

February

NEWSLETTER

2022

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - DWAYNE SAGEN (ETA/TN)


Greetings Brothers and Sisters of PHI BETA MU:

Happy New Year! Our annual membership meeting in December was a success and I enjoyed seeing many of our Brothers and Sisters in Chicago. Despite the pandemic, we were able to meet safely and adapt

to have our Phi Beta Mu meeting. It was so meaningful to see those that could make it. These times make us value the moments we do get to spend together. **A hearty congratulation goes to Alfred Watkins for receiving the Outstanding Bandmaster Award and to John Stoner, Jr. for receiving the Outstanding Contributor Award.**

As we begin 2022, the chapters of Phi Beta Mu, much like architects, build the framework for each state to create a community for band directors. In those states that have active chapters, Phi Beta Mu encourages you to get as many band directors involved across your state as possible. We want to encourage all chapters to participate in the Conn Selmer Institute and utilize the new commissions available.

For those with colleagues in states who have yet to experience the benefits of Phi Beta Mu, we hope to grow in those areas in this year. We need your help to reach out to others to multiply in areas where chapters need to be started or renewed.

Now more than ever, music education will be central to the development of high school and college students. Providing a space where music is taught, valued, and prioritized will help the next generation of band directors emerge. Phi Beta Mu recognizes the significant adaptations band directors are navigating and wants to be supportive in the new environments they face.

Encouraging state chapters to develop more musical outreach projects for their bands is a priority for Phi Beta Mu Chapter leaders/ musicians. This gives the chapters more activities to be involved with in their community of musicians— young and old—from beginner bands to community adult bands. The new year brings us the opportunity to start again and start anew.

All the Best,

Dwayne Sagen


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EARL D. IRONS PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION – PAUL WOROSSELLO (Alpha/TX)



After a two-year hiatus, Phi Beta Mu is again accepting nominations for the Earl D. Irons Program of Distinction award. The purpose of the award is to recognize bands that exhibit and exemplify the founders' ideals of honoring superior achievement, moral uprightness, and promoting the international development of bands, and to challenge other groups to strive to attain these same levels of achievement. The award is open to all high school band programs. The Director must have been at that program for at least the previous five years.

Any Phi Beta Mu member may nominate one program. The initial nomination occurs in confidence with the director unaware of the nomination, just as a potential member is nominated for membership to a state/province chapter. (Exception: Member may not nominate their own program, or program in their feeder system.). Nomination form can be downloaded from the Earl D. Irons Program of Distinction link, located on the left side of the International Phi Beta Mu home page.

Nominations will be accepted until April 30 of the current academic year. Note: The earlier the nomination is received, the more time the nominated program has to assemble all required material.

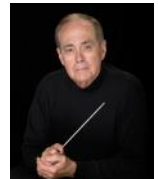
The completed nomination form is emailed to Paul Worosello, (worosell@swbell.net) who, within a week, will notify director of the nomination by sending a letter of congratulations and information on how to proceed. Nominated bands are under no obligation to act upon the nomination.

Director of the nominated school will be notified of the nomination by Phi Beta Mu International. Director of the nominated school is responsible for providing all supporting documentation needed in the selection process. Some video will be required for a representative sampling of the band. All information detailing the nomination and submission process is detailed on the website.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTOR AWARD – JULIA REYNOLDS (Omicron/AR)



Thank you for your interest and for the number of outstanding nominations for the International Phi Beta Mu 2022 Outstanding Contributor to Bands. The Board considered each nomination carefully. We have the privilege of recognizing Richard Floyd, UIL State Director of Music Emeritus, as the 2022 Outstanding Contributor to Bands during the PBM Awards Breakfast at the Midwest Clinic this December!



