

NAoAB Meeting Chat from August 24, 2022

Tony White Indiana University (he, him, his)	The community band I play in is planning to make that trip for the 80th anniversary which corresponds with our 75th anniversary
Johanna Adams M2AB Missouri Univ.	Fantastic. Encourage you to talk to Geofv•Sloan and Bill Phillips at University of Texas about their trip. They are a wealth of knowledge.
Mary Monk-Tutor, Auburn University	I would like to hear more about how alumni bands work with their university alumni associations, e.g., how does this collaborate assist you? What challenges/restrictions have you encountered?
Whitney Lorenz - Michigan State University	Curious to know, a discussion topic for later if needed. What type of relationship do most alumni bands here have with their band directors/directors of music?
Doug Behnke-Ohio State	Ohio State our current Director Dr Chris Hoch was not only a grad assistant director, but he was a member of the OSU Marching Band as a student. He is a member of our Board of Governors and his staff works very well with us.
Devon Ellison, University of Kentucky	At UK our directors are on our board and work really well with us.
Doug Behnke-Ohio State	At the University level, our Board of Governors just added two current OSU Marching Band Students to our Board this year.
Geof Sloan, NAOAB President	Devon that is a great solution to help keep the directors totally involved and engaged with alumni band
Beth - UCF Marching Knights	The Associate Director of Bands at UCF was previously the Alumni Band Chair before he went on staff. We have a great relationship with both him and the Director of Bands. We also have a UCF Alumni Association Liaison who is designated to us as a direct connect. The Band Captain also is a member of our Board who relays to us the upcoming student events.
Ben Trubach Cincy	Chiming in with the Cincinnati approach to student involvement: Our policy is that anyone who was ever involved in any ensemble of the undergraduate band program at the University (even if they're still a student, never graduated, go to a different school now, etc...) is welcome to participate in our events (namely annual homecoming alumni band).
Preston Ramsey, BGSU	At BGSU, the band is currently working to assist the new band director get settled. Now that camp is complete, I can safely say that the relationship (so far) is very strong and there is a huge level of excitement around his arrival on campus.
Geof Sloan, NAOAB President	Preston - that is super feedback. Congrats!!!
Daniel Wendt - LSU	The Director of Tiger Band, Director of Bands, and Dean of the College of Music are ex-officio members of TFNC's Board of Directors. In reality, they pretty much leave it to the Executive Board to run the org and only chime in for Alumni Reunion planning or when there are fundraising or goals they want our help to meet.
Geof Sloan, NAOAB President	just a reminder to everyone. Our September session will be all about member recruitment and getting students to enroll once they graduate. Amber will host that session and will also have some students participate

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Marty Lichtmann, USC TMBA	At USC, the Trojan Marching Band Alumni Association is chartered under the Trojan Band. We are not affiliated with the University's General Alumni Association. However, we realize we have to have a good relationship with the GAA. In so much, this year, the TMBA was selected as the Volunteer Organization of the Year. It pays to have a non-adversarial relationship.
Natalie Ochmann - Cincinnati	Cincinnati recently hired a new staff member and we purposefully had an event to welcome her to the staff and get the directors and our board together. We have a very close relationship with both directors as well!
Ranelle Maltas (she her) U Nebr-Lincoln	At Nebraska, we have a great relationship with our Director. For a period of time in the early 2000, we did not and it shows in the number of alumni who participate from that era.
Tony White Indiana University (he, him, his)	At Indiana the Alumni Band is part of the Alumni Association. Alumni Band members are by no means required to join the Alumni Association but part of our funding does come from Alumni Association member dues. Those wishing to serve on our Alumni Band Board of Directors must be in the Alumni Association.
Tony White Indiana University (he, him, his)	Borrow from high schools
Natalie Ochmann - Cincinnati	You may be able to reach out to local high schools as well
Meghan McCaskill (FSU)	At Florida State, we have a great relationship with our band directors and work very closely with them during Homecoming (our fall reunion).
Tony White Indiana University (he, him, his)	each member could hit up a local high school in his/her area so one school doesn't feel the pinch so hard.
Daniel Wendt - LSU	LSU charges a rental fee for anyone needing to use a school horn. LSU then borrows from high schools and their own inventory to make it work.
Tony White Indiana University (he, him, his)	another local university/college in the area that isn't having a home game that weekend.
Libby, Ga State	At GSU, we have a lot of high school band directors in our alumni group. They bring instruments to events for us frequently.
Preston Ramsey, BGSU	Historically, our alumni marching band reunion has always been classified as BYOI (bring your own instrument), but the band dept has assisted as they are able for the low brass/percussion. Many of our alumni who are band directors often help as they are able.
Dan Everard - JMU	At JMU we operate as an affinity chapter of the JMU Alumni Association. JMU's Alumni Association does not have the concept of "paid members". So we can't charge a membership fee to be a member of the Alumni Band Chapter. As for Alumni Band Weekend, we allow anyone that previously marched, including current students, to marching at halftime - I'm a big tent guy, the more the better.
Geof Sloan, NAOAB President	Hope everyone is monitoring these chats - some fantastic solutions being put in here. thankx
Natalie Ochmann - Cincinnati	Cincinnati has been in the midst of a campaign to replace instruments, and we made a deal with our director that the replaced instruments would come to us.

