

From the Board

Chico Portillo, 2018-19 TBA Past President



Greetings everyone! I hope that your year is off to a wonderful start. The 2018 convention was very successful and I am proud to announce that the attendance for the clinics was at an all-time high. We are blessed that our best educators are willing to share their wisdom to advance music education throughout our state.

I want to thank featured clinicians Richard and Cheryl Floyd and featured composer Frank Ticheli for reminding us all that excellence comes from the emotions that we first experience as musicians and that everything else stems from that. I want to acknowledge the many other fantastic clinicians who provided us with the nuts and bolts of how to offer quality instruction to our students. There were concerts that wowed us and brought to mind the very reason we chose this profession. Lastly, I want to express my sincerest gratitude to

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our exhibitors and sponsors who help provide the professional development opportunities we enjoy and for providing us with the products that we need.

We will continue to tweak our convention to meet the needs of the directors around the state. TBA President John Morrison is already planning an excellent convention for 2019. I invite you to share your ideas with your region representatives as to what you would like to see next year. We will continue to provide quality programs like the TBA Academy for new teachers and Student Day for our high school students.

Each year brings about transition and change. This year we bid farewell to Past President Jeff King and wife Leslie. They have been tireless servants to TBA as well as superb mentors and great friends. I would like to welcome Reagan and Cayce Brumley

to the TBA Board. They will make great contributions to our organization.

Serving the band directors of Texas has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my career. I thank all of the people behind and in front of the scenes who made the convention a huge success. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with the TBA board of directors, the TBA spouse's board and Executive Director Mike Brashear and Priscilla Brashear. Thank you to Robin Tovar and Justin Young who work in the TBA office all year to make the convention a reality. I would also like to recognize the tireless work from the members of the convention staff that make it a very special event.

Best wishes to you for a successful year!