

From the Board

Bruce Beach, 2009-10 TBA Sergeant at Arms

It is with great honor and humility that I accept the nomination to serve on the Board of Directors for Texas Bandmasters Association. What an awesome responsibility to represent the band directors, students and parents of the state of Texas. It is not a task I take lightly, but one that I will embrace with diligence and integrity.

Having grown up in Arizona, I became a Texas band director because of a laundry list of great people who influenced my teaching career. James Keene, who was at the University of Arizona at the time, helped me to get hired in El Paso.

One of the first things he told me was to get to know the teachers. Great teachers like Rick and Barbara Lambrecht, Al Mendez, Dan Black, Kenny Capshaw, Jimmy Olivas, Fine Arts Director Joe Booth, John Faroane, Joe Dove, Arturo Gerardo, Joe Jacobo, Ron Hufstader and John Bailey. Because of these and many others, I have had the great fortune to teach in El Paso for 25 years. Thank you all for your help and advice over the years.

My biggest advisor and cheerleader has always been my wife, Alma. She is a very successful band director in her own right.



Many of the same people have influenced her 22 years of teaching music. As she joins the Spouses Board, she is excited to be able to bring a different perspective to that group. We are not sure, but we think she is the first band director on the Spouses Board.

I think about the people that I have represented in El Paso as Region Band Chairman. What a wonderful bunch to work with. They all embody the Texas band spirit and teach for the right reasons. And of course, a big thank you to my colleagues and students at Franklin High School. You make me strive to be a better teacher. Thank you for allowing me to work with you every day. Lastly, I would like to thank the Lord Jesus for his grace, patience, guidance and wisdom. I am not sure where I would be without Him; and I would rather not think about it!

As I close, I welcome the opportunity to work with President Merrill and the other board members. They are all outstanding people ready and willing to serve the band directors of this great state. If we can do anything for you, just let us know. Have a great year!

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