



September 23, 2019

To the Members, Associates, and Significant Others of the American Bandmasters Association,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the ABA Foundation, I write to you to remind you about the need for your support. As you know, the ABA Foundation provides support for various educational, musical, and cultural projects of the American Bandmasters Association. What is more, through your gifts, the Foundation is able to extend the legacy and heritage of the ABA membership through the ABA Research Collection, Michelle Smith Performing Arts Library, at the University of Maryland.

Projects like the Sousa-ABA-Ostwald Composition Contest, one of the most prominent competitions, produce lasting results for the band activity. More than 50 works by some of our most respected composers have been honored since the competition's inception in 1956.

Financial support is provided for the publication of books on band research and biographies of distinguished band conductors and composers, as well as to select publishers for new editions of full scores to cherished wind band works.

New projects are proposed to the Foundation every year. Our interest is to provide support for projects that warrant the support, promote the band research and the field, and distinguish the work of all of us.

To this end, I encourage your gifts and contributions. While we all pay our dues, it is the perfect time, to make your next contribution to the ABA Foundation. Your gift is tax deductible and will be acknowledged in writing by the ABA Foundation for tax credit purposes. The American Bandmasters Association Foundation, Inc. is exempted from Federal income taxes under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Donations to the ABA Foundation, Inc. can be made online within the "Membership Renewal, Contributions, & Pins" section of the ABA website or will be received by:

Myron Welch, Treasurer  
2110 Abbie Court  
Coralville, IA 52241.

On behalf of the ABA Foundation Board of Directors, I thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe".

Joseph Hermann, Chair  
ABA Foundation Board of Directors  
Past President  
The American Bandmasters Association