Richard Floyd

OUTSTANDING BANDMASTER AWARD – KEITH RANDOLPH (Gamma/IN)



Thanks to a number of people who have submitted suggestions for the recipient of this award. Outstanding Bandmaster Chair Keith Rudolph took 8 names to bring forward to the PBM International Board for further consideration. The Board narrowed the field to four finalists and are pleased to announce the **selection of Dr. Thomas V. Fraschillo for the 2022 Outstanding Bandmaster Award.** He will be honored at the General Assembly and Awards Breakfast in December. We hope you will be at Midwest in 2022 to celebrate his accomplishment!



Dr. Thomas Fraschillo

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COMMISSION PROJECT NEWS— CINDY LANSFORD (Alpha/TX)



The Executive Board of Phi Beta Mu is dedicated to promoting quality music for the wind band by commissioning new literature that contributes to the existing band repertoire for all grade levels as we work to build better bands. **We are pleased to announce that we have commissioned Carol Brittin Chambers as the composer of a new work for wind band.** This new composition will be a Grade 3-3.5, and the projected completion date is end of Summer 2022.



Carol Brittin Chambers

Mrs. Chambers is the composer and owner of Aspenwood Music. She lives in San Antonio, Texas, and in addition to composing, she is on the music faculty at Texas Lutheran College.

Carol's compositions include works for concert band, marching band, orchestra and chamber groups alike. Her concert works have been performed at state educators conferences across the country, including The Midwest Clinic. Her compositions are currently on several state prescribed music lists, and that number is growing. Her concert works have been selected to the JW Pepper Editor's Choice List and Bandworld Top 100, and she was recently named the winner of the WBDI Composition Competition.

Carol's marching band arrangements and orchestrations are frequently performed at BOA competitions throughout the country, including BOA Grand Nationals Finals Championships.

Carol is a graduate of Texas Tech University (Music Education) and Northwestern University (Trumpet performance) and is a former band director and private teacher in the San Antonio area.

To learn more about Carol and her music, visit her website at www.aspenwoodmusic.com.

The International Chapter will contribute \$1,000, and state chapters may contribute \$200 and will be listed on the cover. Individual contributions and commemorations of \$100 may also be made. Chapters should contact International Executive Secretary David Lambert regarding contributions.

Phi Beta Mu Newsletter is published 3 times annually.

February 1 (Submission Deadline January 15)

July 1 (Submission Deadline June 15)

October 1 (Submission Deadline September 15)

We welcome your input, feedback, and especially articles (originals or re-prints).

Teaching Tips and Educational Articles— jbearden66@gmail.com

Chapter Reports and other News— mlmorse@olemiss.edu

Phi Beta Mu International Calendar

- 10 days after your chapter meeting: Annual Business Report Due to the International Secretary
- April 30: Deadline for Nomination for the Earl D. Irons Program of Distinction Award
- June 1: Application for Irons Award due (uploaded to the Dropbox)
- June 1: Deadline for Chapter Nominations to the Irons Award Evaluation Committee
- June 30: Annual Per Capita Report Due to the International Secretary
- October 31: Nominations Due for International Board Positions
- November 1: Recipients of the Irons Award are notified.
- *Mid-November: Polls open for voting on International Board Positions*
- November 30, midnight PST: Polls close on voting.
- December 1: Election results announced
- December 19, 2022: International Board Meeting at Midwest Clinic
- December 20, 2022: International General Assembly & Awards Breakfast at Midwest Clinic

Special thanks to Keith Rudolph for compiling this list!

Midwest Clinic

**Our Annual General Assembly and Business Meetings will be conducted
at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic
Chicago, IL December 19-22 (Monday– Thursday), 2022**

International Board meets Monday (Time TBA) , December 19

Chicago Hilton and Towers

Combined General Assembly and Awards Breakfast General Assembly

(Time TBA) Tuesday, December 20

Reservations will be required for the breakfast - dlambert55@comcast.net

Chicago Hilton and Towers

www.midwestclinic.org

PBM EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROJECT ~ PODCASTS TO EXPLORE !

