp; Mabank; Pottsboro; Princeton; Quinlan Ford; Rains; Roysse City; Van; **Whitesboro**
- 2A: Blue Ridge; Caddo Mills; Celina; Community; Cross Roads; Farmerville; Grand Saline; *Gunter; Howe; Lone Oak; Malakoff; Prosper; S & S; Scurry-Rosser; Tom Bean; Van Alstyne; Whitewright; Wolfe City
- 1A: Anna; Boles; Collinsville; *Fruitvale; Martins Mill; Trinidad

REGION 4: ATSSB AREA C-EAST

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REGION 12: ATSSB AREA E-SOUTH

- 3A: Bandera; Jourdanton; La Vernia; Luling; Lytle; Marion; Poteet
- 2A: East Chambers; Ft Sam Houston Cole; Karnes City; Kenedy; Navarro; Nixon-Smile; Poth; Randolph Field Randolph; Stockdale
- 1A: Charlotte; Falls City; Runge

REGION 13: ATSSB AREA E-SOUTH

- 3A: Cuero; Edna; Goliad; Gonzales; Hitchcock; Industrial; Needville; Palacios; Sweeny; Wharton; Yoakum
- 2A: Bloomington; Boling; Brazos; Danbury; East Bernard;; Louise; Refugio; Tidehaven; Van Vleck; Yorktown
- 1A: Moulton; Nordheim; Shiner

REGION 14: ATSSB AREA E-SOUTH

- 3A: Aransas Pass; Bishop; Falfurrias; George West; Ingleside; Hebbbronville; Mathis; Odem; Orange Grove; San Diego; Sinton; Taft; West Osó; Zapata
- 2A: Banquete; Brackett; Freer; *Pettus; Port Aransas; Premont; Riviera Kaufer; Skidmore-Tynan; Three Rivers; Woodsboro
- 1A: Agua Dulce; Ben Bolt; Benavides; *McMullen County; Bruni

REGION 15: ATSSB AREA E-SOUTH

- 3A: Hidalgo; La Feria; Lyford; Port Isabel; Progreso; Raymondville; Rio Hondo; Santa Rosa
- 2A: *La Villa; Monte Alto; Valley View
- 1A: San Isidro

REGION 16: ATSSB AREA A-WEST

- 3A: Brownfield; Denver City; Lamesa; Littlefield; Lubbock Cooper; Muleshoe; Roosevelt; Seminole; Shallowater; Slaton
- 2A: Abernathy; Floydada; Hale Center; Idalou; Lockney; Lorenzo; Morton; New Deal; Olton; Plains; Post; Ralls; Seagraves; Sundown; Tahoka
- 1A: *Amherst; Anton; Borden Co.; Crosbyton; Welch Dawson; Farwell; Hart; Ira; Jayton; *Klondike; Lazbuddie; Loop; *Meadow; Motley County; O'Donnell; Petersburg; Ropes; *Sands; Silverton; Smyer; Springlake-Earth; Sudan; *Valley; *Wellman; Whiteface; *Whitharral; Wilson

REGION 17 (competes with Region 19 in ATSSB activities): ATSSB AREA C-EAST

*** There are no 3A, 2A or 1A bands in Region 17***

REGION 18: ATSSB AREA D-CENTRAL

- 3A: Burnet; Caldwell; Columbus; Elgin; Giddings; Hallettsville; La Grange; Liberty Hill; Manor; Rockdale; Smithville; Taylor; Wimberley
- 2A: Flatonia; Florence; Hutto; Jarrell; Lago Vista; Lexington; Schulenburg; Somerville; Thorndale; Weimar
- 1A: Burton; Dime Box; *Fayetteville; Granger; Milano; *Texas School for the Blind; Thrall

REGION 19 (competes with Region 17 in ATSSB activities): ATSSB AREA C-EAST

- 3A: Hargrave

REGION 20 (competes with Region 3 in ATSSB activities): ATSSB AREA B-NORTH

- 3A: Dallas Smith; Dallas Pinkston; **Ferris**; Kaufman; Wilmer-Hutchins
- 2A: Irving North Hills; Maypearl; Palmer
- 1A: Faith Family Academy of Oak Cliff

