

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR JAZZ EDUCATION
New Jersey Chapter -- Executive Board Meeting – January 15, 2007
6PM – Starlite Steakhouse – New Brunswick

PRESENT: Mr. Graham, Mr. Lesser, Mr. Tumminia, Mr. Lindner, Mr. Heller, Mr. May, Mr. Martin, Mr. Branker, Dr. Demsey, Mr. Krewer, Ms. Moody, Dr. Kunkel

Agenda Item 1. Minutes from Executive Board meeting 10/06:

Chris Tumminia states that Mike Russo has been e-mailed the minutes, and will ask to get them up on the NJ-IAJE website.

Agenda Item 2. Treasurer's Report: John Lindner provided 4 detailed budget sheets for all to review. 8 corporate sponsors this year. 3 scholarship winners now – only one has been paid, waiting for two other's supporting info. J. Lesser states that we want to make sure they complete one semester. There was some discussion regarding what type of supplemental material is acceptable. J. Lesser read the scholarship info and the clear wording. J Kunkel wants to make sure there is no bill for the 2005 NJPAC concert. JL is concerned that we will only have \$1767 left assuming all bands pay up front to prelims which never happens. Out of the 1767, there is appx 2500 at least of bills left to pay. JL says he doesn't have an answer, that we could draw on the money market fund. JL expects to break even with corporate sponsorship, and says we lost \$2000 on the NJPAC conference. Lesser says he sees 10 sponsors, there was some discussion on the actual sponsors who paid. It is a matter of cash flow being at the right place at the right time. There was some discussion regarding the money market fund. JK says JL is entrusted as the Treasurer to move money around as he sees fit. AM suggested that maybe we remove a night of finals or assess a larger fee for NJPAC. J Lesser says NJPAC concert is what is killing us, not anything else.

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

Vote: Unanimous - Motion approved at 6:53 pm.

Agenda Item 3. President's Report/Items for Discussion: (Dr. Kunkel)

(3A – Newark Convention) Some people stayed away due to the time of year in November. AM suggested January. J Lesser thinks attendance was good, and that people who want to come will come. All of these points should go to Jeff Haas for his information.

(3B – IAJE Convention Report) NJ along with 14 other states given "exemplary" status, 9 others with "meritorious". Each exemplary unit gets one rebated conference registration. We can get the reimbursement once every 2 years. Really nice at officer's meeting – AM was recognized for his service as US Coordinator. AM says the ovation he got was very gratifying. JK says it was overcrowded, with long lines waiting to get into the concert. DD thought the exhibits were less fill and wondered what the total attendance was. IAJE Convention Locations: 2008 – Toronto, 2009 – Seattle, 2010 – New York City, 2011 – New Orleans, 2012 – New York City. IAJE was "blown away" by Seattle's presentation.

(3c – All-State Jazz 2006 wrap up) All State Jazz went well – venue was good. Lots of frantic last minute communication. NJPAC went well, although light in attendance. Brignola is a Big Band scholar!

(3d – ASJB conductor) Jim McFalls will do 2007 ASJB. A trombone player. He said he would make the rehearsals as well.

(3e – NJMEA) Art will do booth. JH needs players for reading session, JH did not have a report.

(3f – Elections) Need to elect everything but President. Should it be done at NJMEA meeting in February? We need to know current officers' intentions. AM says electronic balloting can be done via one's membership number. Paper ballots can still be done. There was some discussion about electronic balloting.

Agenda Item 4. Region Reports:

Region 1: (Ryan Krewer) Report: He bought everything in bulk last year. Locations same as last year. Jeff Kunkel will conduct senior high, David White will conduct junior high.
Region 2: (Ron Heller) Trouble finding anything solid. Larry Markiewicz will conduct senior high, Art Martin the junior high. Host school's band director unexpectedly resigned. Needs hosts. Thinks his own school may be available. For some reason, every school he has contacted has their musical or some big event the week of Region concert. Junior high attendance is great, high school attendance may be hurt. Hopes to have secure locations soon.

Region 3: (Dave May) All set in South Jersey! Lenape is host – Cinnaminson will host rehearsals and concert. Senior high co-conductors will be Jeff Lesser and Dave May. Junior high will be Mike Anzuini (Deb Knisley manager). 9th grade issue is resolved for this year, but next? JK feels that it is a dead issue because until NJMEA changes, we cannot. There was some discussion about 9th grade eligibility and how each region interprets eligibility. DTM will put a questionnaire together to post to directors regarding 6-8 or 7-9 junior high school setup.

Agenda Item 5. Vocal Jazz Report: (Dr. Dohrmann via e-mail) DD reports she already has a conductor, Justin Binnick. JK thinks he's great, going to be really positive and good move. DD would like to know location of May auditions. She volunteered to emcee a preliminary night.

Agenda Item 6. Higher Education Report: (Dr. Demsey) Reports everyone is working together. NJMEA conference at Salon C at 9-10 PM. Was considering taking a trio to play a 15-min something at an exhibition as a teaser for the concert. Lost 2 schools – Kean and Georgian Court. Demsey says every school nominates 5 players and they pick in rotation. It is non-competitive. Maybe time to do a re-mailing to each college in the state, even community colleges. JK asked a question about colleges promoting themselves through NJIAJE. JM says that she gets 100 emails about people asking to post info in jazzier about gigs. JM says if anyone has information for the jazzier, to pass it along!

Agenda Item 7. State Jazz Competition: (Mr. Graham) DG says sign ups are ok for Monday and Tuesday, but light for Wednesday and Thursday thus far. Email list to membership about the availability of other shows. DG went over enrollment figures, host issues, and emcee assignments. Drawing for the performance slots:

Rank 1 performs 7 th	<u>Emcees</u>
Rank 2 performs 1 st	Cherokee – Dick Graham
Rank 3 performs 8 th	Steinert – Art Martin
Rank 4 performs 4 th	Wednesday – Diana Dohrmann
Rank 5 performs 3 rd	Thursday – Ryan Krewer
Rank 6 performs 5 th	Friday finals – Jeff Kunkel
Rank 7 performs 6 th	Saturday finals – Jeff Lesser
Rank 8 performs 2 nd	Saturday finals at Burlington – Dick Graham

There was some discussion regarding festival format, competitive versus non-competitive, small group festival, etc..the Massachusetts jazz festival format was discussed.

MOTION by Jeff Kunkel (2nd by Ron Heller) to: Reimbursement for IAJE festival registration to be applied to 2008.

Vote: Unanimous - Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Dick Graham, 2nd by Dave May at 9:49 PM.