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2026 Annual Business Meeting Agenda

October 25, 2026

7:30pm CDT

Streamed live via [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#)

1. Call to Order

Lisa Vasquez, LHAB President

2. Welcome and Recognition of Guests

Lisa Vasquez, LHAB President

University of Texas Leadership

- James Davis, President, University of Texas at Austin
- Chris Del Conte, Athletic Director
- Steve Sarkisian, Head Football Coach

Butler School of Music & LHB

- Dr. Ramon Rivera-Servera, Dean, Butler School of Music
- Susan Thomas, Director, Butler School of Music
- Jerry Junkin, Director of Bands
- David Box, Assistant to the Director of Bands
- Dr. Cliff Croomes, Longhorn Band Director
- Delia Tovar Botbol, Assistant Director, Logistics and Communications
- Dr. Douglas Henderson, Associate Director of Bands
- Dr. Marc Sosnowchik, Associate Director, Longhorn Band
- Dr. Mike Lebrias, Director, Longhorn Pep Band & Director, Creative Media
- T.j. Anderson, Assistant Director, Longhorn Band
- Chris McCarthy, Color Guard Director

LHB Teaching Assistants

- Sam Acosta, Longhorn Band Teaching Assistant
- Marcus Alvarado, Longhorn Band Teaching Assistant
- Rachel Marquez, Longhorn Band Teaching Assistant
- Blake Horde, Longhorn Band Teaching Assistant
- Matt Meyers, Longhorn Band Teaching Assistant

- Alec Rodriguez, Longhorn Band Teaching Assistant
- Colton Townsend, Longhorn Band Teaching Assistant
- Emily Warren, Longhorn Band Teaching Assistant
- William Paladino, Longhorn Band Teaching Assistant
- Cody Ray, Longhorn Band Teaching Assistant
- Jimmy Santos-Rivera, Longhorn Band Teaching Assistant

Former LHB Directors

- Dr. Kevin Sedatole, Former Longhorn Band Director
- Professor Emeritus Paula Crider, Former Longhorn Band Director
- Glen Richter, Former Longhorn Band Director
- Tom Rhodes, Former Longhorn Band Director

Development & College of Fine Arts

- Nisreen Singharaj, Assistant Dean for Business Operations
- Stephanie Jones, Chief Development Officer of COFA
- Jackie Tamayo, Executive Assistant to the Dean
- Murphy Crain, Austin Central Texas Gift Officer for COFA
- David Livingston, Vice President of Development
- Katherine Lee, UT Development
- Natalie Seeboth, UT Development
- Jeff Glosser, Executive Director, Gift & Estate Planning
- Nick Stillman, Senior Director of Development, Arts, Culture, & Collections
- Kristin Randolph, Director of Gift and Estate Planning

Texas Exes

- Lee Beckelman, Texas Exes President and Chair
- Elaine Garza, Texas Exes Immediate Past President
- Robert Jones, Texas Exes CEO

Honorary

- Kay Bailey Hutchison, Honorary Member

3. Remarks

Dr. Cliff Croomes, Longhorn Band Director

4. Board of Trustees Report

Cathy Sorsby, LHAB Board of Trustees President

5. University of Texas at Austin Development Presentation

Natalie Seeboth, Director of Development of Major Gifts, College of Fine Arts

6. Remarks

Dr. Ramón Rivera-Servera,
Dean, Sarah and Ernest Butler School of Music

7. Remarks

Professor Jerry Junkin,
Director of Bands and LHAB Member

8. Dunagan Hat Tradition

Jo Lyn Peters, Treasurer, Board of Trustees

9. Treasurer's Report

David Wheeler, LHAB Treasurer

10. Board of Directors Report

Kyle Walker, LHAB BOD Member

11. Longhorn Band Student Association Report

Ashley Young, LHBSA President

12. Tau Beta Sigma, Beta Gamma Chapter Report

Emma Balsamo, TBS President

13. Kappa Kappa Psi, Alpha Tau Chapter Report

Corrie Jarrett, KKY President

14. In Memoriam

- James Cole
- Alan Ford
- Richard Funk
- Scott Harmon
- Karen McAngus Hudson
- Bruce Arthur Kowert
- Linda Neely
- Steven Edward Rawley
- Newman Smith
- Joe Thomas

