

**NJAJE Executive Board Meeting**  
**Omega Diner, North Brunswick, NJ**  
**Monday, January 16, 2017, 8:30 AM**

**Call to order – 9:09 A.M.**

**Attendance:** Joe Verderese, Jeff Haas, John Maiello, Dave Demsey, Jeff Lesser, Mike Anzuini, Joe Bongiovi, Randy White, David May

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

**Secretary Report – Joe Verderese**

- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting – Mike Anzuini
  - All in favor

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**Treasurer Report – Joe Bongiovi**

**CURRENT BALANCES:**

- PNC Checking - \$1,471.17
- PNC Money Market Savings - \$89.72
- PNC Certificate of Deposit - \$14,876.18

**DETAILED EXPENSES:** There was a quick loan put into account by Joe Bongiovi to help pay for some expenses which was later reimbursed. There is an \$800 expense for an advertisement in Tempo! Magazine. We will consider whether or not to continue with this expense next year.

- Motion to accept treasurer's report – Jeff Haas
  - Second – Dave Demsey
  - All in favor

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**President Report – Mike Anzuini**

- NJMEA Calendar Dates

- Region Audition Date – March 12
- Region Rehearsals – March 19, April 16, 20, 21
- Region Concert April 22
  - Region Presidents can make adjustments to schedule as long as they stay inside the basic timeline
- All-State Auditions – May 7
- Educators Conference – November 17
- Preliminaries – March 5-9
- Finals – April 28
- Gala – May 12
- Executive Board Meeting Dates
  - October 9
  - January 15
  - June 11
- Choir Festival – May 4
- Locations – It is very important for us to find locations for these events as soon as possible. We will shoot to have locations in place by the June 2017 meeting
- All Eastern
  - NJ Has 3 students in the All-Eastern Ensemble + 1 alternate
  - Mike Anzuini and Brian Height will manage
  - Jazz Concert – April 6
- All State Conductors 2017
  - Mike Anzuini will reach out to our first call conductors and solidify before June meeting
  - Dave May recommended that we put together a list of the programs from the past 5 years to the conductor to get an idea of the capabilities of our band.
- Ideas for Region/All State Rehearsals/performance
  - It would be great to have someone come in and work with the rhythm section separately on their individual set as well as being the rhythm section for the vocal group
  - We will shoot to have vocal auditions to register through the same system as band, through Jeff Brown's system with jot forms.
- All State JE Manager
  - We will need a new All-State Jazz Ensemble Manager for next year

- Concerts
    - This year was very successful
    - Jon Faddis was hired by NJPAC to perform with the ensemble
    - Performance was in the Chase Room – smaller setting
    - Next year’s concert may be splitting the 2 groups but may also split the concerts. Also not sure whether or not we are staying in the Chase Room or not.
  - Governor’s Award
    - Motion to Nominate Dave Mosko – Dave May
    - Second – Randy White
    - All in Favor
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### **Vice President Report – Jeff Haas**

- 2016 November Conference was a great success
  - Attendance was up from past years
  - NJPAC has allowed us to use their equipment, which is extremely helpful
  - Is there any interest in moving the conference to a day other than Friday?
    - We will keep the conference on the Friday this year and survey the attendees regarding a different day in the future
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### **Membership Chair Report - Jeff Lesser**

- **Membership Report**
  - 117 members currently
    - Membership report was handed out – includes information regarding payment being received
  - All members of this list receive Downbeat Magazine – digital and print copies
  - Motion to restructure Fees for 2017-2018. (Jeff Haas)
    - Raise individual membership cost from \$60 to \$75
    - Raise high school festival member (which does not include finals or gala fees) from \$250 to \$300

- Raise 2<sup>nd</sup> ensemble from \$200 to \$250
    - Raise Retired/Student membership from \$40 to \$50
    - Raise Finals Fee and include Gala costs from \$175 to \$225
  - Second – Joe Verderese
  - All in Favor
- **State Jazz Festival 2016**
  - All sites are filled
  - Jazz For Teens may be performing as an exhibition
  - Order of Performance
    - All bands will be in the random drawing for order of performance
    - NJAJE will draw for all sites
  - Emcees for each night are needed
    - Monday – Jeff Lesser
    - Tuesday –
    - Wednesday –
    - Thursday –
    - Friday – Jeff Haas
  - Judges are almost all solidified.
  - Pieces need to be selected for sight-reading that will also have chord changes that can be played by students in preliminaries (Blues)
  - Finals structured is changed this year to include the Gala
  - Emcees for finals on Saturday, April 22 are needed
    - JP Stevens -
    - Princeton -
    - Overbrook –
- **Gala**
  - Top 3 bands from each finals (9 bands)
  - Each band performs 3 numbers from their repertoire
  - 1 adjudicator who chooses best sections and outstanding soloists
  - Top vocal jazz group can do a set
- Drawing order of finals performance
  - 1 - Band 9
  - 2 - Band 7
  - 3 - Band 8
  - 4 – Band 6

- 5 – Band 5
- 6 – Band 4
- 7 – Band 3
- 8 – Band 2
- 9 - Band 1
- Reading Band Charts from conference have been posted on the website
- Region Jazz Applications are up on website
- Combo Clinics are up on website
- State Choral Festival is up on web site
- Elections: Nominating committee has come up with nominations which will be emailed to members
  - All spots will remain the same at this point except for president elect
  - Joe Bongiovi will be on ballot for president elect
  - Motion to accept nominations – Jeff Lesser
  - Second – Jeff Haas
  - All in Favor

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### **Region I report – (John Maiello)**

- **Conductors**
  - **HS** – Darrell Hendricks
  - **MS** – not confirmed yet
  - **Vocal** – not confirmed yet
- **Festival Host** – Nutley
- **Audition host** – Ridgewood
- **Audition Chairperson** – John Luckenbill

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

- **Conductors**
  - **HS** – Jeff Kunkel
  - **MS** – Miguel Bolivar
  - **Vocal** – Tim Brent
- **Rehearsal/Concert Host** – Rahway
- **Audition Chairperson** – Joe Bongiovi

- **Auditions host**– Rahway

### **Region III report –**

- Auditions – Lenape
  - Audition Chairperson - Len Nicolas
  - Conductors:
    - HS – not confirmed yet
    - MS – not confirmed yet
    - Vocal – not confirmed yet
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### **Vocal Jazz Report – No Report**

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### **Higher Ed Report – (Dave Demsey)**

- Intercollegiate band has been put on hold for a year due to an inability to apply since there was no prior recording of the group
  - In the future, we can use the intercollegiate band as the guest band at the Gala in May
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### **Jersey Jazzer (no report)**

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### **New Business**

- Dave May is interested in getting more involved as a “historian” for the organization of NJAJE going back to the beginning of NJ Jazz Organizations.
  - Any information can be sent to Dave May
- For auditions, can we move to a system where we grade every scale individually

- Motion to realign the scale scores on auditions to be scored individually instead of all scales being scored in terms of tone, technique, intonation - Jeff Lesser
- Second – John Maiello
- All in Favor

### **Old Business**

- **Pins for Region Jazz** – Mike A is looking into providing that for students at each location
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### **For the Good of the Order**

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**Motion to adjourn** – Mike Anzuini

**Second** – Joe Verderese

**Adjourned** – 12:13pm

**\*\*\*Spring Meeting** – Monday, June 12, 2017 @5pm – Site TBA