The International Board created the project at Midwest Band & Orchestra Clinic and this is the tenth series of articles. We would like to offer a new category for you to explore - **PODCASTS!** We encourage you to give a listen to the many offerings out there and gain from the knowledge of others. Remember, all articles will remain on the PBM International website as a resource for directors, so please share and consult the previous submissions under the EO tab at phibetamu.org.



June Bearden (Alpha/TX)

Podcast - From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia - A **podcast** is an *episodic series of digital audio files* that a user can *download* to a personal device for easy listening. Streaming applications and podcasting services provide a convenient and integrated way to manage a personal consumption queue across many podcast sources and playback devices. A podcast series usually features one or more recurring hosts engaged in a discussion about a particular topic or current event. Discussion and content within a podcast can range from carefully scripted to completely improvised.



Everything Band Podcast with Mark Connor everythingbandpodcast.com

Conversations with teachers, composers, and performers of music for winds and percussion.



Not Your Forte <https://www.ericinkler-musiceducation.com/notyourforte>

Not Your Forte is a music education podcast to help students and teachers survive and thrive in music education. Hosted by Eric Tinkler a fifth year music education student at Kansas State University and Dr. Payne, the Music Education Chair at K-State, Not Your Forte covers all aspects of music education, and has featured a multitude of guests.



The Global Bandroom with Keith Kelly globalbandroom.com

A podcast that brings you stories, news, and great guests from across the world of Wind, Brass, and Marching Band. Hosted by Keith Kelly, a band director and musician from the west coast of Ireland. Each episode he sits down with band musicians and directors from across the world to talk about their stories, their bands, the lessons they've been given, the lessons that they give, and how they're making an impact on their bands and communities.

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PODCASTS TO EXPLORE! — CONTINUED



After Hours: Conversations for Music Educators

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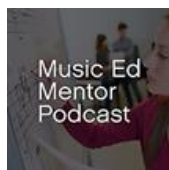
After Hours: Conversations for Music Educators is a music education podcast from Amro Music Stores, Inc. Our After Hours podcast host, Nick Averwater, facilitates engaging conversations each week with band directors, private music teachers, general music educators, orchestra directors, and other music industry professionals just like you. Each podcast guest shares practical advice on things like classroom management in your band program, placing beginners on instruments, band and orchestra recruitment strategies, band boosters, fundraising, and more.



Talking Up Music Education

nammfoundation.podomatic.com

Talking Up Music Education is a podcast from The NAMM Foundation hosted by Mary Luehrsen that celebrates music learning through conversations with artists, teachers and students, music business professionals, and thought leaders who are passionate about music education.



The Music Ed Mentor Podcast

musicedmentor.com/listen

The Music Ed Mentor Podcast, hosted by Elisa Jones, is a podcast about the challenges and solutions that music teachers encounter in their every day lives. Episodes feature a variety of guest educators who offer tips to fellow teachers.



The Bandmasters Podcast

thebandmasters.com/podcast

Band and music education professional development on-the-go! The Bandmasters Podcast highlights some of the top teachers in the world of music education. Listen to interviews, tips, and techniques from some of the top educators in the band field.



The Score

podthescore.buzzsprout.com

An Urban Music Education Podcast hosted by Eric and Justin. They provide tips and strategies through honest discussions about their experience teaching music in an Urban setting. The goal is to provide a positive and solution-based narrative to create more effective, compassionate and culturally relevant music educators.

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PODCASTS TO EXPLORE! — CONTINUED

After Sectionals (all things band)

aftersectionals.com



Band... all things band. The podcast recorded when topics are fresh on our mind, usually after sectionals. These three Texas band directors talk about band openly and candidly... what works, what doesn't, and everything in between. Some episodes are taken directly from class rehearsals while others are an invitation talk shop (and smack) with us in the office after sectionals.



The Music Ed Podcast

themusicedpodcast.libsyn.com/webpage/2022/01

A variety of band/music ed topics.



