Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame

Gary Wells - Secretary-Treasurer, Alpha Chapter, Phi Beta Mu

On behalf of the membership of the Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Mu, I cordially invite you to attend this year's Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame ceremony. It will be held on Saturday, July 25, at 2:00 PM at the Marriott Riverwalk Hotel, Salon C.

This year's inductees include Thomas Bennett, Raul A. Gonzalez, Jim Hagood, Reynaldo "Rey" Meza, Jr., Dr. Tom Shine, Dr. James Snowden, Scott Taylor, and Marion West.

Membership in the Hall of Fame originates with nominations received from a variety of sources. There is a standing committee that investigates potential candidates that are received from the general public, music educators and Phi Beta Mu members. Candidates do not have to be a member of Phi Beta Mu to be eligible. Requirements are that the candidate is at least 65 years of age (or deceased) and retired, have taught a minimum of 10 years in the state of Texas, and have produced and maintained a consistently outstanding band program.

You may acquire nomination forms from the Hall of Fame committee chairman, Ben Gollehon, at bengollehon@att.net or contact me, Gary Wells, at gwells2505@aol.com and I will be happy to send you one.

Congratulations to the 2015 Inductees:

Thomas Bennett
Raul A. Gonzalez
Jim Hagood
Reynaldo "Rey" Meza, Jr.
Dr. Tom Shine
Dr. James Snowden
Scott Taylor
Marion West

We feel this is one of the premier events of the TBA Convention/ Clinic. It gives us a chance to recognize the contributions of music educators who have made a difference in the bands of Texas. I invite you to visit the Phi Beta Mu website (which can be accessed on the TMEA web page) to view the biographies of past inductees. This is a wealth of band history. These eminent men and women made our band programs today

possible. You will be inspired by their commitment to excellence and their perseverance in overcoming obstacles.

Phi Beta Mu will be sponsoring two clinics at the TBA convention. Saturday, July 25, from 2:45-3:45 PM "Making the Best Use of Your Warm-up Time at Marching Contest" with clinician Kathy Johnson in Room 214CD and later the same day from 4:00-5:00 PM "Developing Middle School Ensemble Sound: a Multi-Year Guide" with clinician Ryan Johnstone in Room 214AB.

Finally, I invite you to hear the Phi Beta Mu Directors Band ("Windy Symphony") for New Music on Friday, July 24 in Room 217ABC. Barbara Lambrecht will conduct Grade 3 music (10:30-11:00 AM); Richard Lambrecht will conduct Grade 2 music (11:00-11:30 AM); and David Brandon will conduct Grade 1 music (11:30 AM-12:00 PM).

See you in San Antonio!

