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# From the Board

## Steven Moore, 2014-15 TBA President Elect

Well it's December and that means football playoffs, All Region tryouts, Christmas parades, Christmas concerts and the end of the third six weeks. I get tired just typing all of this. Don't you just love that question that you get from people, "What are you gonna do now that marching season is over?" As we all know, we are just getting started when we put the Sousaphones away.

I hope that your fall semester was rewarding and that you were able to accomplish the goals you set before you began. I was able to attend the State Marching Contest this year and would like to congratulate all who participated. It was an amazing exhibition of the quality of music education that exists in the great state of Texas. Every group in attendance was full of talented, hard-working students and teachers who were committed to doing their best and it showed in their performances on the field. That was also evident all over the state at Area and Region Marching Contests and the numerous other contests held throughout October. So as you wind down and evaluate your marching season, be sure to look at more than how you did at contest or where you placed at Area or State. Ask yourself: did we get better? Did we get close to or even reach our potential? Did we enjoy the process as much as the product? Remember that there are many ways to measure success; be sure to look for them and use them to build your program.



As I mentioned earlier, it's December and the year sure is flying by. Before you know it, the school year will be over and the TBA Convention/Clinic will be here. President Bruce Beach, the TBA Board, and TBA staff are hard at work to bring you an outstanding convention this coming summer. Make your plans to attend and be sure to bring your family. The dates are Thursday-Sunday, July 23-26 and I hope to see you there.

This past summer at the convention, I was headed to an 8:00 a.m. clinic on Wednesday morning (the last day of the convention) and was following a crowd of people headed to do the same. I thought, "Wow, how great it is that our band directors are up and headed to 8:00 a.m. clinics on the last day of convention." As I continued walking, I began to notice that many of our clinicians who had presented earlier in the convention were on their way to **ATTEND CLINICS**. I thought that this is why Texas has the greatest band programs. We have educators committed to developing and improving their craft each and every day.

As I close this article, I hope that your concerts and performances are a fitting end to your semester. Be sure to enjoy the upcoming holidays and take time to relax with family and friends. God Bless and Merry Christmas to all!