- Scott Wilson
- Edward Zamora

15. Recognition of Officers, Board of Directors, and Board of Trustees

Lisa Vasquez, LHAB President

Retiring Officers

- Lisa Vasquez — President → Immediate Past President
- Matthew Afflerbaugh — President-Elect → President
- Ronnie Burt — Technology → President-Elect
- Paul Scully — Property
- Richard Robinson — Scholarship Officer

Retiring Nominating Committee Members

- Christian Douglas
- Faith Allen

16. Swearing in of the 2026-2027 LHAB Leadership Team

Chris Albino, Immediate Past President

17. Passing of the Gavel and Presentation of the President's Gift

Lisa Vasquez, LHAB President 2025-26

Matthew Afflerbaugh, LHAB President 2026-27

18. Alumni Band Weekend Details

Matthew Afflerbaugh, LHAB President 2026-2027

President's Report

Greetings Longhorn Alumni Band!

It has been a pleasure and an honor serving as your president this past year. It has been a year of not only maintaining traditions, but also of starting some new ones. The planning of Band Day 2025 included honoring Vincent R. DiNino with the unveiling of his statue. The celebration with both Alumni and current members of the Longhorn Band made the weekend very special. The hosting of our second annual Friday Night Tailgate started off the weekend. This new tradition has become very popular with our membership. It was made possible by the hard work of the FNT committee and many generous sponsors.

The work of the officers does not end with Band Day. During my term, we were able to fill almost all leadership positions with the exception of the Rio Grande Valley representative. The officers met monthly and some of the highlights included the following.

We solidified the description of the Second Technology Assistant, whose major responsibility will be training officers and updating Sign Up Genius, our volunteer management system.

Our area representatives in DFW, Houston, San Antonio, and Austin were able to provide groups to play for several events throughout the year. These events included many donations that helped to raise thousands of dollars for scholarships. Our area representatives also met to discuss ways to reach out to members and increase participation in local Alumni Band events.

We worked with Dr. Croomes to help support the Longhorn Band by once again feeding a hot dog lunch to over 500 prospective members during Band Audition Week. We also continued the tradition of giving an annual gift to the Longhorn Band students. In 2025, students were given branded backpacks and this past fall they were given magnetic phone chargers.

The Alumni Band also started a new tradition with the awarding of senior stoles to graduating members of Longhorn Band. These stoles help to recognize the commitment and dedication that these students have had to the Longhorn Band and supporting the University. The seniors were presented with their stoles at a reception on May 3rd. The Alumni Band looks forward to continuing this tradition in the coming years.

We continued to offer our members the ability to purchase LHAB products through our online store operated by Print Your Cause.

We continued our support of Alumni Bands throughout the country with our participation in the National Association of Alumni Bands. Geof Sloan represented the Longhorn Alumni Band at the annual conference this past May in Blacksburg, Virginia.

None of this would have been possible without your membership dues and the work of our treasurer and financial committee to make sure that LHAB remains on sound financial footing.

As I conclude my term, I would like to thank all of the officers, assistants, and volunteers that have made my job so much easier. As we look forward to celebrating 70 years of women in the Longhorn Band at Band Day on October 31, I would like to thank the incoming president, Matthew Afflerbaugh, for all his hard work to make this upcoming reunion truly memorable. Longhorn Band is family, and whether this is your first year marching in Alumni Band or your sixtieth, we are all brought back to celebrate the Showband of the Southwest.

It has been a great honor to lead this organization, and as I pass the gavel to Matthew Afflerbaugh, I have full confidence that the best is yet to come for the Longhorn Alumni Band.

