

TBDBITL ALUMNI CLUB, INC.  
Board of Governors  
May 10, 2021

**Call to Order:** A regular meeting of the Board of Governors, TBDBITL Alumni Club, Inc., was held via ZOOM virtual media, on May 10, 2021. The meeting commenced at 7:03 pm with President Zacke Naughton presiding.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Heather Blackmon-DeForno, Lindsay Conkel, Jack Elson, TJ Hersch, Dr. Chris Hoch, Kent Hutchinson, Michelle Jackson, Phil Kirkendall, Mike Montgomery, Zacke Naughton, Alex Nicolozakes, Allison Pallard, Mike Riley, Kevin Smith, Jill Stemley, and Melissa Trahyn.

**Past Presidents and Committee Chairs in Attendance:** Erick Alden, Doug Behn, Pete Boriin, Pat Campbell, Larry Cohen, Greg Daniel, Ron Donnell, Dr. Paul Droste, Dr. Jan Ebert, Dan Eck, Beth Giffin, Brian Golden, Shelley Graf, Jeff Jordan, Craig Little, and Tom Trinter.

**Members and Committee Chairs Notifying Unable to Attend:** Mark Lowe, Dana Smith and Heather Phillips Smith.

**Guests:** Dave Carwile.

**Adoption of Agenda:** There were no recommendations or suggestions to edit the agenda; the planned agenda was **approved by unanimous digital consent.**

**Adoption of Minutes:** There were no recommendations or corrections suggested for the March 8, 2021 meeting; the minutes were **approved by unanimous digital consent.**

**President's Remarks.**

1. President Naughton gave recognition to all members who are mothers in relationship to yesterday's holiday of Mother's Day.
2. Acknowledgment was expressed to all of the recent, 12,000 Ohio State graduates, many of whom were band members and now meet the requirement of alumni.

**OSUMB Report.** Dr. Hoch shared the following information:

1. The 2021 OSUMB Drum Majors have been chosen following their auditions. Head Drum Major is Austin Bowman, and Assistant Drum Major is Dalton Cararo.
2. The Spring Game was a huge success, with the ability for the Athletic Band to march and perform on the field.
3. All squad leaders have been selected, with a squad leader retreat scheduled this Saturday. Gratitude was expressed to President Naughton and Vice President Hersch for being available to talk with them.
4. June 4-5 will be the Percussion Clinic. 83 students have signed up already, and this is an increase in participation from past years.
5. Summer Sessions will be June 8, and will be in person this year.
6. The OSUMB Summer Clinic will be held July 9-11. There are 120 high school students registered so far, with expectations for more to attend.
7. The OSUMB will perform with the Columbus Symphony at Picnic with the Pops, on July 30-31.

8. The tryouts schedule is as follows: August 12 is squad leaders; August 13 and 14 are Candidate Days; August 15 and 16 are the candidate tryouts; and August 17 will begin the three a day rehearsals, which also will be in person this year.
9. Dr. Hoch does not have any information about travel plans or the Alumni Reunion at this time.

**OSUAA Report.** See Attachment. Mr. Little encouraged our club to continue with virtual events along with 'in person' events since the virtual approach can keep alumni engaged who typically cannot attend live events due to other challenges (i.e., living in a different state). Mr. Little assured us that metrics are being met with the virtual events.

**OSUMB Historian Report.** Dr. Ebert visually presented the framed picture of Dick Heine's copy of the school song "Fight the Team." Dr. Ebert shared information about his past, such as working with Dr. Weigel ; and an extensive list of his contributions and accomplishments. Dr. Droste also shared stories about Mr. Heine's life, music arrangements and their work together.

### **Committee Reports.**

1. Active Band. See attachment. At this time, there will not be a Worthington parade but we will participate in the July 4th parade in Upper Arlington. Ms. Giffin shared that the Allen County Fair may have an opportunity for our participation. Dates will be August 27th and August 29th, and more details will be made available when known. In addition, there will be updated information sent out regarding the wearing of protective masks before our first performance.
2. Archives. President Naughton shared that Dr. Droste, Susan Scharenberg, Eric Snowden and he met together to look at recording and archiving the items in the Alumni Lounge. The intent is for preservation of our history and the opportunity to share this with the membership. This is the beginning of the process, and more details will be forthcoming, including the opportunity to assist the committee.
3. Audit. Mr. Behn said that it is time to look at the books, including both 2019 and 2020 records. He will work with those who are on this committee to set a time to get together, and new members are invited to participate. Results will be presented in the fall.
4. Awards. Ms. Pallard reported that the first 'Best Damn Alumni' member was featured in social media, and the second member, student representative Ms. Reik, will be featured tomorrow. Ms. Pallard invited all to participate and send nominations to her, including the nomination of yourself if desired. In addition, she reminded the board that the annual TBDBITL Alumni awards nomination information packets have been sent, with June 30th as the last date to send her our nominations. Voting will be in our July meeting. Mr. Montgomery reviewed the Le Regiment award with the description that it is merit based and is not an annual award. The first nominee, Dr. John Paul Minton, was submitted by Dr. Alex Nicolozakes.
5. Hyperactive Band. See attachment submitted by Mr. Daniel.
6. Nominating. Mr. Mills stated that he will connect with his committee in regards to current or future members and plans for the next slate. If anyone interested in assisting, please contact Mr. Mills.
7. Membership. Mr. Hersch reported that we have nearly 700 members for membership: 333 regular, 331 life, 25 varsity, 9 honorary, and 64 sustaining members. Last year we had 800 members, and 2019 there were over 1000 members. It is expected to increase.
8. Script Ohio Club. Mr. Daniel reports that there have not been any major purchases this year. The website has been updated and simplified for people to navigate and donate. He suggested a streamlined process to develop for all of our donation opportunities, and this will be a future opportunity. Mr. Little also offered OSUAA assistance with this.

**Old Business.** No reports.

**New Business.** No reports.

**Announcements.** Ms. Graf complimented the authors and publication of the recent TBDBITL newsletter. Our next digital event will be a Director's Panel with the following TBDBITL Alumni Band members: Dr. Hoch, Dr. McDavid, Dr. Carver, and Dr. Stewart. This will take place next Monday, May 17. A link will be sent to everyone's email for those interested in participating.

**ADJOURNMENT.** A motion was made by Mr. Montgomery to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hoch; **motion was carried unanimously.**

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm via ZOOM visual media.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Ruess Jackson, Secretary