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Dan Everard - JMU	We source horns from local high schools and alumni member that can provide. The current band keeps growing, so as soon as I think I can get horns, they get used by the current band. This year the band is marching 540 members including 32 sousaphones!
Mary Monk-Tutor, Auburn University	Where are you storing alumni instruments?
Preston Ramsey, BGSU	That was the exact though I just had!
Maddie Hirsch - M2AB/University of Missouri	At the University of Missouri, we store our alumni band instruments (low brass and percussion) in our uniform room.
Lee Butts - UGA	Can the Chat and the Attendee List that Zoom provides be placed in the "Members Area" on the web site like the video that Zoom provides.
Meghan McCaskill (FSU)	In the past, we store in a storage unit we rent
Meghan McCaskill (FSU)	we have stored our instruments*
Natalie Ochmann - Cincinnati	Cincinnati has a space on campus called "The Cage" which is basically a concrete hallway. We had a board member who worked at Lowes and we were able to get industrial shelves for the space!
Tim Parenti - Pitt Band Alumni Council	A direct link to the unlisted video could be given to non-members,
Geof Sloan, NAOAB President	Once Ranelle finalizes video and chat notes, we'll email all attendees a follow up email. thanks
Mary Monk-Tutor, Auburn University	For Don: did you say the alumni practice on Wed, Th, and Fri night? Do they then march a full halftime show on Sat?
Whitney Lorenz - Michigan State University	Bill - We have the exact same problem
Tony White Indiana University (he, him, his)	Welcome to the world of a non-football school Bill LOL
Tony White Indiana University (he, him, his)	we rarely know start time until a week out
Tony White Indiana University (he, him, his)	and I haven't been to a homecoming weekend (that's when our alumni band performs) that we haven't been there at 5 am in I can't remember when.
Ranelle Maltas (she her) U Nebr-Lincoln	Bill, we have a template of time. The last several years have been a 5am start. And yes, we lose people. We will send a confirmation email with the schedule as soon as we have it.
Tony White Indiana University (he, him, his)	same Ranelle
Natalie Ochmann - Cincinnati	We set expectations ahead of time, mentioning the possibilities on our website and sending out a specific email for our final schedule. Cincinnati had a last minute schedule change last year because ESPN College Gameday came on homecoming. We let everyone know it would effect the schedule before it was changed and finalized again!
Doug Behnke-Ohio State	Bill, Our game start times used be noon kickoff but recently with TV time we now have seen even a few night games. Many years we have arrived at 0 dark 30 for rehearsal. It has not seemed to limit participation but there is a fair amount of comments about arriving to rehearsal in the dark. We used to have advance notice on start of time but now the registration materials go out before the time of game is announced.

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Devon Ellison, University of Kentucky	We do a tentative schedule based on whether it,Äôs a game that,Äôs likely to be televised, but it,Äôs the same problem where we don,Äôt get official word til the week before so all we can do is give a warning that that could change.
Maddie Hirsch - M2AB/University of Missouri	This weekend I'm working with the Marching Mizzou director to plan a template within a table of tentative times that have when each activity would start depending on the kickoff time. Ex: practice, lunch, pre-game start, etc. to help give people an idea then will send a final itinerary when it's announced.
Tim Parenti ,Äi-†Pitt Band Alumni Council	We mostly just put our alumni in blocks, assigning pre-registrants and leaving holes for walk-ons. Very flexible though as you can just collapse or expand the block depending on attendance.
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Tony White Indiana University (he, him, his)	yes. we get it both ways. people not showing and (not as much anymore as rules about admission have changed) more people than expected/registered.
Dan Everard - JMU	We perform at halftime and post-game with the band and play Bill Chase's Get It On!. There is no drill involved, but some serious section based dance moves.
Ranelle Maltas (she her) U Nebr-Lincoln	For charting, our Director calls sections to be placed. You don't get a dot, but you're asked to fill in from this yardline to that yardline.
Beth - UCF Marching Knights	Not only do we have a game day performance rehearsal plan on the field but we also have a backup plan if we need to rehearse and it is raining out.
Dan Everard - JMU	As far as game time - historically we knew the game time months in advance. But this year we moved from FCS to FBS in the Sun Belt Conference. So with being on ESPN we are now in the new world of not knowing the game time until 12 days before the game. So be flexible.
Meghan McCaskill (FSU)	Just happy to participate and see y'all's faces :)
Natalie Ochmann - Cincinnati	Good to talk to people who understand the band world!
Dan Everard - JMU	yeah band
Ben Trubach Cincy	overall feedback: it's really comforting to know that other bands and programs are dealing with the same problems that we are. A lot of power in the connections from this group - looking forward to the meeting on undergraduate involvement!
Nancy Hidy Wilson - Baylor University	Thanks everyone for your input tonight!
Natalie Ochmann - Cincinnati	Hope to see lots of faces in Cincinnati next year!
Beth - UCF Marching Knights	It's all about Halftime
Danny Roberson, University of Georgia	And when it's not about halftime, it's about pregame,Ä¶ 2üôÇ
Nancy Hidy Wilson - Baylor University	Do we know the dates for next symposium?
Tim Parenti ,Äi-†Pitt Band Alumni Council	May 31 ,Äi Jun 3, 2023, I think.
Beth - UCF Marching Knights	Correction - it's all about the marching band performance.!!!
Doug Behnke-Ohio State	Great program tonight

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Johanna Adams M2AB Missouri Univ.	Feel free to utilize or contact and tap your regional ambassadors. Contact information is on the NAOAB website or feel free to contact me at adamsjr@umsystem.edu and I'll put you in touch with your regional ambassador.
Geof Sloan, NAOAB President	NO date set yet for next symposium. stay close to emails and website for future events and dates. - Thanks for asking Beth!!!
Whitney Lorenz - Michigan State University	Congrats on your many successes at Ole Miss!!