

# ATSSB NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

BY: MIKE MARSH

It seems hard to believe that summer is almost over, and it is time to prepare for the fall season again. I hope your time has been restful and productive, or both. I look forward to another year filled with success for our association.

A measure of financial stability has been achieved and we know now that his organization works. *ATSSB* has given the small school director a strong voice on issues which affect small school band programs. The All-State Band was an unqualified success and students who participated in the process last year are still excited!! This coming year promises to be even better -- Myron Welch, Director of Bands at the University of Iowa will be our clinician.

The official relationship of *ATSSB* and T.M.E.A. is still not finalized. T.M.E.A. Band Vice-President, Don Hanna, has been working hard on this issue since his election last February. He took the results of his survey (over 90% of respondents were, I un-

derstand, in favor of allowing *ATSSB* All-State students into the convention exhibits) and a proposal for an affiliation with our association, to the T.M.E.A. State Executive Committee meeting in June. The committee voted to refer the matter to the regions for a vote in the fall meetings. For this reason, it is vital that each *ATSSB* member be present at his/her fall region meetings. **Attend and urge your colleagues to attend and register their vote. If *ATSSB* All-State students are to be allowed to attend T.M.E.A. exhibits, this measure must be passed.**

Kenneth has already notified members of the State Board of Directors about the meeting at T.B.A. One change will be the location of that meeting. The meeting will be held in the Travis Room of the Marriott Riverwalk at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning. **Region coordinators, make sure your region is represented. Have a proxy attend if you cannot.**

All members should check the T.B.A. convention program for notice of the *ATSSB* general membership meeting. An **IMPORTANT VOTE** on

a proposed constitutional revision will be taken (the specifics were given in the May 1992 **NEWSLETTER**). The meeting will be scheduled Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the Convention Center, check your program for the specific room. Don't forget to check by our table at the convention and pick up your copy of the 1992-93 Prescribed Music List. Also, you can pay your membership fee at that time, if you wish. Remember that you must be a member of the association at the time of entry in order for your students to be eligible to participate.

**See you at T.B.A.!!!!!!**



# EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S COLUMN

BY: KEN GRIFFIN

I am sure Mike is impressing on you the importance of attending you Fall Region Meetings! Be there and be prepared to vote **YES** to allow *ATSSB* to form an association with T.M.E.A. so our All-state students can gain admission to T.M.E.A. clinics and exhibits while they are in San Antonio. I cannot stress enough the importance of being (and **VOTING**) together to achieve our goals. There are several regions that have already gotten together to vote as a block in getting U.I.L. judges for next year - and carried the majority! What we are asking in this vote is so negligible! We are not asking T.M.E.A. to sponsor us (we are doing fine sponsoring ourselves!), or to finance us (you can see by the financial statement that we are doing fine!), or to guide us (?), or to tell us what we need to do (!!!!!). All we are asking is that our All-State students be allowed access to the exhibits - if and when they get a chance to go because of the rigorous rehearsal schedule they have in San Antonio!

Don't forget to pay your dues before you enter students in *ATSSB* auditions - the entry will be returned if you do not enclose a copy of your membership card! Membership renewals for 1993

were sent to you in May. If you needed to wait until this budget year to pay your dues, remember to request payment be sent. If you have lost your renewal form, just cut a check for the dues (\$25) and mail to me (let me know of any changes in address, etc. - also let me know your major instruments for our database).

Sol Frank Uniforms has already asked that they be able to provide the All-State Band patches and Caldwell Music has asked that they again provide the programs for the concert next year. Be sure you stop by the Sol Frank booth at T.B.A. and thank them - and if you are in an area serviced by Caldwell Music, tell them how much you appreciate their continued enthusiastic support for *ATSSB* !!!!

I hope a lot of you can come by our table at T.B.A. to pick up your Prescribed Music List for auditions for 1992-93. The music will be taken from the same books that were used last year. If you don't get a chance to come to T.B.A., I will mail a copy of the Prescribed Music List to every paid member August 1, then will mail a copy with membership cards as directors join during the year if they were unable to come to T.B.A. We will have our *ATSSB* general session at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28 in the Convention Center (see program for specific meeting room). Please make plans to attend if you will be at T.B.A. If you can't make it, I will put the minutes of the meeting in the October **NEWSLETTER**.

There should be two things in the current issue you need to look over and remember - the minutes of the February General Session and the 1992 Fiscal Year Financial Statement. These items will need your approval at the General Session at T.B.A.

I thought you might like to know the Founding Members of the Association are (the ones in attendance at the original meeting March 16, 1991, at Wylie High School in Abilene):

- Rick Ball - West Texas High School  
Class AA - Region 1
- Mike Bendiksen - Montgomery High School  
Class AAA - Region 9
- Dwayne Bishop - San Saba High School  
Class AA - Region 7
- Dale Cook - Whitewright High School  
Class AA - Region 3
- Lonnie Dooley - Hawkins High School  
Class AA - Region 4
- John Gibson - New Deal High School  
Class AA - Region 16
- Jim Gibson - West Texas High School  
Class AA - Region 1
- Kenneth Griffin - Van High School  
Class AAA - Region 3
- R. Michael Hardy - Mason High School  
Class AA - Region 7
- Barry Hurt - Sundown High School  
Class AA - Region 16
- Michael Marsh - Eldorado High School  
Class AA - Region 7
- Fred Pankratz - Canadian High School  
Class AA - Region 1
- Elmer Schenk - Howe High School  
Class AA - Region 3
- Louis Thornton - Wylie High School  
Class AAA - Region 2
- Jennifer Willison - Canadian HS  
Class AA - Region 1

I hope to be able to visit with a lot of you at T.B.A. 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!).

