CBAA Council Minutes - Saturday, June 15, 2019

Call to order: 10:17am by VP Lizz Campos

Announcement: Nitzya has resigned from being our CBAA President. Lizz Campos, VP, is now our President per the bylaws. We will need to appoint a new Vice President. It’s unclear now, looking quickly at the bylaws, how long Lizz’s new presidency lasts. It is at least 1 year through June 2020. We are looking for a VP for one year through June 2020, and possibly through June 2022. We have a Bylaws Committee made up of Tara Castro, Jason Clark, and Dorothy Proudfoot. They will look at this part in the bylaws and try to propose some changes to clear this up.

Motion: President Lizz Campos appoints Erin Proudfoot as Secretary and Ashley Whittaker as Treasurer. Rick moves to accept these appointments and Jerry Taylor seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Introductions:

CBAA Council Attendees: Lizz Campos (alto ’07, President), Ashley Whittaker (piccolo ’09, Treasurer), Erin Proudfoot (clarinet ’92, DM ’95, Secretary), Tara Castro (clarinet ’05, Communications), Dorothy Proudfoot (baritone ’92), Andy LaBatt (tenor ’90, StuD ’93), Jerry Taylor (glock ’66), Juliette Bettencourt (clarinet ’76), Pete Alvarez (trombone ’71), Colin Downs-Razouk (alto ’05), Doug Roberts (percussion ’74) Andrew Capule (trumpet ’95), Rick Flier (trumpet ’63), Harpo Bjork (bass ’87), Jason Clark (trumpet ’99), Alec Stewart - via google hangouts (trumpet ’01, Performance), Ezequiel Ramos (tenor ’16, SM ’19)

Other Attendees: Jameson Davis (baritone ’13), Sam Aguilar (current DM ’19)

Announcement: We would like to honor 2 of our band alums who have recently passed away: Jerry Drennan (clarinet in the ’50s) and Dan Cheatham, DM ’57. Jerry marched in many Alumni Band Days and we applaud his participation. Dan was with family and friends when he passed. Dan has been around the band since his days of being a water boy then played drums in the Cal Band and was a fantastic twirler as a Drum Major. He dedicated much of his life to the Cal Band and Alumni Band with CBAA, photography, oral histories, and so much more. Phil Litts is working on his memorial, most likely to be held in late August or early September, hopefully in Berkeley. The Cal Band and Alumni Band will be asked to play.

Approval of February 23, 2019 Minutes: Rick Flier moved and Jerry Taylor seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

College Band Directors Alumni Band Symposium (Ashley)

Thank you to Ashley for attending! CAA paid for part of her trip. She attended with Matt Sadowski, Cal Band director. There were about 30 representatives from other alumni bands. It
was a 2-day conference where she learned a lot from other bands and how bands do things differently. One alumni band marches 800 on their alumni band day and has year-round activities. Some alumni band organizations are the main fundraisers for their bands.

National Association of Alumni Bands (NAAB) is a newish organization of which Ashley is now a member and in charge of recruiting other Pac-12 alumni bands.

Random ideas: It would be nice to do more family-friendly activities at Alumni Band Day beyond kids holding the banner. It would be nice to have a social media committee where different people could take each quarter so content is continually updated without overloading one person.

We discussed how we can generally be more involved and have more performances. For decades, the alumni band used to play as the opposing band, but that’s not a reality now because of the decreased playing time during the game for the Cal Band and the interaction with Athletics. There also aren’t a lot of gigs out there for large marching bands, and this would also require a dedicated volunteer to organize gigs.

**Career Networking Event (Sam, current DM)**

They talked about resumes, alumni members talked about their professional experiences, then some mingling and networking. 30 band members and 10 alumni members in attendance.

Lizz talked about The Berkeley Network through CAA, a great way to connect. She will see if affinity groups can somehow connect with each other through the network.

**Tellefsen Hall** - no one here to report.

**Cal Band Report (EZ and Sam)**

**FTP in Santa Cruz, August 17-20 before GBO (Golden Bear Orientation). NorCal Party on November 2, 2019**, looking at a different location- maybe in Hearst Mining or Haas Pavilion - working with Event Services. They have University Club reserved as a back-up. **The full-band away game will be at the University of Oregon.** They are not doing a full band to UCLA this year because it’s on Thanksgiving Weekend. Ole Miss game is a Straw Hat Band. They are also going to UDub and UCLA as Straw Hat. **Looking at creating new uniforms.** They have some design ideas which the Cal Band has given feedback on, and have a committee of band members from every year. They will show us some ideas after the meeting.

Alumni Band Day: An email announcement just went out. We are encouraging any non-marchers to stand on the sidelines with us and playing during halftime. The show will be 80’s medley (“Jump” by Van Halen, “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun” by Cyndi Lauper, “Rio” by Duran Duran, “I Wanna Dance” by Whitney Houston) and will be a lot easier marching-wise compared to last year.
Performance Committee (Alec)

Past performance: Alumni Band/Cal Band joint performance at Cal vs. Oregon baseball game. We had 15 alumni and 20 current bandsmen, traded off conducting. Did post-game reception at Pappy’s where CBAA provided food for everyone. Really great and fun event.

4th of July Parade: Jerry Taylor regaled us with wonderful history about the Golden Spike and a proposal for our theme this year which includes a railroad, hammer, and golden spikes to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad.

