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NEW JERSEY



**NJAJE Executive Board Meeting**  
**Omega Diner, North Brunswick, NJ**  
**Monday, June 13, 2011, 5:00 PM**

### AGENDA

#### Secretary's Report – Mr. May

Approval of Minutes

John Linder motions to accept Minutes from the last meeting

Seconding by Ron Heller Unanimously Passes

#### Treasurer's Report – Mr. Anzuini

Approval of Financial Statements

Jeff Lesser motions to hire an accountant to look into sorting out our money

Seconding by Adam Warshafsky Unanimously Passes

John Lindner motions to accept the treasurer report,

Seconded by Mike Russo and accepted by majority. Unanimously Passes

#### President's Report– Mr. Lindner

All State Jazz Band Report

Housing fees reported by July 1

Mark Gross will be the conductor for the fall.

Brian Height manager, and Earl Phillips assisted.

2011/2012 Calendar

Calendar to be posted online soon. Carl Cox brought up conflicts which were addressed

NJMEA Report

Joe Jacobs is the President Elect for NJMEA

Tempo -

#### Vice President's Report – Mr. Haas

November Jazz Conference at NJPAC

**John Linder will Email file of Jeff Haas' report**

#### Past President's Report – Mr. Lesser

Membership 2011-2012

**About 90 memberships in total**

**About half of the income is from festival reg and we save money on those that do not attend the conference.**

**Receiving Magazines in Hardcopy**

**Discussion on is Subscription to Jazz Inside worth the \$34.95 ?**

**Recommended that we attempt to negotiate a better option.**

**Discussion / suggestions as far as making adjustments to the application for membership and festival.**

**Consider making a Primary and secondary contact listing preference for applicants Combo Festival**

**Lighter participation than previous years**

**Last minute changes**

**Delays in announcing the final date for combo festival created conflict for groups to participate.**

Jeff Lesser suggests and it is agreed that we forego a Combo Final

#### Region I Report – Mr. Tolentino

**Discussion on sites for Region I**

**Julian will be stepping down after this year Looking for suggestions for replacement president**

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### **Region II Report – Mr. Heller**

**Good Festival Improve communication with vocal. Ron Heller will be stepping down from his presidency for Region 2**

**Region 2 will need to find a new audition host for Region Auditions**

**Joe Bongiovi is a possible consideration for stepping in and is interested.**

**We may need to look into paying for use of facilities ?**

**Discussion followed reviewing several different scenarios for different organizations.**

**We need to be consistent with rehearsal sites**

**Region I Band moved Friday rehearsal to after school / evening instead of daytime**

**John Linder reminded that we must remember that CJMEA promised that they would not conflict with NJAJE for next year.**

### **Region III Report – Mr. Cox**

**Festival was a success. Getting piano tuned was a small challenge.**

**Add to audition form must participate in region band to be eligible for All State.**

**Discussion The issue regarding the tryout situation for students who make the band but choose not to participate in the region band.**

**Jeff Lesser discovered that there is language in the NJMEA All State stipulations that will easily remedy this situation.**

**Discussion of establishing A minimum score for qualifying for All State Auditions**

**Jeff Lesser Motioned to place the wording from section D of the Student Eligibility section of NJMEA Jazz Procedures and copy it to the region jazz band application and Recommend a minimum qualifying score be developed for students to audition for All State Jazz Band of 2012**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Adam Warshafsky UNANIMOUSLY Accepted**

**A suggestion was made to have students' outlining changes for one chorus of blues as a Region requirement?**

**Doug Barber interested in taking on Region 3 President as Carl will be stepping down.**

### **State Auditions Report – Mr. Warshafsky**

**Touched on Minimum scores**

**Online registration was very successful. Directors still have to remember to mail in the signature page. We had one student who registered who wasn't eligible. The online process was a big time saver.**

**Adam would like to meet with Region Presidents prior to the next auditions to review the online registration process and unify the registration process. Some slight wording changes to be tweaked .**

