

NJAJE Executive Board Meeting
Omega Diner, North Brunswick, NJ
Monday, January 20, 2020, 8:30 AM

Call to order – 8:35am

Attendance: Joe Verderese, Dave Demsey, Jeff Kunkel, Miguel Bolivar, Deb Knisely, Jeff Haas, Mike Anzuini, Joe Bongiovi, Randy White, John Maiello

Meeting Procedures: Robert's Rules should be followed.

Secretary Report – Joe Verderese

- October 2020 minutes were taken by Joe Verderese and were emailed to everyone on today's meeting list.
 - Motion to accept minutes from October 2020 as emailed - Jeff Kunkel
 - Second – Dave Demsey
 - All in favor
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President Report – Joe Bongiovi

- All State Recap:
 - All was successful
 - Students were extremely well-prepared leading to some coordinated "down time" during the weekend.
 - Concert performances were excellent
 - We need to clarify for next year the "Guest list" for complimentary tickets to make sure everyone is accounted for as necessary.
- NJMEA Update:
 - Moving forward, we will put in formal request for NJMEA for financial assistance for the "All-State Vocal Jazz ensemble" including a wish list of needed items and expenses.
 - Discussion regarding requesting the purchase of sound equipment for NJMEA use to assist with potential site sound issues

- This could be used for much more than just NJAJE concerts. Can be used at the convention and many other events.
- Governor's Award
 - Will put in a formal request for a governor's award for vocal jazz in addition to the one for the instrumental jazz ensemble
 - Nomination for Ian Hurrel - All State Ensemble Guitar player 3 years, 1 year of All-Eastern
- Conductors for All-State Jazz Ensemble 2021
 - Discussion regarding possible all-state directors for 2021. Joe B has taken a short list of people to contact on the instrumental end and Randy W will look into Vocal directors
- Region/All-State Instrumentation
 - Discussion regarding adding Vibraphone to the list of instrumentation for Jazz ensemble
 - Motion to do an open audition at the first rehearsal of each region for vibraphone to play on one piece of music at the region level in 2020 as a trial and revisit the feasibility of including vibraphone in as an auditioned part of the band on a more permanent basis. Audition materials will be from the guitar audition. Students will adjust as necessary. Joe Bongiovi
 - Second - Deb Knisely
 - All in favor

Vice President Report – Jeff Haas

- November conference was well-received
- NJPAC restructured their fees and it did not have a negative impact on us.
- Luncheon price increased and there was less food than usual to keep costs down
- February Convention
 - Reading session is Saturday at 10:15am and will be directed by Joe Verderese

Treasurer Report – John Maiello

- John Maiello is creating a Google Form to be filled out for reimbursement purposes in the future. This form will need to be filled out in order to get reimbursed for any expenditure
- The credit card payment option is up and running on the website and many payments are being made in this way, helping us have access to the money in time for prelims.
 - Debt of gratitude to Danielle Wheeler for her work on the credit card portal
- Data on the fee structure will help determine if our fee cost was accurate or needs to be adjusted for next year.
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CURRENT BALANCES:

- \$10,461.00 - Balance in October
- \$6,675.00 - Balance in January
- Expenditures
 - Conference
 - Insurance

Membership Chair Report - Jeff Lesser

- 109 Members currently
- Check has been issues to Downbeat
- State Jazz Festival had 45 bands but 2 have dropped out.
- Some schools have requested a change of date which has been accomodated
- Performance order has not been drawn yet
- Jeff Kunkel will hire adjudicators and coach Joe Verderese on how to take over for next year.
- Payment structure has not changed
- Emcees - prelims
 - Monday - Jeff Kunkel (Can switch to Tuesday if Jeff Lesser wants Monday)
 - Tuesday - John Maiello (is backup if needed)

- Wednesday - Deb Knisely
- Thursday - Mike Anzuini
- Friday - Jeff Haas
- Emcees - Finals 4/25
 - JP Stevens - Joe Verderese, Jeff Lesser will be tabulator
 - Princeton - John Maiello
 - Burlington City - Mike Anzuini
- Drawing for performance Order in finals
 - 1 - 7
 - 2 - 9
 - 3 - 8
 - 4 - 5
 - 5 - 6
 - 6 - 4
 - 7 - 2
 - 8 - 3
 - 9 - 1
- Website
 - Applications are up
 - Credit card payments are up. It was not working but has been fixed
 - Applications need to be posted sooner in the future
- Vocal jazz Festival
 - 7 groups are registered
 - Mike Anzuini - Emcee
 - Judges will need to be changed (at least 2 of 3)
- Middle School Jazz Festival
 - 3 groups are registered
 - 1 adjudicator w/onstage clinics
- February Reading band - no update

Higher Ed Report – (Jeff Kunkel & Dave Demsey)

- Intercollegiate band has been selected
- Jeff Kunkel and Dave Demsey are conducting
- Rehearsal set for 2/14

- Performance at 6:30 as a lobby concert during the reception
 - Motion to include \$20 travel stipend for intercollegiate band students due to the change of location to Atlantic City
 - Jeff Kunkel will have students sign payment receipts and be reimbursed by NJAJE upon submission of receipts
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Region I report – (Darrell Hendricks)

- HS Conductor - John Maiello
- MS Conductor - Julius Tolentino
- Vocal Conductor - TBD
- Auditions - Ridgewood
- Festival Location @Mount Olive Middle School

Region II report – (Miguel Bolivar)

- HS Conductor - Jeff Kunkel
- MS Conductor - Gerald Wells (Matawan)
- Vocal Conductor - TBD
- Auditions - Rahway
- Festival Location - Rahway
 - Dates: 3/16, 3/30, 4/3, 4/4, 4/5

Region III report –Joe Henderson (via Deb Knisely)

- HS Conductor - Brian Haight
 - MS Conductor - Chris Tumminia
 - Vocal Conductor - TBD
 - Auditions - Cinnaminson
 - Festival location - Cinnaminson
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Report of the Auditions Chair (Danielle Wheeler)

- No Report
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Vocal Jazz Report (Randy White)

- Claridge issues to be discussed prior to next year
 - Rehearsal room had power issues
 - Nowhere for students to leave their luggage on concert night
 - Sound system supplied by Randy - would be beneficial for him not to bring his own equipment
 - Performed for the Mixed Chorus this year
 - Region Audition deadline is March 2
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Social Media Coordinator (No Report)

New Business

- Discussion regarding scholarship donation form to be set up for the website to potentially bring in funds to keep the scholarship fund going
- Parking for reading band - Joe Verderese will reach out to Maria M to find out about comp parking for reading band

Old Business

- Press release to send out to teachers of accepted students will be sent to NJAJE board to be provided with results. This will be done by Joe V
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For the Good of the Order

- National Jazz Festival is happening in 2020.
 - ***Summer Meeting – Monday, June 1, 2020 @5:00pm – Omega Diner
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Motion to adjourn – Dave Demsey

Second –jeff Kunkel