“Dorothy Proudfoot Porta Potty” - Dorothy will donate funds toward renting a porta-potty outside of Jerry’s house for band use to relieve Jerry’s house.

Lunches: It continues to be an issue to get food in a timely manner. Jerry and Alec will talk offline about how to improve this. The open green area where we normally play after is under construction, so there’s some other logistical items to work out as well.

AIDS Walk, Sunday, July 14 in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco: Last year’s student director, Kat Pittman, will lead this performance. Alec is not able to attend. We don’t have the full details, but we guess it will the same as in past years - meet around 9:30am with lots of playing. Lizz will go and be the alumni point person.

Young Alumni Weekend at the Lair of the Bear: August 23-25 in Pinecrest. Lots of fun with a 20% discount for the performances which includes lodging, food, activities. $140 per person.

Alumni Band Day, Saturday, Sept. 14 vs. North Texas - Alec
Matt Sadowski is an enthusiastic partner with us for Alumni Band Day. This presents us with a unique opportunity to do things differently. Ex-Comm, Performance Committee, Briana, and Alec have all been talking with the Cal Band with the purpose of young alumni involvement in Alumni Band Day.

Alec has secured an anonymous donor for $5,000 to purchase new alumni band shirts for this year for alumni band day participants, finally getting us over the hump of the discussion of a new alumni band shirt. The current white polo shirt is a sticking point for young alumni participation, so we feel this is the year to make this change. The shirt would be blue, probably with gold lettering.

Working with Ross Greer and David Strachan-Olson to talk with young alumni from the past 5 years to really ask why they do or do not participate and what would encourage them to participate.

Show: Alumni Band starting in South Endzone, march in 64 with a Cal song, and then the joint show.
Garden State Bowl 1979 40th Anniversary - delegate to Performance Committee to see how we should honor this, maybe show the show during the post-game reception. Yes, we have Alumni House for the reception!

Ashley would like to propose an Alumni Band Day Working Group as a part of the Performance Committee. Alec said this would be different than what has happened previously under the Performance Committee - it would be all-inclusive of all logistics together in one committee. Tara volunteered for the committee and would lead the logistical spreadsheet. First meeting is next Sunday, June 23. Alec will lead this ad hoc committee.

**Motion:** Empower Ex-Comm to design and purchase an Alumni Band Day shirt using up to $5,000 from an anonymous donor for use at Alumni Band Day 2019. Moved by Matt Bjork, seconded by Rick Flier. *Motion passes unanimously.*

Discussion: In order to make sure we have enough shirts in the right sizes, we would like to offer these new shirts for free for the first 200 people who pre-register for Alumni Band Day 2019. To be clear, this is for Cal Band alumni participants and volunteers, not for spouses or family members.

**Election Results - CBAA Council with term ending 2022** (Erin)

This year we used Electionbuddy.com and sent to 350 sustaining members. We paid $19 for the service (Erin paid and won't get reimbursed). Over 350 people, the price jumps to $89, so we pulled the council members out from electionbuddy.com and did a separate google form for them.

26.7% of our sustaining membership voted for the below council members, which is well over the 10% required:

1. David Strachan-Olson
2. Jameson Davis
3. Brian Feetham
4. Gerri Rosen Park
5. Erin Proudfoot
6. Dorothy Proudfoot
7. Andy LaBatt
8. Chris Martinez
9. Douglas Roberts
10. Phillip Parent

These results need to be ratified by the council. Rick Flier moves, Matt Bjork seconds. *Motion passes with 1 abstention.*
Juliette disagreed with the way this two-tier system of voting where electionbuddy.com was used for 350 people and the council used a separate google form system. She doesn’t oppose the slate. In the future, we will use electionbuddy for everyone, no matter the cost.

**Merchandise**
We recently purchased hats so we are set on that.

**University Relations Committee** - no report

**Communications (Tara)**
She had a list of possible articles for the NTE, hoping councilmembers would volunteer to write some of these. We don’t have a deadline right now. We have 3 obituaries, Dan Cheatham (Juliette will ask Jamie Rawson and they will write together), Jerry Drennan (Juliette will write), and Ed Hazarabedian (Jerry Taylor will write). Maybe we will include Ernest Lee, another band member who passed. Ashley will write an article about the Alumni Band conference.

**Archiving & History (Lizz)**
Kiran couldn’t be here today; he wrote an email that Lizz will forward to the council. He urged the PRD to continue to digitize photos. Kiran could use more help in this area.

**Membership & Finance (Ashley)**
Nothing new to report.

Erin reported that the mixer “guts” in our current PA speakers is dead. We could either buy a new mixer for around $400 that connects with the current speakers, which would provide the same quality of sound, but would an extra piece to carry around and a little janky; or could buy a new PA system similar to what we currently have for around $700 which would be all one unit.

**Motion**: CBAA approves up to $1000 to use towards the purchase a new set of PA speakers. Erin moves, Dorothy seconds. *Motion passes unanimously.*

Mark Proudfoot will make the purchase and the speakers will continue to be stored at Erin/Mark Proudfoot’s house in Oakland.

**Next Meeting** - Saturday, August 10 at 10am. We hope that either Andy or Dorothy will host at their home in Alameda. This is TAOP/DAOP weekend for the Cal Band, so we could use BRH if needed.

**Adjourned at 12:22pm in honor of Dan Cheatham** and his many years of service to the Cal Band and Cal Band Alumni Association.