**If we all (Regions 1-2-3) utilize the same electronic application and process it would streamline the overall application process for NJAJE Region AND All State ensembles. Can this all be incorporated for Bands and Choirs? Diana Dohrman to review with Adam to fine tune this accommodation.**

**One problem that still exists: notifying the students who are then eligible to audition for All State Jazz Ensemble - Upon notifying directors of student eligibility**

### **Honors Jazz Choir Report – Dr. Dohrmann**

#### **Region Jazz Choirs**

**Thanks to the region presidents for the positive support and compliments.**

**Need managers to assist with the region choirs.**

**Recommendations made for literature and procedures to the directors.**

**Proposal for name change of Honors Jazz to All-State**

**Proposal has been composed to be submitted to NJMEA in hopes of having an All State Jazz Choir Ensemble for 2012.**

**A problem presented is that the state organization may not accept the proposal based on the issue that there is not a provision in the proposal that requires students make the region Jazz choir for eligibility into the All State Jazz Choir.**

**Jeff Lesser Motioned to approve Vocal Proposal for Jazz Choir**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Mike Anzuini UNANIMOUSLY Accepted**

**Additional Vocal Jazz Liaison**

**Discussion to approve Justin Binek as a Vocal Jazz Liaison**

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**Higher Education Report – Dr. Demsey and Dr. Branker**  
**No Report**

**Jersey Jazzer Report – Mr. Lindner**  
**Shaun Linder will be stepping down as Editor**  
Fall Mailing

**Discussion and agreement to continue to have one hard copy per year**  
**WE need to have the issue out in September to promote State Conference as per request of Jeff Haas.**

**State Jazz Festival Report – Mr. Graham**

**Thanks to All who helped out with the festival.**

**Good feedback on the Electronic Judging comments and mp3 files many comments of high compliments for the quality and the ease of use of this new technology.**  
**Research was done for acquiring bulk flashdrives**

**Dick Graham Motion to approve acquisition of Customized 1GB Flashdrives (100 minimum @ \$4.76)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Adam Warshafsky UNANIMOUSLY Accepted**

**Changes for site of West Orange and Bridgewater-Raritan – they switched nights.**  
**Region III had a problem with a tie.**

**Sightreading was then checked it was tie.**

**Improvisation was checked and it was also tie.**

**Style Articulation was then checked and that broke the tie.**

**John Linder suggested don't break the tie.**

**Jeff Kunkel Motions that ties will be announced as ties while eliminating the next place from announcement .**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Adam Warshafsky UNANIMOUSLY Accepted**

**Discussion on even distribution of Ratings.**

**Wait on the year to see where scores go**

**Much Discussion on Philosophy of Competition or Exhibition**

**Can we set a with drawl time frame for finals?**

**Dick Graham Motion to approve having bands establish acceptance of a finals position by 4 weeks prior to the finals date or they will forfeit the opportunity to participate in the following years festival, barring extenuating circumstances which will be reviewed by the NJAJE Exec Board.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Jeff Kunkel UNANIMOUSLY Accepted**

**Adjudication Coordinator Report – Dr. Kunkel**

**Judging Rubrics for Review - Mr. May**

Next years' Jazz Band Festival / Adjudicators.

**Discussion of the Rubric samples handed out. Discussion to have a committee write rubrics over the summer, for approval in October. David May will over see.**

**Old Business/New Business-**

**Confirmation of Election Results – Mr. Lesser**

**President – Jeff Kunkel**

**Vice-President – Jeff Haas**

**President Elect – David May**

**Treasurer – Mike Anzuini**

**Secretary – Ron Heller**

**Focus for the Future – New President**

Jazz Education Achievement Award

**Jeff Kunkel Motions that Denis DiBlasio be extended the Achievement Award**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Adam Warshafsky Denis Diblasio is chosen as this years recipient**

For the good of the cause . . .

*Meeting adjourned*

**Jeff Lesser Motions to adjourn**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – John Linder**

**UNANIMOUSLY Accepted**