REGION 21: ATSSB AREA C-EAST

- 3A: Brownsboro; Bullard; Central; Crockett; Diboll; Hudson; Huntington; Lindale; Rusk; Tatum; Westwood
 - 2A: Alto; Arp; Cayuga; *Central Heights; Corrigan-Camden; Frankston; Garrison; Groveton; San Augustine;
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- 3A: Atlanta; Bonham; **Canton**; **Center**; Clarksville; Daingerfield; Gilmer; Gladewater; Hooks; Jefferson; Liberty-Eylau; Linden-Kildare; **Mineola**; Mount Vernon; New Boston; Pittsburg; Pleasant Grove; Queen City; Quitman; Redwater; Sabine; Spring Hill; White Oak; **Wills Point**; Winnsboro
- 2A: Alba-Golden; Big Sandy; Chisum; Como-Pickton; Cooper; DeKalb; Edgewood; Elysian Fields; Harleton; Harmony; Honey Grove; Hughes Springs; Leonard; New Diana; Ore City; Pewitt; Prairiland; Rivercrest; Union Grove; Waskom
- 1A: Bloomburg; Detroit; *Karnack; Maud; McLeod; Saltillo; **Santa Maria**; Savoy; Simms Bowie; Sulphur Bluff; Union Hill

REGION 5: ATSSB AREA B-NORTH

- 3A: Aledo; Bridgeport; Decatur; Fort Worth Carter-Riverside; Fort Worth Diamond Hill-Jarvis; Kennedale; Lake Worth
- 2A: Boyd; Godley; Paradise
- 1A: Alvord; Chico

REGION 6: ATSSB AREA A-WEST

- 3A: Alpine; Crane; Fort Stockton; Greenwood; Kermit; Monahans
- 2A: Forsan; McCamey; Stanton
- 1A: *Balmorhea; Glasscock Co; Grandfalls-Royalty; Iraan; Rankin; Sanderson; Wink

REGION 7: ATSSB AREA D-CENTRAL

- 3A: Alvarado; Ballinger; Brady; Dublin; Early; Everman; Glen Rose; Llano; Springtown; Venus
- 2A: Bangs; Clifton; Coleman; Comanche; Ozona; De Leon; Goldthwaite; Grape Creek; Hamilton; Hico; Junction; Keene; Mason; Millsap; Peaster; Reagan County; Rio Vista; San Saba; Eldorado; Sonora; Wall; Winters
- 1A: Brock; Bronte; Brookesmith; Eden; Gorman; Irion County; Masonic Home; Menard; Meridian; Miles; Paint Rock; Ranger; Santa Anna; Santo; Sterling City; Strawn; Tolar; Water Valley

REGION 8: ATSSB AREA D-CENTRAL

- 3A: Cameron Yoe; China Spring; Connally; Fairfield; Gatesville; Groesbeck; Hearne; Hillsboro; La Vega; Lorena; Madisonville; Marlin; McGregor; Mexia; Robinson; Teague; Troy; West; Whitney
- 2A: Academy; Anderson-Shiro; Axtell; Blooming Grove; Bruceville-Eddy; Buffalo; Centerville; Crawford; Elkhart; Franklin; Grapeland; Hubbard; Italy; Kerens; Leon; Mart; Moody; Riesel; Rogers; Rosebud-Lott; Salado
- 1A: Bartlett; Bosqueville; Bremond; Calvert; Chilton; Coolidge; Dawson; Holland; Iola; Itasca; Normangee; Valley Mills; Wortham

REGION 9 (competes with Region 23 in ATSSB activities): ATSSB AREA D-CENTRAL

- 3A: Bellville; **Coldspring**; **Hempstead**; **Shepherd**; **Splendora**; **Tarkington**
- 2A: New Waverly

REGION 10: ATSSB AREA C-EAST

- 3A: **Barbers Hill**; Bridge City; Buna; Cleveland; Hamshire-Fannett; Hardin-Jefferson; Kirbyville; Kountze; Liberty; Newton; Orangefield; Woodville
- 2A: **Anahuac**; Colmesneil; Deweyville; Hardin; Hemphill; Hull-Daisetta; Port Arthur Austin; Warren; West Hardin
- 1A: Burkeville; Chester; Evadale; Goodrich; *High Island; Sabine Pass; Spurger

REGION 11: ATSSB AREA E-SOUTH

- 3A: Carrizo Springs; Cotulla; Crystal City; Devine; Hondo; Pearsall; *Somerset; San Antonio South San West
- 2A: Blanco; Center Point; Comfort; Dilley; Johnson City Johnson; Natalia
- 1A: Asherton; *D'Hanis; Harper; Knippa; La Pryor; Lackland; Medina; Nueces Canyon; Rocksprings; Sabinal

