

From the Board

Roland Sandoval, 2015-16 TBA Sergeant-at-Arms

The summer of 2015 served as another season of tradition for my family. Amongst the traditional trip to Port Aransas, Sea World journeys and Texas BBQ road trips we have always included our days at the Texas Bandmasters Association Convention/Clinic as a special part of our summer. In my career as a Texas band director and San Antonian it meant a “staycation” at a local downtown hotel for the family. I headed to clinics, concerts and exhibits and my family would join me for the TBA BBQ. My family experience at the TBA BBQ included the old Lone Star Brewery, La Villita, clowns juggling, balloon making, a little dancing and now the boat rides along the San Antonio Riverwalk. TBA means family and tradition. TBA is professional growth and development. It was such a great honor when my family learned we would join the Board of Directors for the Texas Bandmasters Association.

We are all a part of a tradition with the Texas Bandmasters Association that has a legacy entering its 69th year. Through those years the concert halls, exhibit floors and clinic rooms have included master teachers, world class performances, legendary conductors and products that have changed the world of music as we know it. That is just one level of my music education through TBA. We all can't forget the

visits with our peers on the exhibit floor, at lunches and in hotel lobbies getting answers to change our bands and student's lives for the better. TBA is a collaboration so unique in the education system. We now get to see incredible demonstration groups with kids just like ours. We also continue to see and hear traditions started years ago such as the new music reading sessions, presentations by guest composers and hearing from our TBA Bandmaster of the Year.

I join the TBA Board of Directors having served TMEA and TJEA in several capacities. TBA, TMEA and TJEA all have a passion to ensure the music students of Texas have the best music education and an opportunity for teachers to have a resource for continued professional growth and development. Over the years the experiences I've had with so many amazing educational leaders in those respective organizations have led to wonderful opportunities to collaborate with TBA. I join the TBA Board of dedicated directors from throughout the state of Texas with diverse backgrounds and experiences that reaches out to the single C director through the 6A director. Being a Texas band director means we are amongst the best in our nation. TBA has led the way to ensure as a director I have an opportunity every year to



rejuvenate, learn from the best, see students in action, train our student leaders and boosters, welcome our new teachers and honor the master teachers that led the way.

Every day we change lives. As a direct result, we are changing the world. Our students are detail oriented, punctual, responsible, respectful and great citizens. They are engineers, doctors, teachers, chefs, lawyers, artists and musicians that will have an understanding that the art form we taught led them to be great at anything they wanted to achieve. What a great job we have!

My wife Jackie and I look forward to serving the Texas Bandmasters Association Board and Spouses Board. For us, twenty-five years of tradition means we will work hard to ensure those who came before us and those just starting their own journey as a Texas band director will have the same amazing opportunities we have experienced over the years.

I hope you have a fantastic year and thank you again for the opportunity to serve TBA, the band students and band families of Texas.