



Sunday December 1, 2024

Dear Phi Beta Mu Member,

Thank you for being an active member of our fraternity!

*This newsletter was sent via email on Monday 12/2/2024. If you didn't receive it, please email John to update your email address in our database: phibetamuxipresident@gmail.com*

This past year has been filled with some serious medical challenges for me but I believe the worst is now behind me. It has indeed been a productive year for our organization through the formation of the Phi Beta Mu Xi Chapter Rejuvenation Committee. This group, made up of Dave Morrison, William McClellan, Joseph Lawrence, Kim Farris, Rex Benson, Chris Benson, Mike Fiske, Jim Stombres, Chris Barnum, and Matt Bufis have met several times since our annual meeting in an effort to reengage our current membership while spearheading a new membership drive for our 2025 meeting in Peoria. We have worked to fill in gaps in our membership contact list, updated our chapter website, and have moved the organization over to Google for future correspondence, nomination forms, and the potential for future online dues payment options (special thanks to Matt Bufis who has completely redesigned our website and brought us into the 21st century). We look forward to sharing more with you at our annual meeting in Peoria. For now, please read below for our annual newsletter content.

#### **Please Note our Annual Meeting Change:**

We made the decision last year to move our annual meeting to Thursday January 30th, 2025, rather than our traditional Friday meeting. We feel this is the best way to adapt to IMEC's current conference schedule so that we can continue to support each other's work at the conference professionally and collegially while still making time for our important annual meeting. Please update your schedule to reflect this change and RSVP at the link below - we hope to see you there!

#### **New Annual Meeting Date**

Thursday January 30th, 2025 - 11:30 a.m.

Packard Plaza Hotel

211 NE Adams St.

Peoria, IL

[RSVP by 12/31 - Click Here for Form](#)

#### **Help Us Maintain Accurate Records**

Since many of our members change jobs throughout their career and eventually retire, many of our email records for our members are no longer valid. We are also missing home mailing addresses from many of you. Please take a moment to review the Google database linked below to verify your contact information. You can type directly into the spreadsheet. If you know the contact information for any of our "Missing in Action" members (second tab) or accurate email or home addresses for other members, please enter that information as well.

[Phi Beta Mu Membership Database](#)

## **Regarding Our Google Nomination Forms**

Our previous website contained Google nomination forms for each of our annual awards and new member candidates. These forms were disconnected from our current leadership and none of that data could be transferred into our new platform. If you nominated someone using these digital forms in the past, you will need to complete the forms again on our new website. New forms that are connected to our current leadership are linked below and are now live on our new webpage.

## **Please Consider Nominating New Members**

Illinois is a thriving state for band as we have many fine programs led by outstanding directors throughout the state. Our organization exists to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding work of our peers while mentoring the next generation of band directors. As our chapter is beginning to turn over, we ask that each of our members select one new member for nomination consideration this January. Please click on the link below to access the membership form.

### [New Member Nomination Form](#)

Prospective new members are subject to the approval of current active members. That step in the process will be handled via email *so please be sure to include your email address on your annual dues statement*. Also, ***please print legibly!***

## **Please Consider Nominating for Outstanding Bandmaster of the Year and Bandmaster Hall of Fame**

The Outstanding Bandmaster of the Year award is presented annually to the member who has distinguished him or herself through developing consistently stellar performing ensembles. Nominations are received from the membership and forwarded to the selection committee. (Mike Fansler, Committee Chair)

### [Outstanding Bandmaster of the Year Nomination Form](#)

The Bandmasters Hall of Fame award recognizes members who have gone beyond developing outstanding performing organizations and have impacted school band music through research, writing, composition, and program development. (Jim Hile, Committee Chair)

The Bandmasters Hall of Fame is located in Regenstein Hall on the campus of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. The display case can be found across from room 011, the main band rehearsal hall.

### [Bandmasters Hall of Fame Nomination Form](#)

## Please Pay Your Annual Dues

It is our hope that we will be able to accept electronic forms of payment by our 2026 annual dues and nomination process. Please see below for our annual fee listing.

### Dues

Active Member -	\$30	Member Annual Luncheon -	\$5
Retired/Active Member -	\$25	Guest at Annual Luncheon -	\$10
Retired/Inactive Member -	\$20		

All dues should be mailed (checks made out to **Phi Beta Mu**) to:

John Springbrunn  
President: Phi Beta Mu Xi Chapter  
38W579 W. Mary Ln.  
St. Charles, IL 60175

## Please follow us on Social Media

Our chapter now has a social media presence on Facebook! Please use this tool to connect with each other and share updates!