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Shelbyville; Timpson; Trinity; Troup; West Rusk; Winona; Woden

◦ 1A: Beckville; Carlisle; Cushing; Douglass; Gary; Joaquin; La Poynor; Laneville; Leverett's Chapel; Lovelady; Martinsville; Mount Enterprise; Overton; *Teneha; West Sabine

REGION 22: ATSSB AREA A-WEST

- 3A: Presidio
- 2A: Anthony; Van Horn
- 1A: Fort Davis; Marfa

REGION 23 (competes with Region 9 in ATSSB activities): ATSSB AREA D-CENTRAL

- 3A: Altair Rice; Sealy; Stafford
- 2A: Royal
- 1A: Houston Prepared Table Charter; **Rice**

REGION 24 (competes with Region 5 in ATSSB activities): ATSSB AREA B-NORTH

- 3A: **Lake Dallas; Little Elm; Sanger**
- 2A: **Aubrey; Krum; Pilot Point; Ponder**

***Reminder: The above region alignments and assignments are not official. Please refer to the University Interscholastic League (<http://www.utexas.edu/admin/uil/mus/area2001.html>) and the Texas Music Educators Association (<http://www.tmea.org>) for official alignments.**

Please copy and share the application below with your colleagues or directors of nearby schools. Do your part for advocacy by promoting ATSSB membership in your region.

ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS SMALL SCHOOL BANDS 2000-01 Membership Application

Please type or LEGIBLY print! We want to have accurate information for our Directory and mailing list.

NAME _____ SS# _____ - _____ - _____
SCHOOL _____ CLASS _____ REGION # _____
TITLE _____ SCHOOLPHONE () _____ Best time to call _____
Are you the only band director for both high school and junior high in your district? _____ If "NO", please list the names of other directors in your district: _____
SCHOOL ADDRESS _____ FAX # () _____
CITY & ZIP CODE _____ EMAILADDRESS _____
HOME ADDRESS _____ PHONE () _____
CITY & ZIP CODE (if different from school) _____ TMAA MEMBER? Circle area below :
MAJOR INSTRUMENT(S) _____ CB MB O (add * if supplemental)

Until October 1, mail this completed form and a \$25* check for dues payable to **ATSSB** to:

ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS SMALL SCHOOL BANDS

Kenneth L. Griffin, Executive Secretary

15310 Amesbury Lane

Sugar Land, Texas 77478-4180

***NOTE:** After October 1, Active Member dues increase to \$50. A membership card and receipt will be returned to you. The membership year runs from September 1 to August 31. Associate Member dues are \$25 all year, so anyone may join as an Associate Member after October 1 for \$25. To enter students into competition leading to membership in the ATSSB All-State Band, you must also be a current member of the Texas Music Educators Association.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS

(to be voted on at the General Session July 25, 2000)

Add SECTION 6 to ARTICLE II of the By-Laws

SECTION 6. STANDING COMMITTEES. The State Audition Review Committee shall be a standing committee, chaired by the President-Elect, charged with annually reviewing the 5-year rotating Prescribed Audition List, considering errata and making recommendations to the State Board of Directors regarding changes. Other standing committees may be formed at the discretion of the State Board of Directors.

Rationale: The State Board of Directors voted to make the SARC a standing committee. This is a housekeeping procedure to include it in the Constitution.

Change SECTION 5.(b) of ARTICLE II of the By-Laws

from: MEETINGS OF THE STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The State Board of Directors shall meet on call of the President or on a request of two-thirds of the membership of the Board. A majority of its voting members present shall constitute a quorum.

to: MEETINGS OF THE STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The State Board of Directors shall meet on call of the President or on a request of two-thirds of the membership of the Board. A majority of its voting members present shall constitute a quorum. **Proxy voting is allowed in State Board of Director meetings so long as the proxy is made in writing and presented to the Executive Secretary prior to the beginning of a State Board of Director meeting.**

Rationale: The State Board of Directors voted February 9, 1995 to allow proxy voting only at State Board of Director meetings. This decision was not presented to the General Membership as a Constitutional amendment as required.

