

**NJAJE Executive Board Meeting**  
**Omega Diner, North Brunswick, NJ**  
**Monday, June 6, 2016, 500 PM**

**Call to order – 5:26P.M. EST**

**Attendance:** Joe Verderese, Steve Bishop, Jeff Lesser, Mike Anzuini, Randy White, Dave May, Deb Knisley

**Meeting Procedures:** Robert's Rules should be followed.

**Secretary Report – Joe Verderese**

- **Press release template** – Will be posted on the website for directors to see and send out to their local media outlets.
- **Website Name Posting** – We will begin posting the names of the students who are accepted into our groups on the website starting in the 2016-2017 school year.
  - In the parent signature form, it will state that it is ok for their students to have their names on the website.
  - Motion - Jeff Lesser to add disclaimer in Region and All State Applications to allow us to use student names on the website, program and press releases; written and electronic
  - Second – Deb Knisley
  - All In Favor - Passes
- **NJAJE General Membership Meeting** – We will pursue the general membership meeting at All Eastern 2017
  - General discussion about possibly combining with NJMEA meeting
  - General discussion about having an NJAJE reception.

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**Treasurer Report – Mike Anzuini (for Joe Bongiovi)**

**CURRENT BALANCES:**

- PNC Checking - \$2,781.18
- PNC Money Market Savings - \$2,668.71

- **PNC Certificate of Deposit - \$14,728.66**
    - **Joe Bongiovi sent out a detailed explanation of all the major expenses since the last meeting to the executive board.**
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## **President Report – Mike Anzuini**

- **Deb Knisler – Welcome as Region III President**
- **President-Elect** -Currently, there is no president-elect in place.
- **Region Jazz acceptance (9<sup>th</sup> Grade)**
  - Discussion regarding placement of students who are accepted to both Junior and Senior Region Jazz Ensembles. How will this be decided in the future?
    - Mike Anzuini will come up with a flow chart describing how to fill the seats of the MS vs. HS bands/choirs.
- **All State Conductor/Rehearsal Conductors**
  - **Band** – Mark Taylor
    - NJMEA will take care of travel expenses
    - There are dates that Mr. Taylor will not be present for rehearsals. NJAJE will need to supply substitute directors for those rehearsals. These dates are on Tuesdays, September 27 and October 25. 4pm-8pm in Hamilton, NJ.
    - Doug Barber will be the manager
    - Students are aware of their eligibility for All-Eastern 2017 at this point
    - Our students are not eligible for All-National this year since it occurs at the same time as our All-State Convention.
- **NJPAC 2017**
  - Starting in Fall 2017, NJPAC plans to revamp the All-State Jazz Ensembles program. The Jazz Band and Jazz Choir will have their own shared concerts with a big name headlining act taking the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the show.
- **All Eastern 2017, Region Dates 2017**
  - Session/ensemble presentations are due by June 30
- **Jazz Educator Award**
  - TBA

- **JEN Conference**

- In New Orleans this year. \$175 Registration Fee. The organization has sent representatives in the past. 1<sup>st</sup> weekend after New Years
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## **Vice President Report – Sent in by Jeff Haas**

- In discussion with Dennis Mackerel to present at the conference in November.
  - Working on presenting a reading session at All Eastern. We need to find a sponsor.
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## **Executive Director Report – Jeff Lesser**

- **State Jazz Festival –**

- Finals Date: April 22, 2017
- Discussion regarding rubric/scoring
  - Score ranges – can break down to tenth of a point
  - NCR Paper to be used in the future.
- Improvisation was used as a trial basis this year. It did not count as part of the score.
  - Dave May - Motion to amend Adjudication procedures to incorporate 85% performance, 10% sight-reading and 5% improvisation. The 85% will have a score sheet which aligns to rubrics.
  - Second – Joe Verderese
  - All in Favor - Passes
- Survey responses to the festival were reviewed
- We will work to incorporate some instruction in regards to sight-reading during the preliminary round.
- Jackson will move to Thursday night next year. Hamilton is unable to host. We are looking or 1 more location for Friday night, March 10.
- Some registration fees have not been submitted

- **Membership**

- New membership sheet should be up by June 30

- Vocal festival membership will be added to form this year for \$250 which will include director membership
  - Hopewell Valley Central will host festival at 6:00pm on May 5, 2017
  - **Region Jazz Wrap-up**
    - There is a need to provide a recognition for students who participate in Region Jazz. NJAJE will look into providing pins for students.
  - **Website**
    - All State Results have been posted for Jazz Ensemble
  - **Nominations Committee**
    - We will begin to think about president elect, moving ahead to next June when the president position becomes available
    - Jeff Lesser has offered to serve on nominations committee
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### **Region I report – no report**

### **Region II report – Randy White**

- Very positive response all around regarding the regional festival
- State Finals was also a positive experience.
- Groups performed while scores were being tallied and met with positive response.

### **Region III report – Deb Knisley – no report**

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### **Vocal Jazz Report – Steve Bishop**

- The turnout for All-State Vocal Jazz is higher than last year.
- We will ask for access to list of band and choir directors in the state who are signed up through NAFME
- Can a vocal jazz representative go to the NJMEA meeting along with the jazz ensemble representative?
- Region I and Region III vocal jazz did not happen this year, but Region II ensemble occurred.
- **All State Vocal Jazz Conductor – Randy White**

- November Clinician is TBA
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**Higher Ed Report – (Dave Demsey) No Report**

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**Jersey Jazzer (Meredith Foreman) No Report**

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**Audition Chair (Jeff Brown) No Report**

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**Old Business**

- Alumni Big Band
  - Website submissions (Conductors, Clinicians, etc)
  - Middle School Jazz Band Festival/Gala
  - Region Dates are all posted in Tempo and will be up on our website soon
    - March 13 – Band Auditions
    - Rehearsals – March 20, 27
    - Region Weekend – March 31, April 1, 2
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**For the Good of the Order**

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**Motion to adjourn** – Jeff lesser 9:11pm

**Second** – Dave May

**Adjourned** –

**\*\*\*Fall Meeting** – Monday, October 10, 2016 @5pm – Site TBA