

NJAJE Executive Board Meeting
Omega Diner, North Brunswick, NJ
Monday, January 18, 2016, 8:30 AM

Call to order – 8:49A.M.

Attendance: Joe Verderese, Steve Bishop, John Maiello, Dave Demsey, Jeff Haas, Jeff Lesser, Mike Anzuini, Joe Bongiovi, Randy White, Jeff Kunkel

Meeting Procedures: Robert's Rules should be followed.

Secretary Report – Joe Verderese

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

Treasurer Report – Joe Bongiovi

CURRENT BALANCES:

- PNC Checking - \$ \$4,652.36
- PNC Money Market Savings - \$2,668.71
- PNC Certificate of Deposit - \$14,728.66

DETAILED EXPENSES: All checking account activity since the last meeting was given out on the back of the treasurer's report which we all received at the meeting. Major expenses since last meeting were Kerry marsh fees, NJAJE Conference Lunch, All State Medals and NJMEA Tempo Magazine advertisement.

- Motion to accept amended minutes from last meeting – Mike Anzuini
 - Second – Joe Verderese
 - All in favor

President Report – Mike Anzuini

- Executive Director

- Mike Anzuini put together proposed by-law addition for executive director
- Honorarium will be determined every 2 years, in conjunction with our usual officer voting.
- **Motion: Send an electronic vote to the general membership with the purposes of adding an executive director to the executive board.**

Amendment as follows:

- ARTICLE V - Executive Committee and Board of Directors, Section 5.
- The Executive committee shall appoint a member of NJAJE to serve as its Executive director. The Executive Director shall be a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of directors. Duties of the Executive Director shall include, but not be limited to, Membership, organization and execution of the performance festivals, webmaster and any other duties as deemed by the President.
- The term of the Executive Director shall be for two years. The Executive Director shall begin their term of office July 1, in the year of the election.
- The Board of Directors shall vote upon an agreeable honorarium paid to the person who fulfills the duties of the Executive Director. The amount of the honorarium shall be set and voted upon at the Spring meeting of the election year. The Honorarium shall be paid in equal installments prior to each meeting of the Board of Directors.
- **Pending approval of the change of the by-laws - to make the honorarium \$3,000 for the term – breaking down to \$500 at each meeting, over 2 years.**
 - Motion – Jeff Kunkel
 - Second – Dave Demsey
 - All In Favor

- **All Eastern 2017, Region Dates 2017**

- All-Eastern Dates: Wednesday, April 5 – Saturday, April 8, 2017
- Region needs to be completed before All-Eastern
 - The following dates are on the table
 - Auditions – March 13
 - Rehearsal – March 20, March 27. (Possible change to 2 different evenings – Monday AND Tuesday as opposed to the same night 2 weeks in a row.)
 - The dates can vary region to region if needed based on site availability or other activities

- Region Weekend – March 31, April 1-2. This is more condensed than usual
- **Region III Report**
 - Still a vacancy for Region III Presidency
 - Dave May and Mike Anzuini have been taking the reigns of the position until it is filled.
 - Conductors Selected –
 - Joe Bongiovi – Sr. Band
 - Doug Barber – Jr. Band
 - TBA - Vocal
 - Hosts:
 - Vocal Jazz Rehearsal – Burlington Twp HS
 - Seneca hosts band rehearsals for Jr. and Sr. HS
 - Absegami HS will host concert and weekend
 - **Add April 4 vocal jazz rehearsal**
- **NJMEA Conference**
 - No news regarding the conference at this point.
 - Reading band was accepted
 - Intercollegiate Band was accepted
 - Schedule for conference sessions is not up, but all the sessions are listed alphabetically
- **All State Conductors 2016** – There is a compiled list of potential candidates. Below is a list of our first calls for this year’s festival
 - **Instrumental**
 - **Rufus Reid**
 - **Alan Baylock**
 - **Mark Taylor**
 - **Walt Weiskopf**
 - **Names to be added to the list:**
 - **Derrick Hodge**
 - **Earl MacDonald**
 - **Vocal**
 - **Steve Bishop took a list of recommendations from the Executive Board members**
- **Audition Procedures**

- Add April 4 vocal jazz rehearsal
 - Vocal Jazz students are based on recommendation only
 - **Online Application**
 - Reviewed the student and director applications that Jeff Brown posted. Minor adjustments to be made
 - Can we create the same exact form on the vocal end?
 - **Governor's Awards**
 - Motion by Mike Anzuini to offer Governor's awards to:
 - Patrick Do – Instrumental
 - Leah Davies – Vocal
 - Second – Joe Verderese
 - All in Favor
 - **President Elect**
 - Still an open position
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Vice President Report – Jeff Haas

- Reading band is almost complete for February
 - Working on getting Christian McBride as our keynote clinician
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Membership Chair Report - Jeff Lesser

