

## NJAJE Meeting 7/10/18

Meeting called to order at 5:45. Present: Anzuini, Haas, May, Lesser, Hendricks, Knicely, Bolivar, Demsey; Maiello arrived 6:00

1. Notes from Joe Bongiovi regarding Treasurer Report sent electronically. Passed 9-0.
2. Minutes from January 2018 meeting posted on website. Minutes approved 9-0.
3. President's Report.
  1. June meeting seems difficult to schedule, 2nd year in a row. June 10, 2019 currently on calendar (second Monday). Frustrating that so many last minute changes forced a change this year. Lesser proposes to move to June 3 in 2019, first Monday, as a trial. Passed 9-0.
  2. ASJE update: Pete McGuinness conducting. Rehearsal in Hamilton to be posted. Pete can't make October 23 rehearsal, Demsey will direct in his place that night. Peter Certo to be manager again, from Hamilton West.
  3. NJMEA session proposals extended until July 15. Reading band application in; JK needs to submit Intercollegiate Jazz.
  4. Conflict with ASJE audition date for 2018, because All-National needs to be in sooner. NJMEA secured extension. For future, we should consider changing our audition to allow students to apply to the national group in time. Lesser proposes to move auditions for 2019 to April 29. Passed 9-0.
  5. All Eastern (NAfME) in Pittsburgh for 2019.
  6. John Maiello has volunteered to take over as treasurer in place of Joe Bongiovi, who will not finish his term. General discussion of logistical issues regarding John's new role, check signatures, etc., because he is a licensed financial planner. John will technically serve as "acting treasurer" until next election. Passed 10-0.
  7. CDs are mature; originally created for scholarships. May be necessary to use these funds to pay scholarships, max of \$1500/year. Maiello suggests staggering the CD accounts, creating a 6 month CD, 1 year CD, etc, with a larger balance in a 5 year CD. In general we need to tighten up scholarship notification procedures. May moves for subcommittee to address changes in procedures for claiming scholarship, but may not be needed, addressing now via discussion. Letter given to students will include options to prove enrollment.
4. Vocal Report - Dave May for Steve Bishop. Tim Brent handling outreach for NJAJE Honors Jazz Choir, with goal of improving involvement. Randy White dealing with Vocal Jazz Festival. Items to address:
  1. Sound system in AC/Newark. Steve recommends renting a van to move equipment instead of renting sound systems for each location. Board recommends an accurate estimate for costs.
  2. Trying to get concert program from Lisa DeSpain so far unsuccessfully.
  3. Propose that Doug Haber at West Milford be named as vocal jazz chaperone, only cost should be additional room that Mike feels will be covered by NJMEA (meeting upcoming).
  4. Feels rubric used for vocal jazz festival needs examination. Task being assigned to vocal liaisons.
  5. Want to allow groups to have their own sound person, but board it should be an additional person to sit with the hired sound person.
  6. Idea to reach out to "a cappella" groups around the state.

3. President's Report (continued)

8. Need candidate for Jazz Educator Award. Discussion focused on Julius Tolentino; also mentioned Mike Russo, Jim McNeely, Jim Shefferd, Joe Bongiovi. Demsey moves that Tolentino get award, passed 9-0 (May departed meeting after his report).

9. Discussion that Joe Bongiovi had initially requested not to be next in line at President Elected. After speaking with Mike, he has decided to remain as president-elect and will take over as president in July 2019.

5. Vice President's Report - Looking for a clinician to cover both vocal and instrumental aspects of jazz for the November conference. Pete McGuinness and Lisa DeSpain, who are conducting all-state groups this year, have agreed to co-present. Jeff Haas will clarify their requests for student demo groups.

6. Region 1 - Darrell Hendricks is new Region 1 President. John reporting for tonight: lots of challenges dealing with Sparta due to security requirements; region choir issues involving planning, suggests holding choir auditions first. Aiming for a small rotation of schools to host (such as Mt. Olive, Emerson, Nutley, Sparta).

7. Region 2 - Miguel reports that Rahway continues to be a very supportive host. Continued to use a simple download system for distributing audio. Some issues involving scheduling conflicts.

8. Region 3 - Deb reports strong audition numbers. Also would like clarification for combo choices, participation, etc. Anticipates no problem for host school, not sure yet for auditions.

All regions - Mike will clarify with Steve Bishop and Tim Brent that region vocal auditions need to happen more in advance to know if the choir will function, how to assign the rhythm section, need for instrumental players, etc.

9. Executive Director - detailed report was e-mailed.

1. Membership at app. 114, similar to last few years. There are some outstanding fees, JL is looking into these.
2. State Festival- weather issues this year and it all turned out as consistent possible. Some outstanding fees and JL is looking into this.
3. Gala- cancelled this year because bands/choirs wouldn't commit. The date of the gala was a major conflict. After much discussion, decision was reached to place the gala on hiatus.
4. Vocal Jazz Fest fairly successful. Has been a request to change the date due to facility availability. Jeff will discuss with original host, but it has been decided we need to keep the date.
5. MS Festival had to be canceled for 2018. JL suggests we create a membership level for MS Festival membership. Much discussion of when to hold the festival in terms of logistics. Going to try to stay with planned date of April 27.

10. Higher Ed - successful 2018 Intercollegiate Group.

11. New AS audition chair starting in fall, thanks to Jeff Brown who is stepping down.

12. New business

1. Contact with Dennis Argul about his interest in becoming involved in NJAJE, but there are no board positions open at this point.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06.

Minutes humbly submitted by Dr.Kunkel 7/23/18, as taken in place of Mr. Verderese. |