Thank you and Hook 'Em,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Vasquez". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Lisa" and last name "Vasquez" clearly legible.

Lisa Vasquez
LHAB President, 2025-26

Outgoing Longhorn Alumni Band Leadership

Please give these volunteer leaders your
sincere thanks for their service!

2025-2026 LONGHORN ALUMNI BAND OFFICERS (1-Year Terms)

President	Lisa Vasquez
President-Elect	Matthew Afflerbaugh
Past-President	Chris Albino
Scholarship Officer	Richard Robinson
Secretary	Shirley Cumby
Treasurer	David Wheeler
Communications Officer	Casey Ellis
Music and Merchandise Coordinator	Louis Sierra
Property Manager	Paul Scully
Registrar	Kerry Dove
Technology Officer	Ronnie Burt
Archivist	Suzan Nyfeler
Austin Area Representative	Chuck Garner
Dallas Area Representative	Michael Haecker
Houston Area Representative	Edwin Spinks
San Antonio Area Representative	Gabriel Durand-Hollis
Rio Grande Valley Area Representative	Vacant
KKY Liaison	Megan Farabee
TBS Liaison	Amy Thomas
LHB Liaison	Lauren Dove
NAoAB Liaison	Barbara Helbert
Parliamentarian	Joe Dahlstrom

2025-2026 LONGHORN ALUMNI BAND APPOINTED ASSISTANTS

Assistant Scholarship	Kathy O'Connor
Assistant Treasurer	Faith Allen
Assistant Communications	Vacant
Assistant Registrar	Kathy Crain
Assistant Technology	Ben Schneider
Assistant Austin Area Rep	Allison Drake
Assistant Dallas Area Rep	Kathy O'Connor
Assistant Houston Area Rep	Scott Johnson
Assistant San Antonio Area Rep	Amanda Listiak

**2025-2026 LONGHORN ALUMNI BAND
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Don Haynes	3-year term, expires 2026
Kyle Walker	3-year term, expires 2026
Ben Schneider	3-year term, expires 2027
Randall Storm	3-year term, expires 2027
Heather Knolle	3-year term, expires 2028
Geof Sloan	3-year term, expires 2028
Lisa Vasquez	LHAB President and Chair, 1-year term
Chris Albino	LHAB Past President, 1-year term
Matthew Afflerbaugh	LHAB President-Elect, 1- year term

**2025-2026 LHAB CHARITABLE FUND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Christi Cuellar Lotz	Filling unexpired term left vacant by Kent Kostka, expires 2026
Jo Lyn Peters	2-year term, expires 2026
Cathy Sorsby	3-year term, expires 2027
Greg Wilson	3-year term, expires 2027

Bill Phillips	3-year term, expires 2028
Lisa Vasquez, LHAB President	1-year term, expires 2026

2025-2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chris Albino, LHAB Past President and Chair	1-year term, expires 2026
Faith Allen	2-year term, expires 2026
Christian Douglas	2-year term, expires 2026
Whitney Coons	2-year term, expires 2027
Scott Johnson	2-year term, expires 2027

Minutes of LHAB's Annual Business Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Business Meeting held on September 7, 2025, were approved via electronic vote held September 14 – October 16, 2026. You can review the approved meeting minutes by clicking [here](#).

