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From the Board

Don T. Haynes, Jr., 2010-11 TBA President

My friend and colleague Brian Merrill, one of the most insightful and joyful music educators in Texas, led the 2010 TBA Convention/Clinic to a resounding success. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I congratulate Brian and Nancy for their marvelous leadership as TBA presidents this past year. A very special salute to our executive director Mike Brashear and our amazing office team: Robin Tovar, Alfred Esquivel, and Justin Young for their superb performance. I am thrilled to begin my presidency with this great team of experts at my side.

Past President Gary Robbins and his wife Joan served TBA for seven years of dedicated service. TBA salutes the Robbins family for a job well done. I am very excited to welcome Steven and Monica Moore of Lindale, Texas to the TBA Board. I look forward to working very closely with the Moores as well as the other board members.

The clinicians at the 2010 Convention/Clinic shared a wealth of information that many of you will no doubt put to great use. This is TBA's goal—to bring forward the best teachers, most effective speakers, and knowledgeable vendors in the music industry for you—our membership. Validated by your comments, the TBA team is very proud of the many quality clinics offered throughout the convention. The food, jazz music and fellowship at the Barbeque Dinner and Dance capped off a great convention celebration. A great time was had by all.



To create a very special TBA convention takes involvement on everyone's part. Remember that variety is important to meet the needs of the members. TBA offered clinics for middle school, high school, elementary school and college directors. All areas are our focus—professional, jazz, marching and concert music makers. Our job is to help band directors and the music industry stay well connected. We strive to bring in the very best clinicians, teachers, composers, and performers in the country.

As president, I look forward to working with the TBA team to structure another terrific convention in July 2011. We will throw another fantastic “party” (convention) and you are invited! Without you and your staff the “party” doesn't work. The TBA experience is not the same without you. Share the good word about TBA with current college seniors and young directors you know. Most importantly, visit with those who have not been to a TBA convention in a few years.

This year, we will emphasize reaching out to the young music educators of Texas to participate in next summer's convention. Professional networking starts at TBA. Once the young directors experience TBA, their career is then on a strong pathway to success.

As the school year progresses, our 2011 Convention/Clinic will begin to take shape. Continue to check out the web site (www.texasbandmasters.org) from time to

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time. Remember that you can access handouts from past conventions on the web site.

We are working on a few exciting projects designed to help you with your special needs. For example, the Professional Development Outreach Program sponsored by TBA offers clinics in locations across Texas. See the schedule on page 27 and on our web site. Also, we are creating a short video (YouTube) that explains and demonstrates what we offer at TBA. The video is written with your administrative leaders in mind and will also target our young band directors, showing how TBA will help them develop. This idea came from the Region Reps meeting this past July. If you have additional ideas along these lines, you may contact your Region Rep and he/she will pass it on to a board member.

I close with a resounding “thank you” to Texas band directors! Thank you for the opportunity to give back to the profession we love. My childhood hero—my

father, also a band director—was inducted into the Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame. My other childhood hero—my high school band director Eddie Galvan—is a past president of TBA. To these two great men and others who helped shape my career, I am forever grateful for their inspiration, guidance, and faith in me. They helped me to learn the joy of making music and teaching music to children.

On behalf of your TBA leadership team, best wishes for many special experiences throughout the school year. Through this year-long journey, may you and your students experience the joy of life through music and creating relationships. And remember this, when things get a bit overwhelming (and they will), call a friend, a close colleague, and talk. You should call your mentor, your favorite college professor or maybe a close friend. I say this because you must stay strong for those young ones who look to YOU for daily leadership and inspiration.



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Left to right: Mike Brashear, Bruce Beach, Alfredo Vélez III, Don T. Haynes, Jr., Tom Harrington, Richard Herrera, Steven Moore, Brian Merrill