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From the Board

Steven Moore, 2016-17 TBA Past President



Greetings everyone! I hope that your year is off to a great beginning and that you have everything moving in a positive direction for you and your students. The 2016 convention is completed and I am pleased with how it turned out. We are truly blessed here in Texas that our best educators are willing to share what works for them to help each other improve and to advance music education and the appreciation of music in our students and communities. There truly is no better place to be than Texas.

Nothing great is ever accomplished without the help of others and TBA is no different. TBA is blessed with a great staff and Board of Directors who work together as a team to bring you the best convention possible each summer. I would like to thank TBA Executive Director Mike Brashear and the TBA Board, Bruce Beach, Jeff King, Chico Portillo, John Morrison, Phil Clements and Roland Sandoval for their hard work in helping put together this year's convention. The TBA office staff, Robin Tovar and Justin Young, along with partners Kimberly Young, Charlie Munsell, and Chuck and Sue Kuentz work tirelessly to make everything run smoothly. Each year Brain Merrill hits a home run with the Academy and Frank Troyka provides wonderful opportunities for your student leaders at Student Day and this year was no exception. A special thank you goes out to my wife Monica, TBA Spouses President and TBA Spouse Liaison

Priscilla Brashear who worked to put that special "Family Touch" to TBA that makes our convention so unique and sets us apart from all others. As you can tell, we have a great team at TBA.

Each new year brings about transition and change, and TBA is no different. This year we bid a fond farewell to Past President Bruce Beach and his wife Alma. They have been tireless servants for TBA, wonderful mentors and great friends. They will be missed. In addition, we bring on our new TBA Presidents Jeff King and his wife Leslie. I have known Jeff for years and have enjoyed serving with him and Leslie the last five years on the Board, and I can say that TBA is in great hands. They are off to a great start with their plans for TBA 2017, and I know it will be a convention you will not want to miss. So make your plans to attend now.

As I begin my last year of service on the TBA Board, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve on the TBA Board and to have served as your President for 2016. It has truly been a rewarding and fulfilling experience. There is no more rewarding experience than to give back to others, and that is what we do every day as we work with the young people in our programs. Best wishes to you for a successful year!