

**Texas Jazz Educators Association**  
General Membership Meeting  
Texas Bandmasters Association Annual Convention  
Thursday, July 22, 2016  
9:00 AM – CC 216

- Meeting was called to order by TJEA President, David Lown
  - Officers and Directors were introduced to the General Membership
    - President – David Lown
    - President Elect – Sarah Roberts
    - Treasurer – Heather Mensch
    - Secretary – James Cook
    - Directors – Mathew Seifert, Aric Schneller, Mark Nichols
    - Executive Officer – Alex Parker
- Motion was made to accept minutes from the summer meeting
  - Minutes were accepted
- Treasurer’s Report – Heather Mensch
  - Highlights include:
  - All State packet deposit
  - TMEA expenses for sound re-enforcement
  - Jazz Coordinators luncheon
  - Pay-pal money transfer
  - Pay for All State packet printing
  - Large symposium expenses
  - Motion to accept, second, accepted
- Frank Coachman from TMEA
  - Announce that we are no longer using CD’s in All State Jazz Procedure
  - Moving to a similar process as TJEA/TMEA Invited Jazz Ensemble selection.
  - Recordings submitted via link in TMEA website.
  - TMEA has printout to give for instructions and will stamp files with pertinent information.
  - Using Amazon cloud servers for storage instead of discs.
  - All State Listening session is in Pasadena Dobie HS Nov 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday and Sunday right after state marching Aug. 15.
  - Mr. Coachman will be attending the jazz coordinators meeting to discuss this with Region Jazz Coordinators.
  - Change in submission format does not change the current listening format of listening in one location.
  - One reason for the change is the success of TJEA/TMEA invited jazz ensemble listening process.
  - There is a potential for multiple panels in the future, but still central locations.
  - If we really charged kids the amount of money it would cost for entries it would be \$35 instead of \$10. This will help lower cost
  - Discussed potential larger numbers of entries due to larger number of regions
  - New process will involve:
    - Go to one room and record/save.
    - Go to separate room to upload and have option to playback and check
- Discussion of Jazz Related events at TBA.
  - TMEA All-State Jazz Audition Music
    - Thursday, July 21
    - 1:00AM-5:00 PM – CC 216
  - San Antonio Jazz Orchestra – New Music Reading Session
    - Thursday, July 21
    - 5:30-6:30 PM – CC 217 ABC
  - Concert: Jazz Ambassadors
    - Thursday, July 21
    - 7:30PM Lila Cockrell Theater

- Building a Better Big Band with the Jazz Ambassadors
  - Friday, July 22
  - 8:00-9:00 AM CC 217 ABC
- TJEA Open Membership Meeting
  - David Lown
  - Friday, July 22
  - 9:30-10:30 AM CC 218
- TMEA Region Jazz Coordinators Meeting
  - Friday, July 22
  - 11:00AM-NOON CC 218
- Concert: Willis HS Jazz Band Performance
  - Friday, July 22
  - 1:00-2:00 AM CC 217 ABC
- Kingwood Big Band Concert
  - Friday, July 22
  - 2:00-3:30 PM Lila Cockrell Theater
- Small Town Swing – Starting and Maintaining a Jazz Program in a Small School
  - Saturday, July 23
  - 8:00-9:00 AM CC 212
- Jazz Improvisation
  - Saturday, July 23
  - 2:00-3:00 PM CC 214 AB
- Developing Your Modern Jazz Ensemble through Traditional Jazz Music
  - Saturday, July 23
  - 3:30-4:30 PM CC 217ABC
- Old Business
- Membership Dues
  - We are in a new year and memberships must be renewed.
- Discussion of Newsletter – John Goode
  - Request for pedagogical articles to aide young teachers.
  - If you have done something and been successful, you are the expert in that area.
- Next year’s grants
  - Applications are due October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Discussion of TJEA Jazz Symposium
  - Southlake HS
  - Ron Carter – Invited clinician
  - DFW All Star student band
  - Potentially changing to the day before TBA starts in efforts to increase attendance
  - Add continuing committee to help President Elect in planning Symposium
    - Brent Matheson
    - Carry Richards
    - David Lown
    - James Cook
  - Email any/all of us about getting involved
- Jazz Camps Festivals – Email Cathy Benford about getting info on website
  - Cary Richards
  - Every Monday June 6 thru August 8. Lots of student interest.
  - Brazoria County
- Grants
  - Gave away 16 grant last year.
  - We have money to give away and we want to.
  - Fill out application online send to Alex Parker.
  - We will award as many as we can.
  - Can’t have received grant in 4 years.
  - Money can be used for anything.

- Deadline October 1.
- Last year checks were handed out at TMEA and it was great to have all winners in the same room.
- Just have to be member to apply
- Chief Warant Officer Two-Dan Wood from Jazz Ambassadors
  - New Nestico chart is available to give away
  - “Perspectives” program continues to be available online
  - Some former JA CDs include charts with them, they are being re-branded with “Perspectives”
  - JA and Army Field Band coming through Texas in Spring of 2017
  - The Jazz Ambassadors are offering clinics. They are not Army recruiters, they just want to represent the Army well and leave with students and band programs better equipped to learn.
  - Will be in Booth 3103 for remainder of TBA
  - David Lown thanked the Jazz Ambassadors for coming on behalf of TJEA.
- Membership showed support for funding military ensembles such as the Jazz Ambassadors and it was suggested from the floor that people contact representatives regarding this matter
- There was a question about who can be in TJEA
  - **Everyone** - including student members for \$10
- Do we have a Facebook page?
  - Yes
  - Also Texas Jazz Educators and Musicians FB group. This is an open group.

Meeting adjourned 10:07 AM