



## TOB RULES CONGRESS REPORT - March 1, 2009

### PARTICIPATION:

Chapters attending: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13 Absent: 9, 10

NJA: Tim Kondziela(Director), Dutch Ludwig(Assistant)

TOB: Jeff Dent(Director), Mike Remich(Assistant), Pierce Sanute(Assistant)

CAPTIONS: John Bugosh(Music), Kevin Wrightstone(Visual), Tim Mengel(Percussion), George Growcott(T&P)

Chapter Reports: Chapters reporting are financially stable and maintaining membership count, often with new bands replacing bands that are trying other areas for various reasons. Some areas are showing growth in Regional/Festival areas. Most chapters now offer scholarship(s) to graduating seniors and most have a website for information and communication.

NJA: Tim Kondziela reviewed many items for 2009 – professionalism and ethics items, email assignments, new website, marketing/promotion planning, and windy's new email. June 2010 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Judges Association!

MUSIC: John Bugosh received fewer judging issues, plans for music clinic with profile/tool reinforcement, and working towards better travel plans with cross caption planning

VISUAL: Tim Kondziela/Kevin Wrightstone noted fewer judging issues, upcoming clinic information, and better critique(units)planning and information

T&P: George Growcott reviewed pre-recorded issues, questions should go to him weekly for T&P problems, and that our biggest rule plus is that TOB shows run on time

EDUCATION: Ed Downs announced 13 new fall and 11 new indoor NJA people are working, August 22 is the 2009 TOB clinic and it will focus on live demos rather than video/audio samples

TIA JAZZ: Dutch Ludwig reminded all that this option is available for the jazz bands in Tournament and offers excellent venue and opportunity with professional musicians

### OLD BUSINESS:

A. Review of Group Size from 2008 – no change

B. Review of Festival/Regional from 2008 – keep concept, offer criteria and new names, develop marketing, education plan, focus, championship?

Committee: Mike Remich/Pierce Sanute with John Bugosh, Kevin Wrightstone, Tim Kondziela, and others

April 1 – proposal due to chapter coordinators and final vote May 1

C. New Scoring System – investigate, plan, develop and trial new scoring system(s) and criteria, sheets, and education for presentation March 2010 review

Committee: Ed Downs with John Bugosh, Kevin Wrightstone, Tim Mengel, Auxiliary, and others

D. TOB Rulebook Review/Clarification – review and simplify the TOB Field Rules

Committee: Bill Lehmkuhl/Bill Morrison

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NEW BUSINESS:

A. Chapter Boundary – add the historical note from the Chapter 1-10 Ocean County agreement:

CHAPTER 10 NORTHERN OCEAN COUNTY - NORTHERN OCEAN COUNTY FROM THE EASTERN SIDE OF OCEAN COUNTY FROM MANTOLOKING ON RT 35 STRAIGHT ACROSS WESTERLY TO THE TOP OF BRINDLE LAKE ON THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BORDER AND ALL OF OCEAN COUNTY FROM THERE NORTH..

CHAPTER 1 SOUTHERN OCEAN COUNTY - SOUTHERN OCEAN COUNTY FROM THE EASTERN SIDE OF OCEAN COUNTY FROM MANTOLOKING ON RT 35 STRAIGHT ACROSS WESTERLY TO THE TOP OF BRINDLE LAKE ON THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BORDER AND ALL OF OCEAN COUNTY FROM THERE SOUTH

B. PA Boundary Discussion – look at PMEA Region alignment for future discussion

C. Dues increase for 2009-2010 School Year is \$50. – bond for new members will also increase to \$50.

D. Added revisions to match current calendar:

Rule #4 – Bands may move to higher group size(or Regional to Championship) two weeks prior to Chapter Championship and must compete in two shows in new group/division prior to Chapter Championship

Rule #8 – Host bands will provide judging tapes at show(15 minutes per side)

Rule #11 – No undertime penalty for the month of September, 2009

Rule # X – profile sheets will be provided first weekend of October and will reference all September shows, noting non-show weekends

E. School Participation – Jeff Dent and Chapter Coordinators will present a participation plan to allow various school and state policies to work within TOB by April 1 for review and for vote by May 1

F. Chapter Championship conflicts for 2009 – some schools may have set schedule conflicts for 2009 – how do we accommodate?

1. Schools who do not permit attendance on October 24 due to a school sponsored conflicting activity(not another band competition) may request to use any Sunday, October 25 Chapter Championship to provide score for seeding at ACC. The band will not be eligible for that Chapter Championship. The school principal and band director must submit this request to the TOB Director by September 1, 2009.

2. Schools who deny permission to bands to attend the Sunday Chapter Championship(after completing the above process) may request to use latest TOB score prior to October 24 for ACC seeding(provided that score places them in top 25). The school principal and band director must submit this request to the TOB Director by September 15, 2009.

March 5, 2009

J Dent