Directors Circle with Doug Conrad

directorscircle.libsyn.com

A podcast featuring insight from music educators and school leaders discussing their philosophies on the administrative leadership of a comprehensive music program.



Crossing the Break

crossingthebreak.com

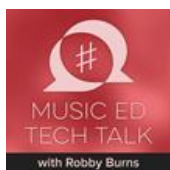
Beginning/intermediate clarinet pedagogy. Providing resources to help your beginning and intermediate level clarinetists.



Beyond the Clef

beyondtheclef.com

Presented by Director's Choice and hosted by David Biel, Beyond the Clef is a podcast offering inspiring and educational resources to music educators so you can go further with your music programs. This podcast is for any music educator that wants to advance their program and have a sense of community with their fellow music educators.



Music Ed Tech Talk

<http://www.robyburns.com/robyburnsandfriends>

Music Ed Tech Talk is a podcast exploring music, education, technology, and the intersections between them.

CHAPTER NEWS

Rho Chapter (AL) NEWS - Clifford (Ski) Winter

The business meeting for Rho Chapter was held this year during the January Alabama Music Educators Conference. The business meeting had been held at the April All-State Band Festival since the inception of the Chapter in 1960. The AMEA Conference, however, is better attended than the All-State Festival so it seemed reasonable to make this change.

The Meeting which held on January 21st had in attendance 71 members along with 2 Honorary Members and 15 guests.

Rho Chapter pinned 7 new members: Heather Palmer, Marc McLendon, Belinda Wright, Missy Lindley, Clay Sloan, Gena Inglis Nix and Kevin Ownby. Two of the candidates were not able to attend due to Covid 19. A Zoom connection was made and the pin and certificate were awarded.

Two Guests were introduced- Craig Aarhus, Associate Director of Bands at Mississippi State University and two past members who have moved out of state, Becky Rogers and Johnny Folsom.

Awards handed out were Outstanding Band Director Award which went to Chris Cooper, Director of The Homewood High School Band. The Homewood Band was the lead band at the 2022 Tournament of Roses Parade. The Outstanding Young Band Director Award went to Michael Chambless of Thompson Middle School. Mr. Chambless' performed this year at the AMEA Conference. Curtis Burtram was announced as our newest Phi Beta Mu Rho Chapter, inductee to the Alabama Bandmasters Hall of Fame. Congratulations to all of these fine music educators.

News from the Secretary was that the membership can now pay dues or luncheon money through Venmo. The Secretary was encouraged to try this method for busy directors and it was well accepted. The financial report and minutes from the last meeting were accepted and voted on by the membership.

Mr. Gene Inglis has served as President of Rho Chapter for 3 years. This extra year was added due to the one year of inactivity during Covid 19. Gene was awarded the Past Presidents pin and a beautiful wooden baton case made by the Secretary Treasurer. The inscription read : "For Outstanding Service to Rho Chapter as President of Rho Chapter."

The new officers were presented and elected by unanimous vote: Vice President/President Elect -Miss Kim Bain; Secretary Dr. Clifford "Ski" Winter who had taken over from Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus Glenn Spiller.

After the meeting concluded, it was announced that Dr. Clifford "Ski" Winter was to be inducted into the Alabama Music Educators Hall of Fame that evening at the AMEA Awards meeting Friday night at 7pm.

**Rho Member Dr.
Clifford (Ski) Win-
ter 2022 AMEA Hall
of Fame Member!**

(Photos by Rho Mem-
ber Robert W. Smith)



