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# From the Board

## Chico Portillo, 2012-13 TBA Sergeant-at-Arms

Dear friends and colleagues,

I am very honored and excited to have been selected to serve as the new Sergeant-at-Arms on the TBA Board of Directors. I look forward to learning as much as I can from the current board members and am humbled in knowing that I will be following in a tradition of excellence forged by the legendary band directors of the past. I take this responsibility seriously and am eager to do my part in continuing to guide us in a meaningful and educational journey.

In my short time on the board, I can already attest to the fact that Mike Brashear is a wonderful Executive Director of the association! He provides exceptional leadership and vision for our organization. The family feel of the board of directors, which includes spouse membership, is such a comfort to a new board member. My wife Reagan and I are looking forward to working with Mike Brashear, Robin Tovar, Justin Young, the current Board of Directors and the spouses involved with the organization.

As I have transitioned from a band director to a fine arts administrator involved with curriculum and instruction, one of the things I enjoy is providing support and professional learning for the fine arts teachers in our district.



For many of us, the TBA Convention/Clinic has been a large part of our educational lives and has had a positive impact on all of us. Some of the best professional development for band directors occurs during our convention.

I welcome the challenge of assisting the board with providing quality workshops for the years to come.

We are all the products of the people that have influenced and touched our lives. I want to thank all of you who have been

great teachers, mentors, professors, friends, and colleagues over the years. Your support has allowed me to lead a fulfilling life. You continue to inspire me to work harder for you and the students we all serve. I am grateful to all of you!

I hope that your school year is off to a fabulous start. As you lead students throughout the year, please continue to look for all of the good that our profession has to offer them. Consider all the possibilities for your students and those at your school. Strive to make your entire school the best it can be. Lastly, remember that there are many systems in place to help if you find yourself struggling. Our membership is full of teachers willing to help. Have a great year!