The Longhorn Alumni Band Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2026

ASSETS	
Cash	91,360
Total Assets	91,360
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted Net Assets	91,360
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	91,360

Statement Of Activities

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

REVENUES			
Member Dues			
	Burnt Orange (\$25)	14,845	
	Script Texas (\$50)	8,900	

	Calypso (\$100)	12,400	
	Wabash (\$250)	11,500	
	Grandioso (\$500)	5,500	
	Big Bertha (\$1000)	2,000	
Total Member Dues/Registration		55,145	
Band Day Events Income			
	Marching Registration	15,400	
	BBQ Income	8,480	
	Football Tickets	26,565	
	Instrument/Flag Rental	1,250	
Total Band Day Events Income		51,695	
Total Revenue		106,840	
EXPENSES			
Band Day Expenses			
	Bank/Credit Card Charges	3,937	
	BBQ Expenses	12,000	
	Computer/Web Hosting Expense	270	
	Football Tickets Purchased	26,565	
	Friday Night Expenses	2,004	
	Insurance – Band Day	1,841	
	Band Day Refreshments	635	
	Nametags	1,119	
	Parking	986	
	Plaques, Gifts, & Thank You	719	
	Rentals	3,455	
	Transportation/Shuttle	2,747	
Total Band Day Expenses		56,277	
Gifts to Longhorn Band		7,454	
Administrative Expenses			
	Accounting	1,000	
	Archives & Historian	40	
	Contributions - LHABCF	5,000	
	Computer/ Web Hosting Expense	3,631	
	Equipment Storage & Repair	1,104	
	Insurance - D & O	1,449	
	LHAB Store	3,545	
	LHB Events	2,237	
	Membership Level Benefits	2,928	
	National Assoc Alumni Band-Dues	200	
	NAoAB Symposium Travel & Exp	1,852	
	Office Supplies	1,383	
	Officer Meeting Expenses	1,001	

	Parking - LHB Events	479	
	Rent Expense	2,265	
	Scholarship Reception	3,746	
	Tributes and Acknowledgments	633	
Total Administrative Expenses		32,493	
Total Expenses		96,225	
Change in Net Assets		10,615	
Net Assets - Beginning of Year		80,745	
Net Assets - End of Year		91,360	

Annual Report Of The Board Of Directors

LONGHORN ALUMNI BAND, A TEXAS CORPORATION

The 2025-26 Board of Directors convened for regular quarterly meetings and to conduct other business as needed. During these meetings, Lisa Vasquez presented updates from the Monthly Officer Meetings, providing details on their activities both completed and in progress. There were just a few actions taken by the Board this year:

- The Board voted to approve the appointment of Lauren Dove to the position of LHB Liaison.
- Approved the job description of the Second Assistant Technology Officer, whose main responsibility will be coordinating the volunteer management system, which is currently Sign Up Genius. This position was added to the Handbook.
- Reviewed the 2025 Band Day Surveys and discussed continued ways to improve our members' experience during the reunion weekend.
- Reviewed and approved the LHAB budget.
- Reviewed the formation of a financial committee to review recommendations of our CPA, which included keeping our dues and fee structure at its current level and to explore options for ways to support Longhorn Band through gifts and scholarships and review membership benefits.
- Reviewed the planning activities related to Band Day 2026, including the celebration of 70 years of women in the Longhorn Band.
- Reviewed the leadership ballot to be voted on by membership.
- Provided support to the Officers as needed.

The Board has been active and engaged in supporting the many activities of both the Longhorn Alumni Band and the Longhorn Band. Thank you to Ben Schneider and Geof Sloan as they leave the Board to take on other roles in the Longhorn Alumni Band. A special thank you to Dr. Cliff Croomes for his continued support of the work of the Longhorn Alumni Band. The Board looks forward to working with incoming president Matthew Afflerbaugh and continuing to honor the traditions and build towards future goals of the Longhorn Alumni Band.

Your 2025–2026 Board of Directors,

Lisa Vasquez, LHAB President

Matthew Afflerbaugh, LHAB President-Elect

Chris Albino, LHAB Past President
Don Haynes
Kyle Walker
Ben Schneider
Randall Storm
Heather Knolle
Geof Sloan

Annual Report Of The Board Of Trustees Of The Longhorn Alumni Band Charitable Fund

This past year has been another momentous one for LHAB members and our friends and family that support LHB. “Back the Band” is UT’s name for the overall campaign to provide financial support for LHB and we reached \$48M, which included future planned gifts from estates and eight new endowed scholarships, towards our goal of \$75M. We are fortunate to help make LHB the best collegiate marching band in the nation.