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

- Xi (Illinois) member Roosevelt Griffin was recently awarded the John LaPorta Jazz Educator of the Year Award.
- Mu (Ohio) member Nancy Ditmer has been called into service at Ashland University to help out a director serving a medical deployment with the Ohio National Guard.
- Rho (Alabama) Chapter President Dr. Rusty Courson was given the honor of having the band room at Smith Station High School named after him.
- The Hebron High School Band, led by Alpha (Texas) member Andy Sealy, recently received recognition by the city of Frisco for its extraordinary achievements this school year!
- Congratulations to Rho (Alabama) member Clifford (Ski) Winter for being selected to the Alabama Music Education Association Hall of Fame!
- The Ole Miss Marching Band, led by Delta (Mississippi) member Randy Dale, is coming closer to a long overdue practice facility upgrade.
- Lambda Zeta (Oregon) member Noelle Freshner just concluded a big performance at OMEA with her St. Helens HS Wind Ensemble.
- Kappa Theta (Minnesota) member Leon Sieve was able to share a special gift of a t-shirt with his Rosemount High School Students recently. (Spoiler Alert: Rose Parade!!)
- Rho (Alabama) member Rusty Courson is organizing a community band in Smith's Station, a community between Auburn, AL and Columbus, GA.
- Rho (Alabama) member Ken Ozello will have his Miliion Dollar Band on one of the biggest stages in America tonight!
- The Tennessee State University marching band was featured internationally in the Tournament of Roses Parade. Eta (Tennessee) member Dr. Reginald McDonald is the director.
- Zeta (Georgia) member Myra King Rhoden received not one, but TWO major awards at the Midwest Clinic last month!
- Sigma (South Dakota) member Kevin Kessler conducts Northwest Iowa Honor Band.
- Psi (Kentucky) member Brian Froedge recently concluded his teaching career with a performance with the North Hardin band at the Midwest Clinic!
- The Tyler Junior College Wind Ensemble, directed by Alpha (Texas) member Jeremy Strickland will be the FIRST junior college band to perform at the Texas Music Educators Association convention.
- The Pride of Oklahoma, led by Beta member Brian Britt, stepped up to help a snow-bound and stranded band of Ducks headed south.
- A very generous gift by two local citizens is leading the way to giving Iota (Kansas) member Frank Tracz a special honor!
- More "back story" about Frank Tracz and new Kansas State Band facility.
- Great article about International Honorary member Max McKee!
- The Sudler Trophy is being awarded to the Jacksonville State University Marching Band under the leadership of Rho (Alabama) member Ken Bodiford!

EVEN *MORE* MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

- Omicron (Arkansas) member Rusty Hart found an unusual opportunity to get his Cabot Band on stage at Carnegie Hall!
- Sigma (South Dakota) member Rolf Olson brought over 100 musicians from 28 schools in the Aberdeen area together to "reboot" an annual honor band.
- Alpha Gamma (North Dakota) member James Popejoy brought a traditional live concert of holiday favorites back to the University of North Dakota campus.
- Nu (Pennsylvania) member Ned Deihl continues to support the Blue Band endowments set up by former students.
- Rho (Alabama) member Ken Ozello will be moving the University of Alabama Million Dollar Band down the streets of NYC this morning as part of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.
- Somerville ISD had a special celebration at halftime to recognize Alpha (Texas) member Carl Idlebird for his four decades of service to the children of the Brazos Valley.
- Tau (West Virginia) member J.P. Lynch has an interesting hobby that really keeps him busy around this time each year!
- Tau (West Virginia) Chapter collaborates with the West Virginia Band Directors Association to create a valuable professional development activity for current teachers, as well as setting future band directors up for success.
- Beta (Oklahoma) member Joseph Missal named to Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame.
- The new President of the Kansas Bandmasters Association is Iota member Frank Perez.
- A tremendous honor has been bestowed on Alpha (Texas) member Jose Antonio Diaz. We are fortunate to have members that set such high standards in their teaching, but also serve those in need.
- Sigma (South Dakota) member Kevin Kessler and the Pride of the Dakotas will be able to continue an indoor concert tradition that provides fun for fans and also helps the community!
- Eta (Tennessee) member Don Ryder has decided to step down from "Rocky Top", but not before achieving service awards for all of his students and a top flight place to rehearse!
- Alpha Gamma (North Dakota) member Sigurd Johnson is stepping back from the "Saturday Night Lights", but will continue teaching and supporting the Gold Star Band. He also recently celebrated another significant life anniversary!
- Xi Chapter (Illinois) member Matthew Bufis has his Evanston Township band in Grand Champion form...for the fourth consecutive year!
- Delta (Mississippi) Chapter member Jamie Young was recently recognized by her school board for receiving a national honor!
- Sigma (South Dakota) member Todd Carr is reviving the Mount Marty University Community Band. It had been functioning for over 50 years until the pandemic.
- Psi (Kentucky) member Amy Acklin will have a very special (and courageous) helper at halftime tomorrow with the University of Louisville Cardinal Band.
- Rho (Alabama) Member Lori Hart recently guided her Wicksburg band to a historic performance!
- Sigma (South Dakota) member Daniel Carlson is taking his Lincoln High School Band to some new heights after a long hiatus.