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**ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS SMALL SCHOOL BANDS**  
**BUSINESS SESSION**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1992**  
**SCOTTISH RITE BANQUET HALL**  
**10:00 A.M.**

President Michael Marsh called the meeting to order. Louis Thornton from Abilene Wylie gave the invocation.

The minutes and financial report were given to the membership as they entered. After a correction on the membership report, a motion was made by Maurice Portis from West Oso and a second by Charles Grabe in from Colmesneil to accept the reports was approved.

Mr. Marsh then informed the membership that the candidates for T.M.E.A. Band Division Chairman had been invited to speak to us and all three had responded to the invitations.

Ross Grant from De Soto gave a six-minute statement of his priorities as Band Division Chairman, noting that this was a landmark time for *ATSSB* and that we were making history. He noted the negative atmosphere in the Band Division of T.M.E.A. and the low level of trust in T.M.E.A. leadership. He stated that he was not a politician, but was most clearly associated with small school directors. He stated that he was in favor of a small school All-State Band.

Tom Shine from Duncanville gave an eight-minute statement regarding the Texas legislature and the status of music education in the state. He wanted to be able to head off crises rather than react to them as we had done with H.B. 246 and 72. He addressed the changing curriculum and his desire to see U.I.L. contests classified as co-curricular. He felt that T.M.E.A. decisions should be deferred to the region level where possible and that the current structure of T.M.E.A. gives division chairpersons autonomy in regard to their respective divisions. He also favored a media blitz to promote Music Education.

Don Hanna from Denton gave an eight-minute statement regarding his feelings about his aversion to upper-level cliques in T.M.E.A. and how the membership needs to get control of T.M.E.A. and return it to grassroots level of management. He wants to heal the hurt in the Band Division. He noted that *ATSSB* has a strong voice and that there is a need for a small school All-State Band. He would like to see dialogue after the convention regarding a unification of *ATSSB* and T.M.E.A. - a dialogue including the T.M.E.A. leadership, SA directors and *ATSSB*. He feels that next year there will be a T.M.E.A. small school All-State Band.

Mr. Marsh then introduced Dr. Will May from the University of North Texas in Denton. Dr. May is to be nominated for President-Elect of T.M.E.A. at the first general session of T.M.E.A. and he expressed an interest in addressing *ATSSB*. He gave a ten-minute address expressing his interest in a united T.M.E.A., but one sensitive to the needs to all of its members, including directors from small school bands in Texas. He closed by asking *ATSSB* members to do three things against their nature - vote for a college division member, vote for a vocal member and vote against a band director - in voting for a President-Elect of T.M.E.A.

Mr. Marsh then addressed the membership. He reminded us that no one thought we could accomplish the *ATSSB* All-State Band. He recapped the origins of the Association, noting that it took many individuals working very hard to get us where we are today. He introduced and thanked those in leadership positions.

Vice-President Fred Pankratz and his assistant Jennifer Willison were recognized for the production of the **NEWSLETTER**. Executive Secretary Kenneth Griffin was recognized for his organizational skills.

Mr. Marsh then reminded the membership that Region Coordinators were appointed in this our first year and they would need to be elected at the Spring meetings later this year. He reminded the membership that the membership year runs from July 1 to June 30 and that they would need to join by September 1 for the coming year. He also stated that membership applications would be returned if not completed and that applications would not be accepted with *ATSSB* entries, so the membership must make plans to join early this coming year. He announced several committees to be named soon: a Prescribed Music List Committee to review this past year's music for revision and to come up with next year's music; a Constitutional Revision Committee to address updating the constitution regarding state offices and their nominating procedures.

Under new business, Wayne Smith from White Oak presented a proposal from Region 4 regarding instrumentation of the All-State Band and the number of instruments to be certified to Area from each Region. Mr. Marsh referred the proposal to committee.

Mr. Marsh then reminded the membership about the T.M.E.A. General Sessions and the Band Division Meeting so their voice could be heard regarding the election of officers.

Mr. Griffin reported the availability of extra All-State Band badges for the membership on a first come, first serve basis.

There being no further business, Mr. Marsh adjourned the meeting at 11:07.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### **ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS SMALL SCHOOL BANDS**

June 30, 1992

<b>CASH ON HAND</b> January 30, 1992		\$10,303.23
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		
Dues, Music, Patches, Refunds		1,419.07
<b>AVAILABLE FUNDS:</b>		\$11,722.30
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Scottish Rite Balance	\$ 773.00	
Postage	147.90	
Banner relettered	10.35	
Box rent	21.50	
All-State Music	441.60	
Office supplies	64.90	
January Newsletter Postage	116.00	
February Newsletter Postage	343.76	
April Newsletter Postage	116.00	
All-State Clinician	2213.54	
ATSSB Patches	8.92	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		\$ 4,257.47
<b>BALANCE:</b> Amount in checking account 6-30-92		\$ 7,464.83