During UT’s 40 Hours for Forty Acres in May, the LHABCF donated \$58,000 to the General Scholarship Fund and received \$53,000 in matching donations. Once again, LHAB received more matching funds than any other campus group. These matching funds help grow our General Scholarship Fund endowment which will give scholarships to 37 LHB students this year.

Last year, 86 endowed scholarship funds established by LHAB members and friends and family of LHB provided scholarships to 235 students. We do not yet know the total number of scholarships and dollars that will be awarded this year, but you can find out at our Scholarship Reception which will be held on November 2, 2026, in Bates Recital Hall. Please look in the Blast for details of the event. In addition, we have a small but growing number of endowed funds that support the operational needs of LHB. Many of these endowments were funded years ago by LHAB members and friends and family of LHB, a tribute to the vision and foresight of LHAB leadership years ago. To all of you who have helped bring us to this point, thank you.

While we have made amazing progress towards our goal, the need is still there. LHB students have one of the highest levels of unmet financial need of any student organizations on campus. Their practice and performance schedule prevents many LHB members from working outside jobs while maintaining one of the highest GPAs of any student organization. Scholarship support is a vital need as is support for LHB operations.

Over this coming year, the BOT will work to support LHB students through scholarships and operational support, collaborate with UT on the “Back the Band” campaign, and help ensure LHB is the finest collegiate band in America. We look forward to these challenges and the strength and passion our members bring to support the Showband of the Southwest.

Hook ‘em!

The LHAB Charitable Fund Board of Trustees

Christi Cuellar Lotz

Jo Lyn Peters

Bill Phillips
Cathy Sorsby
Greg Wilson

Longhorn Alumni Band Charitable Fund, Inc. Scholarship Recipients

The University of Texas Investment Management Company (“UTIMCO”) governs and manages the scholarship funds for the Longhorn Alumni Band Charitable Trust Fund. The scholarship recipient list is not available at this time, but we look forward to announcing the recipients of LHABCF scholarships shortly after Band Day at the annual scholarship reception on November 2, 2026, in Bates Recital Hall.

Incoming Longhorn Alumni Band Leadership

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Show Liaison	Jack Green

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Assistant Treasurer	Melissa McDermott
Assistant Communications	Alexandra Raska
Assistant Registrar	Kathy Crain
Assistant Technology	Ronnie Burt
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Scott Johnson	2-year term, expires 2027
Chris Albino	2-year term, expires 2028
Aaron Lassmann	2-year term, expires 2028

Longhorn Alumni Band Oath Of Office

Please raise your right hand in the traditional Hook ‘em sign and answer each of these questions with orange-blooded pride and a clear and resounding “yes.”

1. Are you at this time a member in good standing of the Longhorn Alumni Band?
2. Do you agree to promote fellowship among current members and alumni of the University of Texas Longhorn Band?
3. Do you agree to lend support and assistance, financially and otherwise, to the Longhorn Alumni Band and the University of Texas Longhorn Band through the selection of worthwhile projects and by personal efforts?
4. Are you willing and able to devote the necessary time for the execution of the duties imposed by the positions to which you were elected or appointed?

Since you have accepted the responsibilities of your respective positions, you are hereby installed as the Leadership Team for the University of Texas Longhorn Alumni Band.

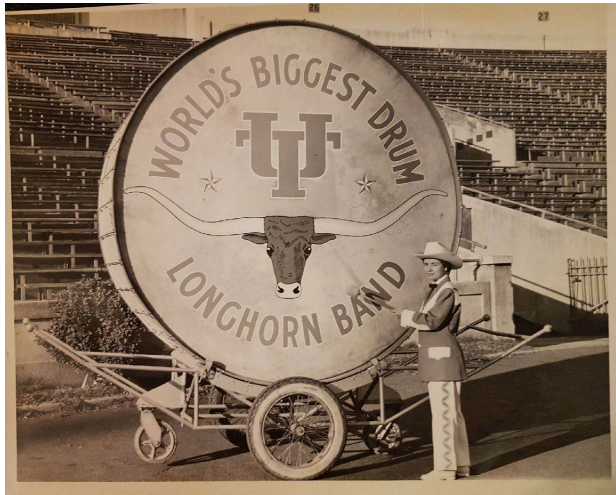
Congratulations and Hook ‘em Horns!

Founding Members Of The Longhorn Alumni Band

In January 1964, James and Patsy Hejl (LHB 1958-1961) were approached by Jane and Vince DiNino to start an alumni band similar to the alumni band at The University of Minnesota. After some discussion, James and Patsy got to work making lists of LHB members using their copies of the Cactus Yearbook and the Austin phone book, placing names on 3x5 index cards on their kitchen table. It did not take long to realize they needed help, so three other former Longhorn Band couples were recruited. They quickly had a list of 500 names of former Longhorn Band members who became the first to call themselves the Blast from the Past. Their first reunion back in Austin to celebrate their LHB family bond was in 1964 with 67 members attending.

We salute these founding members of the Longhorn Alumni Band:

Vincent & Jane DiNino
Richard & Betty Ruth Dove
Malcom & Rebecca Fox
James & Patsy Hejl
Max & Pat Loughmiller



Pictured: Pat Loughmiller

Honorary Members Of The Longhorn Alumni Band

Doris Beresford	Dr. Scott Hanna
Dick Blair	Dr. Jay Hartzell
Mack Brown	Sen. Kathryn "Kay" Bailey Hutchison
General D. Harold Byrd, Sr.	Joseph Jamail, Jr.

D. Harold Byrd, Jr.	Lee Jamail
Byron W. Cain, Jr.	Eileen Johnson
Ken Capps	Morris Johnson
Dr. Robert Carnochan	Jack Keene
Bob Cole	Dr. Thomas Lee
Jody Conradt	Bill Little
Weldon Covington	John Massey
Verna Covington	Doug Messer
Dr. Paula Crider	Lt. Cmdr. Anthony Mitchell
Ronald Crutcher	Blanche Pearson
Chris Del Conte	John Pearson
Jane DiNino	Wally Pryor
Timothy Sloan-DiNino	Jewel Popham Raschke
Vincent R. DiNino	Tom Rhodes
DeLoss Dodds	Dr. Kevin Sedatole
Lucy Dunagan	Brien Smith
Larry Faulkner	Louis Sudler
Minnie Goldbeck Fincher	Billy Swor, Jr.
Dr. Robert Freeman	Carolyn Williams
John Hammerlee	

HONORARY LHAB LIFE MEMBERS

Lee & Joseph Jamail (deceased)
DeLoss Dodds

Longhorn Alumni Band Past Presidents

1964-1965	Richard Dove	1995-1996	Bob Purdy
1965-1966	Art Cory	1996-1997	Nancy Siegmond Murphy
1966-1967	H.B. Dunagan	1997-1998	Heidi Proctor Bryant

1967-1968	Randle Tankersley	1998-1999	David Carter
1968-1969	Budge Mabry	1999-2000	Susan LaRonde
1969-1970	Tommy Cowan	2000-2001	Allan Adelman
1970-1971	Garland Hagood	2001-2002	John Fleming
1971-1972	Ken Sandberg, Sr.	2002-2003	Ben Lee Schneider
1972-1973	J.P. Kirksey	2003-2004	Lucas Horton
1973-1974	Glenn Richter	2004-2005	Karissa King Horton
1974-1975	Don Mayer	2005-2006	George Moxley
1975-1976	Mike Haecker	2006-2007	Donna Beth McCormick
1976-1977	Tom Waggoner	2007-2008	Scott Hendrix
1977-1978	George Greene	2008-2009	Christi Cuellar Lotz
1978-1979	Dan Haik	2009-2010	Coral Noonan-Terry
1979-1980	Robert Pugh	2010-2011	Janice Crosby McKennon
1980-1981	David Childs	2011-2012	Karen Hanson
1981-1982	Ken Crone	2012-2013	Eddie Lopez
1982-1983	Moton Crockett	2013-2014	Nefertiti Williams
1983-1984	Emmett Harrison	2014-2015	Nefertiti Williams
1984-1985	Ann Yelderman	2015-2016	Jo Lyn Peters
1985-1986	Alan Ford	2016-2017	Joe Dahlstrom
1986-1987	Bob Avant	2017-2018	Sara Beth Purdy

