

East Central Oklahoma Band Directors Association BY-LAWS

I. Name

This organization shall be known as the East Central Oklahoma Band Directors Association, or ECOBDA.

II. Purpose

The primary purpose of the association will be the operation and management of the yearly All-District Band Clinic/Concert for students of participating schools.

III. Officers

The association offices of Middle School Chairperson, President and Secretary/Treasurer will be elected in January by majority vote of member schools present, with each director from each school getting one vote in all ballots. All officers will serve from the first day following the All-District Band Clinic/Concert through the next year's Clinic/Concert.

The officers of ECOBDA will be President, High School Band Chairperson, Junior High School Band Chairperson, Middle School Band Chairperson, and Secretary/Treasurer.

The President will be responsible for calling and conducting all meetings of the association. After the January meeting, it will be the responsibility of the President to secure clinician contracts for the upcoming clinic/concert. The President will appoint committees as needed and set additional meeting dates. He will see that all pertinent information is sent to members as necessary. He will acquire plaques for each clinician at his discretion. The president will serve as general chairperson and emcee for the All District Band concert.

The high school band chairperson will secure all necessary equipment and music for the high school band. He will see to any other pertinent needs for the high school band.

Upon the conclusion of the All District Concert, the junior high school band chairperson will become the high school band chairperson.

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The middle school band chairperson will secure all necessary equipment and music for the middle school band. He will see to any other pertinent needs for the middle school band.

During the time following the All District Band Concert and before the fall meeting, should a vacancy arise in any of the four offices just described, the next lowest officer will succeed to that office. At the fall meeting any remaining vacancies will be filled by election.

Should vacancies arise between the fall meeting and the All District clinic/concert, the president will be responsible for that office or may appoint an interim chairperson to serve through the All District Clinic/Concert. Should the office of president be vacated during that time, the high school band chairperson will act as president with all authority and responsibility of that office through the All District Clinic/Concert. Any vacancies will be filled by election at the January meeting.

The secretary/treasurer, will collect fees, be responsible for all monies collected, pay all bills of the association, take minutes at all meetings, take care of audition scheduling, and help with tabulating audition results. He will also make sure that concert programs and patches are obtained by the concert date. Should the office become vacant, the president will carry out the duties of the office until the next called meeting, when the office will be filled by election.

IV. Membership

ECOBDA shall consist of all band directors from dues paying schools in Lincoln, Johnston, Garvin, Murray, Coal, Pontotoc, Hughes, Okfuskee, Seminole, and Pottawatomie counties, but will not exclude charter members schools from other counties. Charter members are those schools who participated in the 1984-85 All District Band Festival.

V. Sanctioning

Every event sponsored by the ECOBDA must be sanctioned by the OSSAA. This must be done by the hosting director every year.

VI. Events

The middle school band will consist of students from sixth and seventh grades. The junior high band will consist of students from the eighth and ninth grades. The high school band will consist of students from tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades. Auditions for the bands will be on the first or second Saturday in November at a location determined the preceding January. This date will coincide with the first round OKMEA audition date. The deadline for entries will be one week later than the deadline for the All OKMEA Honor Bands, and the fees or authorized school purchase order must be included with the entries. The honor bands' clinic will be in January. The clinicians will also have been selected the preceding January.

Generally, students will not be allowed to miss rehearsals or to be tardy for any reason. Each emergency situation will be dealt with on an individual basis with the student, his director, association president, the clinic chairpersons, and the guest clinician.

VII. Revenue

All concert bands - Audition/Participation fee will be \$10.00 per instrument

School District participation fee will be \$30.00 per year (Waived for the president's school)

No fees will be refunded.

All fees must be paid (or verification of payment) by the first day of each January clinic, or a \$100.00 late penalty will be added.

All debts for the preceding year's activities must be cleared by June 30th before a school may participate in any further activities.

All clinicians will be paid \$600.00 plus the IRS rate for mileage plus up to \$50 for meals not paid directly by the association plus lodging, unless circumstances dictate otherwise, as determined by majority vote of all officers.

VIII. Director Attendance

The band director or other certified school personnel must be present for the auditions and both days of the clinic/concert, or their students will not be allowed to participate.

IX. Association Colors

The colors used for all district patches and programs should reflect the current High School Chairpersons school colors.

X Reimbursements

All reasonable expenses incurred by ECOBDA officers or their schools will be reimbursed by the association.

Xi Recorded Auditions

Recorded auditions will not be allowed unless the recorded audition is deemed necessary for OKMEA All-State Auditions by the OKMEA Board. (ECOBDA will follow the guidelines put forth by the OKMEA board for that particular year.)