

From the Board

Daniel Allen, 2016-17 TBA Sergeant-at-Arms

Let me start by saying how humbled and honored I and my wife, Ruth, are to be asked to serve on the TBA Board of Directors. Having attended the TBA Convention/Clinic for 24 years, I appreciate all that TBA provides to help support band directors in our great state of Texas. When you ask directors about the convention, it is amazing how many different ways TBA positively impacts them. Many use this as a time to “recharge their batteries” and get energized for another school year. From the incredible clinics and performances to the quality time spent in the Exhibit Hall doing business and connecting with our business partners, band directors leave San Antonio ready to share their love for music and to

continue the tradition of excellence that is so evident throughout our state.

One of the most important things that I looked forward to at the TBA convention was connecting with friends and colleagues. Because of the large size of Texas, many of us do not regularly get to visit and catch up with friends from other parts of the state unless it is at the convention. Living in El Paso, I can certainly relate to this. People not from Texas are amazed that you can drive for eleven hours from El Paso and still be in Texas! Even more amazing are the number of incredible band directors and band programs that exist in every part of the state. We are truly fortunate to be part of a profession that sets the standard and leads the nation in innovation and quality.

In closing, I want to leave you with a thought from the TBA Mission Statement which says that one of TBA’s purposes is “to foster goodwill, fellowship and a collegial, fraternal spirit among its members.” This is such an important part of what we do as music educators with our colleagues, parents, and most importantly—our students.

As Ruth and I begin our service to you on the Board, we look forward to building new relationships, strengthening old ones, and contributing to the “spirit” that is The Texas Bandmasters Association.



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