- **Membership Report**
 - 115 members currently
 - All members now have subscription to Downbeat Magazine
- **State Jazz Festival 2016**
 - Friday remains to be least attended evening
 - During this evening, we will forego the first \$200 and just do a 50/50 split
 - Locations and participating bands are all listed
 - Recommendation is that the locations with more than 10 bands should start at 4:30pm as opposed to 5pm with the local band performing first.
 - Sight-reading will count this year. All directors have been notified

- Experimentation with improvisation room will occur this year. This will not “Count” this year. We must come up with a format for this
 - This will occur within the sight-reading room
 - **John Maiello - Motion to adopt the scoresheet from Princeton for sight-reading to be used at the end of the sight-reading room during prelims. This is optional for each band this year**
 - Second – Dave Demsey
 - All in Favor
- Prelim Judges are set for March
 - Dave Bixler, Rob Middleton, Lila Cir, Marty Bound
- Finals Judges are being put together
- Rubrics and Scoresheets
 - Will be sent to bands and judges
 - Scoresheet will be adjusted to reflect the addition of sight-reading
 - If we keep improvisation next year, we will potentially need to make a shift of the solo category from the ensemble performance. This will be discussed in June after we have tried
- Drawing for finals placements will be tiered
 - Top 3 bands will be 7-8-9
 - Next 3 will be 4-5-6
 - Bottom 3 will be 1-2-3

Order of Performance	Ranking from prelims
1	7 th place
2	8 th place
3	9 th place
4	5 th place
5	4 th place
6	6 th place
7	1 st place
8	3 rd place
9	2 nd place

- Gala Discussion – Many different possibilities for another opportunity for finals bands including clinics, performances, etc. Different dates were thrown out as options. Nothing has been set in stone. This was a brainstorming opportunity.

- Potential dates set for April 22, 2017 finals and April 29, 2017 Gala/Clinic
 - **Jazz Combo Clinics:**
 - Clinicians have been made available to schools.
 - Gary Feinberg
 - Conrad Herwig
 - Marc Stasio
 - Denis DiBlasio
 - Doug Mapp
 - So far we have had 2 requests
 - This is for groups of 10 or less. No big bands.
 - **Website**
 - Will update application links this week.
 - Tempo Express paperwork has been taken care of.
 - Combo Clinic application is live.
 - Reading band charts file in need of updating.
 - Working on archiving our history for the website
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Region I report – (John Maiello)

- **Conductors**
 - HS – Vee Popat
 - MS – Not confirmed
 - Vocal – Charlie Postas
- **Host – Emerson HS is on the list. Back-up plan is Nutley.**
- **Auditions – Ridgewood**
- **Add April 4 vocal jazz rehearsal**

Region II report – Randy White

- **Conductors**
 - HS – Jeff Lesser
 - MS – Meredith Foreman
 - Vocal – not confirmed. As of now, it will be Randy White
- **Rehearsal/Concert Host – Rahway**
- **Audition Chairperson – Joe Bongiovi**

- Auditions –Hopewell Valley Central High School

Region III report – Dave May (Vacant position)

- (Done during President Report)
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Vocal Jazz Report – Steve Bishop

- Discussion regarding trying to get vocal jazz groups around the state to come together in a festival
 - Can we put together a State Finals for Jazz Choir?
 - Possibly not as a competition, just a gala
 - Set a minimum of 5-6 groups
 - Can we get a reading session for vocal jazz?
 - Can we work on getting a proper sound system?
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Higher Ed Report – (Dave Demsey)

- Anthony Branker and Ralph Bowen conducting inter-collegiate concert
 - Rehearsal is the Friday before.
 - We need to think about what the Intercollegiate band will do in 2017 during All-Eastern?
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Jersey Jazzer

- No report
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Old Business

- Alumni Big Band
 - No news

- **Press Release Template**
 - Was sent out to everyone on Sunday. Will be updated with new information.
 - **Website submissions (Conductors, Clinicians, etc)**
 - No news
 - **Guest Performers @Finals – Vocal Jazz Choirs**
 - No news
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For the Good of the Order

- **Emcees for preliminaries**
 - **Monday – West Orange – Jeff Lesser**
 - **Tuesday – Steinert – Joe Bongiovi**
 - **Wednesday – Cherokee – Mike Anzuini**
 - **Thursday – Bridgewater-Raritan - Jeff Kunkel**
 - **Friday – Jackson Liberty – Diana Dohrmnn**
 - **Finals –**
 - **JP Stevens - tba**
 - **Princeton – Randy White**
 - **Burlington City HS – Steve Bishop**
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Motion to adjourn – Dr. Demsey

Second – Randy White

Adjourned – 11:44am

*****NJMEA Conference Meeting – Friday, February 19, 2016 @2:00pm**

Joe Verderese will preside over the meeting and bring interested members up to

Date on what we have going on.

*****Spring Meeting – Monday, June 13, 2016 @5pm – Site TBA**

