

**Tennessee Secondary Schools Band Directors Association**

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**Fall Meeting: September 8, 2007**

The TSSBDA held its regular fall meeting Saturday September 8, 2007 at Calhoun's Restaurant in Knoxville starting about 1:00 p.m.

Present were Craig Valentine, Dawn Patelke, Pete Rogers, Ashley Glenn, Tim Michaels, Lisa Michaels, George Hayden, Mike Carter, Matt Gowan, Heather Chance, Patricia Rhoton, Kathy Lippo, Linda Trout, Keith Trout.

After our meal, Mike Carter called the meeting to order, and introduced our new president, Pete Rogers. He brought the membership up to date on several items of new business.

President-elect Chris Metcalfe had submitted a contract to be used for clinicians and judges for association events for the memberships' approval. It was passed around the table and discussed. Mike mentioned that Chris had contacted Eric Harris at Tennessee Tech to be Sr. Clinic Blue Band clinician, and that Dr. Harris had agreed if TSSBDA would compensate a mileage rate that would be more in line with what is currently being reimbursed in the state of Tennessee. The membership voted to bring TSSBDA reimbursement in line with the state of Tennessee, and to state that in the contract. The new contract for TSSBDA Clinicians/Judges was then approved.

The date of concert festival was discussed. Dawn Patelke informed the membership that Union County can not host the festival on the date that it is usually held (last Saturday in April.) this year. She would be willing to host it on the second Saturday in April 2008, or to let someone else take over and host. Linda Trout expressed an interest in Sequoyah's hosting at Hiwassee College's new music center and offered to see if that would be a possibility. After discussion from the membership, Ashley Glenn moved that we hold the festival on the date listed in the by-laws, contingent on Sequoyah's being able to procure Hiwassee College. The motion carried with no dissension. (Sequoyah has since procured the facility at Hiwassee, and will be hosting the concert music festival there.)

Mike Carter then indicated that we needed to consider electing a new secretary-treasurer, due to Christy Holley's move to upper east Tennessee - with many family responsibilities and the difficulty in doing the job from such a long distance from association events, Christy would prefer to be relieved of the duty. Discussion ensued about the next willing victim for the post and the definition of the job. Dawn Patelke agreed to take the position, with intense assurances from president Pete Rogers about the groups' help in the settling of some difficult matters involving confusion from years past in responsibilities of the secretary-treasurer post, especially regarding the status of TSSBDA accounts and trying to gain non-profit status for the group. President Rogers pointed out that if Union County was not hosting concert festival, Dawn would have more time to deal with secretary-treasurer responsibilities; a vote was taken, and Dawn was elected by acclamation.

After more discussion about the need to order patches for clinics and a few other house-keeping items, the meeting was adjourned at about 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Patelke  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer