

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR JAZZ EDUCATION
New Jersey Chapter -- Executive Board Meeting – January 16, 2006
6PM – Starlite Steakhouse – New Brunswick

PRESENT: Dr. Kunkel, Mr. Graham, Mr. Martin, Mr. Lesser, Mr. Tumminia, Mr. Lindner, Mr. Haas, Mr. Krewer, Dr. Dohrmann, Mr. Heller, Mr. Russo, Mr. May

Meeting called to order at 6:22pm by Dr. Kunkel.

Agenda Item 1. Minutes from Executive Board meeting 10/10/05: Minutes taken by Dave May in Chris Tumminia's absence.

MOTION by Dick Graham (2nd by Art Martin) to: Accept Secretary's report.

Vote: Unanimous - Motion approved

Agenda Item 2. Treasurer's Report: John Lindner provided detailed budget figures for all to review. AM asks: "Do we have an account of what the conference hall cost us?" JL: NJPAC conference \$2,886.20 listed on the banking summary sheet. Jeff Lesser indicated that spending more than we're taking in is not unusual at this time of year. We did not have the same conference or conducting expenses last year. J Lindner indicated his concern about taking in prelim fees – making sure we have enough money. Lindner asked Lesser some questions about how to go about some treasury issues/specifics. If there is an expense: Do not reimburse yourself. Brian Height's expenses will be assumed by NJMEA this year. J Lindner asks: "why did Scotch Plains' applications come in at \$436?" Due to renewal of IAJE membership. "Insurance for prelims?" Some BOE's will require proof of insurance. Call insurance company, ask for certification, and then send to BOE. We have not paid for this in the past from the insurance company. Sometimes a BOE will ask to be named as an additional insured.

MOTION by Art Martin (2nd by Chris Tumminia) to: Accept Treasurer's report.

Vote: Unanimous - Motion approved at 6:49 pm.

Agenda Item 3. Region Reports:

Region 1: (Ryan Krewer) Waiting for applications for region auditions. Fixing up database, organizing things.

Region 2: (Ron Heller) Bob Gravener, Bob Emmons will conduct. Everything will be at South Brunswick Crossroads Middle School. Auditions at South Plainfield.

Region 3: (Dave May) Auditions at Lenape. Rehearsals and Concert at Cinnaminson HS. Deb Knisley will host. Ron Kerber cannot conduct, Joe Cataldo suggested. J Lesser asks if we ever required conductors to be members of IAJE? Making him a conductor may help him join IAJE. DTM says Cataldo's response was that he was "honored" to be asked. Mike Ipri and Steve Lombardelli will co-direct and manage the junior high band.

Agenda Item 4. Vocal Jazz Report: (Dr. Dohrmann) DD would like to volunteer to conduct. Accepted! Manager? DD says she is not concerned about it since she is so used to doing it herself. J Lesser suggested maybe someone who may want to conduct in the future to be manager to train. AM asked if we are getting anymore schools involved – says Bloomfield (Jack Bender) would be someone to get involved. JH suggested someone, not a jazzer, but a high end vocal person to reach out and see what the experience is like. DD is happy with the rhythm section and how everything went. JH said his kids had a great experience.

Agenda Item 5. President's Report: (Dr. Kunkel) JK smathered JH with praise regarding his involvement in the Newark Convention. Reaction of convention was one of astonishment. National view of NJ-IAJE has gotten to the "jokingly extreme" level, noted our relationship with NJMEA is great comparatively to other states. AM: Jazz Education Journal next issue will have pictures of our Newark Convention. NJ is the 5th highest state unit with participation. Newsletter: We need one more

issue to be considered meritorious and exemplary. Even web newsletter is acceptable. Jody will work on Spring electronic issue. Most time at National Conference spent helping out other state units who need help. Conference was outstanding! Next year is New York again, JK says GO!

(5C) Terrell was great! JK witnessed rehearsals in AC, TS was teaching them, working on improve, not just style. He was patient, but demanding. Some calendar and communication issues. There will be a loss on the NJPAC concert. JK likes working with NJPAC crew. JK reviewed "exemplary" status. Units who are deemed "non-functional" will not receive their rebate.

(5D) Conductor Possibilities: Jim McFalls – Bone, done MD, PA allstate. Peabody Conservatory....cool like me. Eric Alexander? Mike Brignola? Darmon Meader? Normal fee is \$1750 plus expenses. DTM wants to investigate Gordon Goodwin. MR suggested Justin Dicicco. RK suggested Ralph Lalame. Jeff Jarvis said he would like to do it again. DTM suggested Byron Stripling.

(5E) Display Booth: A reminder...JK cannot do it, Feb 23-25. There was some discussion re: electricity and a video of local events at the convention.

(5F) Clinicians: JK has a schedule of the whole conference, all clinicians were accepted. JK detailed all of the clinicians who will be working.

Agenda Item 6. Higher Education Report: Thursday, opening night concert this year. 5th band this year, last year was best attended. JK says they are behind on putting together the I-C band this year.

Agenda Item 7. Vice-President's Report: (Mr. Haas) JH opened with a question of the board's thoughts on the quality of recording from All-State Jazz. His concern was the quality of the production. JH says listen to the CD and report in. JH thought conference was great. Feedback was wonderful – JH apologized for the heat. People liked the time of the year. If it grows, the space is too small. JH not sure if we need to do this at NJPAC, thinks he can increase donations. Some cost-cutting possibilities. Meal was excellent – members felt valued. Perhaps a \$25 fee for the convention. JH says he'd rather cut down on expenses than go from 0 to 25 dollars in one year. DTM says do not be afraid to charge. There was some healthy discussion about how to organize the convention, and what changes, if any, were necessary. February convention: Time to put together reading band. 10:15 or 10:30 Saturday morning. 103 charts! JH will email everyone who was at the conference to come to reading session part deux. Will bring etudes (Set #1) to February conference for review. Stand fronts: Inserts need to be made. If new ones are made, do we want to make our own logo? Use National logo, or superimpose over NJ state pic?

Agenda Item 8. NJMEA Liaison Report: (Mr. Lesser) Attended first meeting in July. Al Bazzel said we do not follow the All-State procedures. JL will send us edited procedures. Wants us to check it out. Says Joe Akinskas is very open to what we're doing.

Agenda Item 9. State Jazz Competition: Dick Graham handed out a list of bands who have signed up including which prelim and NJSIAA rating they currently have. DG asked if we should increase sight reading to 20%? Answer: Not this year

MOTION by Jeff Lesser (2nd by Jeff Haas) to:

To have three equal Kerber scholarships of \$500 for each division of finals.

Votes: Unanimous - Motion approved

MOTION by Dick Graham (2nd by Dave May) to:

Move tabulator fee from \$150/night to \$175/night for prelims.

Votes: Yay 9, Nay 1 - Motion passes

We will stay with Gold, Silver, Bronze ratings this year.

STATE FINALS PERFORMANCE ORDER: As drawn live by random selection.

8	-	8	Tie Breaker #1 – Improvisation
7	-	7	Tie Breaker #2 – Interpretation
6	-	5	
5	-	2	
4	-	4	
3	-	6	
2	-	1	
1	-	3	

Prelim Emcees:

Cherokee	-	Dick Graham
Steinert	-	Art Martin
Montgomery	-	Ron Heller
Willingboro	-	Jeff Kunkel

There was some discussion about start time for each prelim. Possibly to start each prelim at 5:00 pm, or 5:30 pm, then 6:00 pm. Gary Schneider can take the checks for the adjudicators.

Agenda Item 10. Further Discussion Items:

Mike Russo indicated that there was concern that state board members judged other state board members bands, and that as a rule, we should avoid this at all costs.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Dick Graham, 2nd by Art Martin at 9:46 PM.