1987-1988	Chuck Ellis	2018-2019	Geof Sloan
1988-1989	Art Graf	2019-2020	Heather Knolle
1989-1990	Cathy Bruce Purdy	2020-2021	Jeanne Yturri
1990-1991	Mark Hastings	2021-2022	Jack Green
1991-1992	Gregg Wilson	2022-2023	Randall Storm
1992-1993	Diane Gorzycki	2023-2024	Shirley Cumby
1993-1994	Scott Harmon	2024-2025	Chris Albino
1994-1995	Nan Ellis	2025-2026	Lisa Vasquez

We all recognize the unique roles our members and leaders play in promoting and advocating for the LHAB, the Showband of the Southwest and providing donor dollars for student scholarships. Our LHAB Officers, Board members and Trustees serve as advisers, decision makers, problem solvers, and advocates of the LHAB.

It should be noted that these individuals are invaluable volunteers who put in countless hours attending meetings and supporting their communities advocating for the LHAB, the Longhorn Band (LHB) and The University of Texas. Serving as an officer, appointed assistant, committee member, board member, or Charitable Fund trustee is a challenging and important role. These volunteers help guide the alumni organization in preparation for Band Day, alumni band initiatives and foster scholarship development for our LHB student musicians helping them succeed in college while enjoying the benefits of playing in LHB.

Our entire band family organization benefits from the dedicated energies and valuable time these volunteer members commit to, and we offer thanks and gratitude to them and recognize these contributions reflect a year-round commitment. The LHAB is very fortunate to have such thoughtful and dedicated members guiding and supporting our organization.

THANK YOU for all that you do!

Hook 'em Horns
LHAB

History Of The President's Gavel

These words are taken from the plaque on the gavel case:

Completely hand-turned from pine blocks salvaged from the barracks building which stood at 500 East 23rd Street and served as the "temporary" home of the Longhorn Band from 1947-1969.

The President's Gavel is given annually to the incoming President.

Presented to President Garland Hagood at the 7th Annual Meeting at the Villa Capri Club Caravan Oct. 3, 1970 (Texas 20 - UCLA 17)

Designed by Tommy Cowan (LHB 1963-1968)

Made by J.P. Kirksey (LHB 1962-1965)

History Of The H.B. Dunagan, Jr. Scholarship Hat

H.B. Dunagan was LHAB President from 1966-67. Being of the old school and because his hair was a little thin on top, he always wore a hat. Members of the Alumni Band first made the effort to collect funds for scholarships at our 2nd annual meeting as a way to give something back to the great organization that first brought us together. H.B. modestly offered his hat to be passed around to collect scholarship money, and each year thereafter he repeated the gesture. H.B. passed away in 1974 and his widow, Lucy, gave the hat he wore during his year as president to the LHAB so that we could continue this worthy tradition. Donna Beth McCormick, a dear friend of H.B. and Lucy, added the needlepoint "Band" as a highlight to the hat and remains its caretaker to this day. While other practical containers are passed around now, the hat remains a treasured symbol of the willingness to volunteer and support the Longhorn Band. Scholarships are a strong foundation of the LHAB, so help us keep the tradition alive by giving what you can when the "hat" comes by.