<https://www.facebook.com/phi.beta.mu.xi.chapter.illinois/>

## Help Wanted

We have an opening (and a desperate need) for a Recording Secretary. Please contact me directly if you are interested in this position.

Thank you for your active participation and your help in making our Illinois Chapter one of the strongest in the nation.

Sincerely,  
John Springbrunn  
President: Phi Beta Mu Xi Chapter, Illinois  
[phibetamuxipresident@gmail.com](mailto:phibetamuxipresident@gmail.com)  
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<https://www.phibetamuxi.org/home>



**P.S. - Please be sure to submit all forms by Tuesday December 31st**

# Phi Beta Mu – XI Chapter

## **\*\*ANNUAL DUES & MEETING NOTICE\*\***

Return to:  
John Springbrunn  
38W579 W. Mary Ln.  
St. Charles, IL 60175

Name & address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please be sure to include your email address for future correspondence)*

Please confirm your current membership status below by checking the box:

- |                          |      |    |                  |
|--------------------------|------|----|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$30 | A  | Active           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$25 | RA | Retired/Active   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$20 | RI | Retired/Inactive |

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Thursday, January 30, 2024– 11:30 a.m.**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for me at the annual meeting/luncheon @ \$5 each.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for guest(s) at the annual meeting/luncheon @ \$10 each.

Amount for dues enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount for luncheon (\$5.00 per person) enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL amount for dues and luncheon enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make your check payable to **Phi Beta Mu** and  
return with this form to John Springbrunn at the address shown above.*

## **Xi Chapter of PHI BETA MU**

### **SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER IN PHI BETA MU!**

#### **Procedure**

The current membership is the best evaluator and nominator of new Fraternity members. Nominations are due to the President of the Chapter by December 1st of each year. All nominees will then be presented to the Chapter Membership in the 'meetings notice' for their review. If any chapter member has a valid reason why a nominee should not be considered for membership it is their responsibility to communicate it to the President and/or Executive Secretary at a deadline to be listed in the 'meetings notice'.

#### **Election to Chapter Membership**

To be elected to membership, an active member in good standing, who shall be held responsible for the prospective member, providing he/she is accepted for membership in the Fraternity, must sponsor a prospective member. In the event that a member should be expelled from the Fraternity, it shall be the duty of the sponsoring member to inform said member of his/her expulsion.

#### **Requirements for Nomination**

1. The candidate must NOT know he/she is being sponsored and considered for membership in the Fraternity.
2. The candidate must have at least 5 years or more of teaching as a school band director possessing a valid teaching certificate, or the equivalent, and holding membership in a State Band Directors' Association or Music Educators Association recognized by the Fraternity.
3. The candidate must show evidence of leadership contribution to the progress of the band profession as having held offices or important responsibility at State or Regional level, publications, compositions, dissertations, performance, etc...
4. The candidate's character must be morally and ethically above reproach.
5. Again, because it is very important, the candidate must not know he/she is being sponsored and considered for membership in the Fraternity.

#### **Action Items**

All Fraternity members should consider their colleague's true potential to be contributing members of our Chapter.

You must use the Chapter Nomination Form.

**All nominations are due to the President by December 1st.**

Questions can be directed to any Chapter Officer or those on the Membership Committee.

*Please note: We have moved the deadline to  
12/31/2024 for this year. Nominations can also be  
made on our website:  
<https://www.phibetamuxi.org/>*

# Phi Beta Mu XI New Member Nominee Information Sheet

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Present position: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in present position: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in Band teaching field: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional organization memberships: \_\_\_\_\_

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Offices held: \_\_\_\_\_

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Evidence of superior performing band (contest results, tours, special performances, all-state,

Midwest, BOA, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Sponsor's evaluation of musical ensembles under candidate's direction: \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am an active member of Phi Beta Mu XI and do assume all responsibilities required by the Constitution and By-Laws in making this nomination.

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Member signature

Date

Email address

Please return by December 23rd to: John Springbrunn  
38W579 W. Mary Lane  
St. Charles, IL 60175

email: phibetamuxipresident@gmail.com

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Xi Chapter of PHI BETA MU
OUTSTANDING BANDMASTER
AWARD NOMINATION BALLOT

SELECTION CRITERIA

- 1. All nominees must be active band directors at the elementary, secondary or college level and have taught a minimum of five years in the State of Illinois.
2. The award is intended to reflect current achievements within the preceding 36 months. Those achievements are key to the selection process and should be specific actions that have initiated, supported and/or enhanced better bands and better musicians in Illinois.
3. The nominees should also be considered on the basis of how well they exemplify the characteristics stated in the Phi Beta Mu pledge.