AND EVEN *MORE* MEMBERS IN THE NEWS!

- Rho (Alabama) member Robert W. Smith has started a foundation to help underserved students get a shot at beginning instruction in music. Serving as Vice-President is Zeta (Georgia) member Alfred Watkins.
- Nu (Pennsylvania) member R Tad Greig will have the Westminster College Wind Ensemble performing as a showcase ensemble at an important regional event in February!
- Kappa (Colorado) member Chad Lemons is preparing some special needs performers for a very big public performance.
- The University of Memphis honors late Eta (Tennessee) and Psi (Kentucky) member Joe Sills.
- Gamma (Indiana) member Janis M Stockhouse will be helping students from small schools have big musical experience on November 2nd!
- Omega (Florida) member Eddie Steadman elected to Copenhag-Lincoln Community College Hall of Fame!
- We all face challenges, but thankfully most are not like what Phi (New Mexico) Chapter member Ty Frederick dealt with this weekend! This is a great story of how the band community stepped up to help his Las Cruces students.
- The Naples, Florida Concert Band is celebrating a half-century of musical and philanthropic service. It is conducted by Nu (Pennsylvania) Past-President Harris Lanzel.
- Theta (South Carolina) member Tom Finigan has his Colleton County students firing on all cylinders!
- Congratulations to Alpha Gamma member Evan Meiers, Minot High School band director, who is the 2021 recipient of the Minot State University (ND) Young Alumni Achievement Award.
- Alpha Theta (Nebraska) member Chad Scharff Named Teacher of the Week.

2021 ELECTION RESULTS: CONGRATULATIONS!



Keith Randolph—President-Elect —Mr. Rudolph retired after 38 years as band director at Penn High School in Mishawaka, IN. A graduate of Butler University, Mr. Rudolph served as graduate assistant for the Butler Bands in addition to a stint as Assistant Director and Staff Arranger for the University of South Carolina Bands. During two terms on the International Board of Directors, Rudolph has held the portfolio for Public Relations and Outstanding Bandmaster in addition to taking on several special projects.



Lois Wiggins— Board Member— Ms. Wiggins is a retired Band Director, taught for 33 years in Kentucky, Tennessee and Indiana. Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Austin Peay State University, Master of Music Education from the University of Georgia, and Rank I in Secondary Education from Western Kentucky University. "I am so very happy to return to the Board and look forward to serving Phi Beta Mu, an organization that I love! I look forward to future work with my friends and colleagues in advancing the values and principles of our Fraternity."



June Bearden—Reelected Board Member— Mrs. June Bearden has recently retired from Frenship Middle School in Wolfforth, Texas where she served as the director of bands for 21 years. Her professional affiliations include Phi Beta Mu where she currently serves on the International Board of Directors, and is chair of the Educational Outreach project as well as serving on the Young Bandmaster Committee for the Alpha chapter in Texas. Mrs. Bearden has been a clinician at TMEA, TBA & a chat room host at Midwest conventions. She is an active adjudicator, clinician and consultant.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PHOTOS



Special Thanks to Dr. Robert Cesario and June Bearden for the photos!

Deadline for July Issue is June 15!

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