

From the Board

Steven Moore, 2012-13 TBA Treasurer

Greetings to all from the TBA Board. Happy Holidays!

By the time you read this article, my high school colleagues will have made the transition from marching band to concert band with many of you having enjoyed the “Second Season”—playoff games.

To all, I hope you had a rewarding marching season and that you were able to meet the goals you set for your program and your students at the beginning of the year. Remember that the process and progress are just as important as ratings and awards.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the bands that performed at both the NAMMB Marching Contest on November 3rd and the UIL State Marching Contest. What a fine display of everything that is right about education in Texas. The level at which these bands performed displayed the exemplary talent and dedication of both students and directors all across the state as well as showcasing the diversity of style that exists not only between corps style and military style marching but the diversity that is evident among the corps style itself. Again, congratulations to all. (See page 10 for a list of NAMMB Marching Contest winners and page 32 for the school bands who participated in the 2012 UIL State Marching Band Contest.)

Now we enter that time of year of Christmas Concerts, All Region Tryouts, All Region Concerts, Area Tryouts, and Solo and Ensemble competition. It is easy to go into “hibernation” in the band hall working with students on all these activities. Let me



encourage you to be visible in your community during this time. Not only with your annual Christmas or Winter Concert but by going out into your community and performing at the mall, elementary schools, community events or nursing homes. During marching season the band is out in the public eye every week for

ten weeks or more. Let’s work to keep the band visible to our community and to our administrators. Some examples of things we do in Lindale are concerts at the elementary schools, playing at the local Christmas tree lighting, creating our own “Tuba Christmas” group and performing both locally and in Dallas. During February, we have a Solo and Ensemble Concert to display the work

our students do during the first part of the second semester. Many times we will couple that event with a dinner or something as simple as coffee and dessert. There are so many ways to give back to the community and promote your kids and programs. Remember that out of sight is out of mind.

The TBA Board has been working hard to put together a great summer convention for you in 2013. Let me remind everyone of the new dates for TBA. The new dates are July 21-24, 2013. Let me encourage you to go ahead and put this on your calendar and make plans to attend. We have events for directors, spouses, and the whole family. Also don’t forget about our Student Day, TBA Academy, and Booster Workshops. TBA has something for everyone.

In closing, let me wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a productive spring semester. See you at the TBA Convention/Clinic in July!