Please print or type all information. Complete both sides of this form.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ nominate \_\_\_\_\_
for the Xi Chapter Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Bandmaster Award. I know for a fact they
have taught five years in Illinois.

Nominee's Contact Information

street address: \_\_\_\_\_
city: \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_
School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Member's Contact Information:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_
Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Return this Ballot no later than December 3rd to:

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to 12/31/2024 for this year. Nominations
can also be made on our website:
https://www.phibetamuxi.org/

Mike Fansler
1258 Swan Lake Rd
Avon, IL 61415
Ph: 309-313-3236
mj-fansler@wiu.edu

Don't forget to complete the other side of this form!



# OUTSTANDING BANDMASTER AWARD NOMINATION SUPPORTING MATERIAL

Please list specific accomplishments of this individual over the last 36 months and, where you feel it will clarify for the committee, provide a brief explanation of why the accomplishment is significant as it relates to this honor. A minimum of five specific accomplishments is required.

## Achievement 1

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## Achievement 2

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## Achievement 3

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## Achievement 4

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## Achievement 5

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Attach additional supporting material to this application where appropriate.



**ILLINOIS CHAPTER/PHI BETA MU  
HONORARY BANDMASTERS FRATERNITY**

**BANDMASTER HALL OF FAME GUIDELINES**

- 1. The nominee must have taught a minimum of five years, produced and maintained an outstanding and consistent band program (on the public school level or university level), and made contributions above and beyond their own program through publishing, composing, outstanding service, administration, or other similar activities.**
- 2. The nominee may be selected if 55 years of age, retired, and/or have returned to work.**
- 3. The nominee does not have to be a member of Phi Beta Mu.**
- 4. The nominee may be selected from deceased Illinois Band Directors.**
- 5. The nominee must be approved by the Board of Directors and the Bandmaster Hall of Fame Committee.**
- 6. It shall be the responsibility of the person making the original nomination to submit a properly completed Investigative Report, and to organize and submit substantiating data and materials in behalf of the nominee. The Investigative Report, data, and materials must be sent to the Hall of Fame committee chairman by Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.**
- 7. The committee will vote by ballot. The top nominee will be inducted, unless extenuating circumstances allow the committee to approve more. If no clear winner is evident, the committee may elect to not give the HOF award for that year.**
- 8. The Illinois Bandmaster Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held every January during the Illinois Music Educators All State Conference.**

**Return your nomination/report by Friday, December 3rd to:**

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12/31/2024 for this year. Nominations can also be  
made on our website:  
<https://www.phibetamuxi.org/>***

**Dr. James Hile  
819 Cedar Terrace  
Deerfield, IL 60015-2840**

**630-617-3520 office**

**[jameshile54@gmail.com](mailto:jameshile54@gmail.com)**

**ILLINOIS CHAPTER/PHI BETA MU  
HONORARY BANDMASTERS FRATERNITY**

**Bandmasters Hall of Fame Investigative Report Form – complete what you can.**

Nominator's Name (if other than nominee): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if living): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Death Date (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument(s): \_\_\_\_\_

High School Education (Where/Honors): \_\_\_\_\_

College Education (Where/Honors): \_\_\_\_\_

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Armed Service Record: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Dates of Band Organizations Conducted:

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Professional/Service Organizations:

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ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS MAY BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION FORM.

PLEASE BRIEFLY COMMENT BELOW ON:

Contributions to the Band Movement and Student Musicians \_\_\_\_\_

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Caliber of Work \_\_\_\_\_

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Dedication to the Profession \_\_\_\_\_

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Leadership \_\_\_\_\_

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Service \_\_\_\_\_

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Outstanding Character \_\_\_\_\_

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Professional Mentoring \_\_\_\_\_

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Community Acceptance and Involvement \_\_\_\_\_

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Note: This form is confidential information and is intended to be an investigative report into the worthiness of the person names above as a possible future candidate into the **Phi Beta Mu "Illinois Bandmasters Hall of Fame,"** which was created to honor outstanding Band Directors of Illinois. This report in no way assures the above named person to be a candidate. For obvious reasons, please hold this information in absolute confidentiality.