Change SECTION 2.(c) of ARTICLE II of the By-Laws

from: **ELECTION.** The general membership of ATSSB shall vote by secret ballot in the Business Session on the office of President-Elect in odd-numbered years. If there is no clear majority, a secret ballot will be cast, with the individual receiving a simple majority of the total votes cast being declared the winner.

to: **ELECTION.** The general membership of ATSSB shall vote by secret ballot in the Business Session on the office of President-Elect in odd-numbered years. If there is no clear majority, **the winner is the candidate with the most votes, provided the runner-up has a shortfall from 50% that is at least double that of the leading candidate; if there is no such candidate, then** a secret ballot will be cast **between the top two** with the individual receiving a simple majority of the total votes cast being declared the winner. **Proxy voting is not allowed in the election of President-Elect.**

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Rationale: Because run-off elections are time-consuming, the proposed method of election will speed the process while maintaining the integrity of the election process. The system proposed is based on the "Shugart Law" in Argentina and Ecuador for presidential elections developed by Matthew Shugart at the University of California at San Diego. When applied to the previous two ATSSB elections, the result would have remained the same (although one runoff would have still been necessary, a second would not and the same person would have been elected).

Additional rationale: Retired Active Members may have taught in several class schools prior to retirement (and may be teaching part-time in several different ones), so they need and deserve the option to vote on the Representative of their choice.

Additional rationale: The State Board of Directors voted February 9, 1995 to allow proxy voting only at State Board of Director meetings. This decision was not presented to the General Membership as a Constitutional amendment as required.

Future ATSSB All-State Band Clinicians and Composers

February 7-10, 2001 Col. Arnold Gabriel (U.S. Air Force, Ret.) - SYMPHONIC BAND
Bobby Francis, Texas Christian University - CONCERT BAND
UNTITLED by Robert Sheldon (commissioned by ATSSB)

February 20-23, 2002 Anthony Maiello, George Mason University - SYMPHONIC BAND
Robert W. Smith - CONCERT BAND
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February 12-15, 2003 W. Francis McBeth, Ouachita State University - SYMPHONIC BAND

If you have suggestions for clinicians or composers, contact your Region Coordinator.

Class AA Representative's Column by *D. Jolly*



Final Greetings from Elkhart High School. My wife and I have accepted band jobs at Coleman High School (AA) in region 7. I'm entering this new job saluting Mike Brady for his wonderful job of building a great band program there and we look forward to adding the "Jolly" touch (whatever that means). On a personal note, Cara and I wish Mike a happy retirement and hopes for great fishing and golfing!

Now that we all survived our end of year concerts, graduation band, state solo and ensemble and inventory try to have a relaxing summer! Good luck in all of your summer plans like band camps, vacations, moving and most of all, time with the family. Speaking of moves, I know that there have already been several "fruit basket turnovers" already and I want to welcome incoming members of ATSSB and wish you the best of luck. I'd like to be available especially to new AA directors to get to know them or help them understand ATSSB tryouts, OPS, or any other way that I can help. Don't hesitate to email me at darinjolly@hotmail.com so that we can communicate. Speaking of communication, that ATSSB Chatboard is awesome! Way to go Tim Edins and Wayne Clark!

I wish everyone's OPS recording the best this summer in Region, Area, and State tapings. This is a marvelous contest and it is exciting to see it grow and improve Small School Bands through performance competition. Great job, Mr. Don Thoede! We have a great year ahead of us as we celebrate our 10th year anniversary of ATSSB, so have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you at TBA!

All-State Band Floor Monitors Needed

Volunteer now to be a Floor Monitor for the 2001 All-State Band!! You get a free room at the Emily Morgan Hotel for three nights during the Clinic.

Email Dwain Forsythe at dwain@netdot.com or give him a call at home this summer at (409) 569-6896 or at school (936) 326-4271 for details or to reserve your spot.

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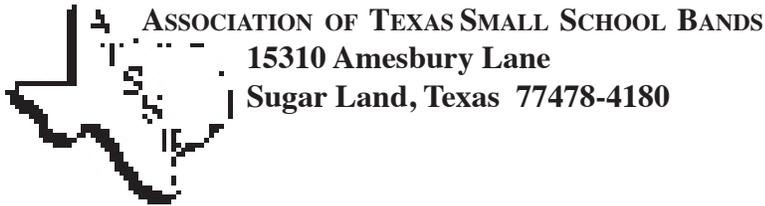
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A Membership Renewal (if applicable) is stapled inside.

Don't forget the General Session Tuesday, July 25, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 207 in the San Antonio Convention Center.

Also, make plans to attend the ATSSB-sponsored clinic "Crisis Recovery in the Band Hall" featuring Mr. Bill Biskup, Band Director at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. It is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. in CC 207.

There is a proposed amendment to the By-Laws and you might also want to check to see if your school is still in the same region in the proposed TMEA/Ull/ATSSB Area Alignment for 2001-02.



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