



# MISSOURI BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION BUILDING BETTER BANDS

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## SPINTRONIX GUARD

We're excited to welcome Jackie Brown from Spintronix Color Guard to our Summer Convention!

If you've ever felt unsure about how to build or strengthen your color guard program, Jackie's website is an incredible resource full of practical guidance and support. Don't miss the chance to learn from her in person!

Learn more at <https://www.spintronixguard.org/> and follow Spintronix on social media to see their work in action.



## DO YOU WANT TO GET YOUR PICTURE WITH RANDALL STANDRIDGE?

You can this summer at the MBA Summer Convention! Randall will be presenting two sessions on Wednesday, June 17th — including a Reading Band session where you can play under his baton and a Q&A session where you can ask questions and gain insight directly from him.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to learn, connect, and maybe even snap a photo together!

## FAMILY FRIENDLY CONVENTION

The MBA Summer Convention is truly a family-friendly event, with intentional activities built right into the schedule. This year includes events like the Kids Fishing Derby, Teen Night, childcare options, and a Director & Spouse/Friend Mixer, along with fun opportunities for spouses and friends.

Beyond organized activities, families can also enjoy Margaritaville's amenities — including the indoor water park, arcade, bowling, miniature golf, pickleball, and lake access. It's professional development for you and a summer getaway for the whole family.



<https://missouribandmasters.org/>



## Information for Missouri Band Directors Regarding SB 863

As Missouri band directors, we serve students through education-based activities — some of which are governed or sanctioned by MSHSAA, a voluntary, member-driven nonprofit organization.

Member schools help shape policies through voting and participation in the governance process. While not every decision has been universally agreed upon, no organization gets everything right. MSHSAA operates through a member-led structure designed to serve schools and students.

SB 863 proposes changes that would increase state oversight of MSHSAA's governance. Many educators are concerned this could shift decision-making away from member schools and trained professionals. The bill also includes language that raises broader concerns about potential state control of private, nonprofit organizations.

You can review the full bill here: [SB 863](#)

We encourage you to review SB 863 and, if you have concerns, respectfully contact your local legislators. Share how band impacts students in your community and why member-driven governance matters.

Thank you for continuing to advocate for Missouri students.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **March 1, 2026**

- [VP Interest Form](#)
- [Young Band Director Grant](#)
- [MBA Hall of Fame Nomination](#)
- [Butch Antal Service Nomination](#)

#### **March 1-June 1, 2025**

- Pre-registration opens

#### **June 14-17, 2026**

- MBA Summer Convention

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## JOIN MBA

- Active Membership: \$50
- Associate Membership: \$40
- Sustaining Membership: \$150
- Retired Membership: \$30
- Collegiate Membership: FREE
- First-Year Teacher Membership: FREE

<https://missouribandmasters.org/membership/>

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