

From the Board

Cody E. Myers, 2008-09 TBA Immediate Past President

Hello Texas Bandmasters!

I hope your school year is off to a great start, and your bands are coming along nicely. What a great time of year. Enthusiasm is high, as are expectations. Remember that the band experience is still fresh and new to our students regardless of the number of years we have seen flash by.

The recent TBA Convention was a huge success. I am awed and proud that so many of our profession attend the outstanding clinics offered in order to learn from colleagues. In fact, just one clinic time saw over 800 directors attending one of four offerings. Bravo! The exhibits were world class. Directors could find just about anything they needed related to band directing. Just as important is the networking and important contacts which were made through the TBA exhibits.

The concerts were simply amazing. I especially appreciate those performing bands that traveled at personal expense for our listening enjoyment. Every concert was a delight.

I am appreciative to everyone who had a part in presenting the TBA Show for 2008. Each member of the Board of Directors had their stamp somewhere in the convention. The encouragement



offered by many past presidents was so meaningful. I appreciate their vision which has resulted in the association we enjoy today. My personal and sincere thanks to the TBA office staff for a great job. Al and Jan Sturchio, Mike Brashear, Alfred Esquivel, Robin Tovar and John Gates all deserve a very big “pat on the

back” for a job well done.

TBA is in very capable hands with Gary Robbins as President. During the years I have spent with Gary on the board, I have come to know him as a deliberate and thorough thinker. He is a person of wisdom and great integrity. He and Joan

will prove to be steady and thoughtful leaders of TBA.

Starrla and I could never adequately thank everyone who has made our TBA comet ride so wonderful and fulfilling. It has been an honor to serve Texas Bandmasters and we eagerly look forward to our remaining months with the board of directors.

I hope each of you will accept the challenge to encourage outstanding students to become band directors. We need fine young teachers to carry the torch for Texas future band students.

God Bless. Have a super year!

Your Friend and Colleague,
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