Longhorn Band President's Ring

Irwin Curtis Popham
Drum Major, 1939-1943
LHB President, 1942-1943

Following his graduation from Austin High School, Curtis Popham entered The University in 1939 to pursue a BBA degree. In addition to his Longhorn Band activities, Curtis was an outstanding student and involved in many other campus organizations: Cowboys, Chi Phi, Kappa Kappa Psi, Varsity Basketball, Friars, Rogues and Who's Who. During World War II, Lieutenant Curtis Popham was a B-17 pilot in the Army Air Corps. Curtis, and his crew, were killed on his 22nd birthday, January 13, 1945, when his loaded plane exploded over Germany after being hit by heavy ground fire. Remembering his exuberance and love for the Longhorn Band, Curtis' parents presented his class ring to the Band to be worn by future Presidents. The ring represents a valued link between Longhorn Bands of many eras, each with its own distinctive images, memories and traditions, and each contributing to a continuing legacy of excellence. Symbolic of this unbroken link with previous eras, the ring passes from President to President. The ring that is presented now is a replica of the original ring that had become very worn over time. The replica, presented at Alumni Band Day on October 4, 1996, can be worn on a daily basis by the Band President.

Big Bertha

Brass Plaque Inscription

Manufactured by Leedy & Ludwig Drum Division of C. G. Conn Music Company for the University of Chicago - delivered October, 1922; shell sized to fit drum heads made from largest steers available at Chicago Stock Yards. Purchased for The University at the suggestion of General D. Harold Byrd, longtime benefactor of the Longhorn Band and The University. Acquired in December 1954 for \$1.00 and transported from Elkhardt, Indiana to Austin, Texas by Longhorn Band Director Moton H. Crockett, Jr.

Refurbished spring & summer of 1955 by M. H. Crockett; presented to incoming Longhorn Band Director, Vincent R. DiNino.

The History of Big Bertha

Date of Birth – October 1922 in Elkhart, Indiana

Adopted by the Longhorn Band – August 1955 in Austin, Texas

Reborn – August 2007 in Austin, Texas

Overseas Travel – January 1, 2015, to London, England

Retired – October 15, 2022, in Austin, Texas

During the spring and summer of 2007, Bertha traveled to the Remo Drum Company in Valencia, California for a complete overhaul. Her shell was stripped and damaged wood was replaced. She was completely cleaned and repainted. New heads, new aluminum counter hoops, new lettering (actually a decal), and re-plated hardware. While she was in California, her carriage was redone here in Austin. The carriage was cleaned, old welds were redone, tie-down loops attached, new mounting brackets fabricated, and the entire carriage was powder coated white with burnt orange spoke wheels. New tires and balance wheels were installed. The carriage was ready when Bertha arrived back in Austin on August 17, 2007, but the new mounting brackets had to be slightly modified. On August 24, 2007, a group of KKY pledges led by President Eddie Lopez along with Moton Crockett, J. P. Kirksey, George Moxley, and David Jones met at the Band Hall and successfully attached Bertha to her carriage, and she was ready for her debut on September 1, 2007.

On New Year's Day 2015, Bertha attended her first overseas event as she led the London's New Year's Day Parade with the Longhorn Alumni Band, which was capped off by a performance under the historic Big Ben clock tower and thousands of adoring Great Britain and European fans ringing in the new year of 2015. Under the watchful eye of her crew, Big Bertha continues to stay fashionable with her receipt of a new set of drum heads designed by Longhorn Band Senior Administrative Associate Alexandra Gotliboski and provided by the Remo Drum Company debuting at the first home football game in 2016.

On October 15, 2022, Big Bertha was officially retired after 100 years of service during the halftime show of Alumni Band Day Weekend. She is proudly on display in The Frank Denius Family University of Texas Athletics Hall of Fame located in the North end zone of Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium.

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*For anyone we may have missed, we truly apologize.
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