

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR JAZZ EDUCATION

New Jersey Chapter -- Executive Board Meeting – June 5, 2006

6PM – Starlite Steakhouse – New Brunswick

PRESENT: Mr. Graham, Mr. Lesser, Mr. Tumminia, Mr. Lindner, Mr. Haas, Mr. Heller, Mr. Russo, Mr. May, Mr. Martin

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Mr. Haas.

Agenda Item 1. Minutes from Executive Board meeting 1/16/06:

MOTION by Ron Heller (2nd by Jeff Lesser) to: Accept Secretary's report at 6:36 pm.

Vote: Unanimous - Motion approved

Agenda Item 2. Treasurer's Report: John Lindner provided detailed budget figures for all to review. \$6,789 balance (but not really) is actually higher since all of prelims and finals money has not arrived. JL explained the "Income/Expense Comparison 2006" report to compare this year's financial state to last year's. Should be \$287 higher this year for prelims, and \$600 less for finals. Jeff Lesser suggested dropping the solo judge from the finals to make up the difference. Jazz Choir \$387, All State Jazz \$2,700. NJPAC \$2583. John Lindner expressed concern with the crunch where at times we were down to \$700-750 at times. Lesser says NJPAC was primary cause for us being that low where we have not in the past. We brought in \$1000 less than last year. Linder expressed concern that we have not much money coming in between now and January with some big bills coming in the fall.

MOTION by Jeff Lesser (2nd by Dick Graham) to: Accept Treasurer's report.

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

Agenda Item 3. Vocal Jazz Report: (Dr. Dohrmann via Jeff Lesser) DD reports auditions went well, more students auditioned and more schools were involved. Took a larger ensemble this year figuring some kids would drop out.

Agenda Item 4. Prelims/Finals: (Mr. Graham) DG wanted to thank anyone who helped in any way with the organization of the festivals.

MOTION by Dick Graham (2nd by Jeff Lesser) to: Set Preliminary and Finals Festival fee at \$175 per band.

Vote: Unanimous - Motion approved.

MOTION by Dick Graham (2nd by Jeff Haas) to: Set Admission Fee to \$5 for Seniors and Students, and \$8 for General Admission for NJIAJE events, including Region concerts, preliminary and finals festivals. Free Admission for NJIAJE members when they show their membership card.

Vote: Unanimous - Motion approved.

There was some discussion regarding magnet/arts schools and their division classification. This discussion was tabled until the fall meeting. DG indicated which bands still owe money. There was some discussion regarding prelims and finals locations (north/south/central locations).

Preliminary Locations are tentatively:

- 3/12/07 – Cherokee HS
- 3/13/07 – Steinert HS
- 3/14/07 – Bridgewater-Raritan HS
- 3/15/07 – West Orange MS

Division One/Two Finals – Willingboro HS

Division Three Finals – Burlington City HS

On a side note, DG expressed pleasure that he was able to get 500 envelopes with NJIAJE lettering at Pine Hill Printing for \$24. Kinko's estimate was \$288, and Sir Speedy was \$180.

CT will look at rubric scoring sheet and judges instructions before the preliminary and finals 2007.

Agenda Item 5. General Discussion Items: IAJE Exemplary Status – We must have another newsletter in 3 weeks! Suggested 1 page, and can be electronic. JH will e-mail Jody with information for the newsletter.

Agenda Item 6. General Discussion Items: Already discussed most items – Jeff Lesser talked about making Band-In-A-Box files to accompany solos for Region auditions.

Agenda Item 7. Collegiate Report: (Mr. Haas) JH explained that not all bands are sending people and there are repeats in the I-C band. JH is concerned that if we take a year off it will be gone forever. Should we suggest that the Inter-Collegiate band perform at the NJ State Band Conference? All members in attendance agree the I-C Band should continue.

Agenda Item 8. Region Reports:

Region 1: (Ryan Krewer) Tabled.

Region 2: (Ron Heller) Gary Anderson will conduct Region 2 band. Concert went very well, and seemed to do well financially. RH indicated some parents did not pick up kids from rehearsals – host had to take kids to a police station.

Region 3: (Dave May) John Lindner was a great help to DTM – suggests looking into creating guidebooks that would prepare each person for their duties. MR indicated he has something he passed to the former and current Region 1 president. Auditions – concerns about junior/senior high. There was some discussion about eliminating 9th grade from the Junior High auditions, and adding 6th grade. We should get some figured from each region about participation in Grades 7, 8, and 9.

RH brought up the issue of paying for sound at Region concerts. Regions 1 and 2 have been lucky to have someone do the sound in-house for them.

MOTION by Jeff Lesser (2nd by Dick Graham) to: Pay \$25 per hour for a maximum of 4 hours for sound engineering – by request only.
Vote: Unanimous - Motion approved.

There was some discussion regarding piano moving/host school responsibilities.

Agenda Item 10a. Vice-President's Report, November Newark Convention: (Mr. Haas) Mike Steinel (paid by Hal Leonard) is the clinician. He is staying across the street. JH says he has not had the opportunity to follow up with some sponsors. He would like to suggest the sponsors are "IAJE Sponsors" so we could put their names on our programs and not just the NJPAC conference. DTM suggested asking the *Star-Ledger*. Should we raise our conference fee to \$20? Yes. We will make time for Don Braden to make a presentation.

Agenda Item 11. NJMEA Liaison Report: (Mr. Lesser) JL revised the All-State procedures and submitted to NJMEA. All-State Jazz Concert returns to 8PM Thursday night – during the reception for all the people who put on the convention. Should be a full house. Parents/Friends can still attend. Joe Akinkas is in great communication with JL – relationship with NJMEA is strong.

Agenda Item 12a. Honoree for November NJPAC: AM suggested Clark Terry. DTM suggested Dave Demsey and Denis DiBlasio. Jeff Haas suggested Rob Reimer.

MOTION by Jeff Haas (2nd by Dick Graham) to: Nominate Rob Reimer as Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient.
Vote: Unanimous - Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mike Russo, 2nd by Dave May at 9:24 PM.