

IGSMA District VI  
Spring Meeting – Monday, April 30, 2007  
Minutes

**In Attendance:**

John Armstrong	Joliet Public Schools	IGSMA Vice President
Ed Jones		IGSMA Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Rhonda Jurgel		District VI Scheduler
David Allie	Lansing S.D. 158	Memorial JHS - IGSMA D. VI Chairman
Becki Wagnon	Joliet S.D. 86	Washington JHS
Julia Binder	Joliet S.D. 86	Hufford JH
Melissa Schoonover	Joliet S.D. 86	Washington JH
Jim Shaw	Joliet S.D. 86	Gompers JH
Linda Pierson	Joliet S.D. 86	Dirksen JH
Scott Barnas	Joliet S.D. 86	Washington JHS
Laura Jelinek	Joliet S.D. 86	Hufford JH
Cliff Hunt	Joliet S.D. 86	Hufford JH
Robert Page	Plainfield S.D.202	Aux Sable MS
Ann Betz	Crete-Monee 201-U	Crete-Monee MS
Jason Freeland	Tinley Park CUSD 146	Central MS
Bill Goetz	Troy S.D. 30C	Troy MS
Kim Coughlan	Summit Hill D. 161	Summit Hill JH
Bill Rank	Will County D. 92	Oak Prairie JHS
Nicole Henn	Lockport S.D. 91	Kelvin Grove MS
Jeanette Soebbing	Plainfield 202	Timber Ridge MS

Following dinner and fellowship, Chairman David Allie called the meeting to order at 7:46 PM. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to purchase of the District's lap top computer to be used by the Chairman. This HP Pavilion dv9000 Widescreen with carrying case and Antec fan totaled \$2223.61.

Chairman Allie presented the financial reports showing a balance in the checking account of \$2790.16 and the savings account at \$1196.45. The report was filed for audit.

David thanked the contest hosts for 2006-07 for their hard work and accomplishments. He also thanked John Armstrong and Sarah Bush Randolph, Piano Committee, for enabling us to purchase two new Korg digital keyboards for \$2499.32. Due to two Solo & Ensemble Contests on the same day, 12 pianos were rented from Beautiful Sounds. We needed to move pianos four times resulting in a bill to the Berryman Company for \$1900.00.

Discussion was held about contest sites for the future. Chairman Allie indicated Bill Rank, Oak Prairie MS, has volunteered to host our Jazz site for 2008, 2009 and 2010. Also, John Armstrong, Joliet District 86, will be hosting an Orchestra and Band site for 2008, along with a band site for 2009 and 2010. Thomas Neisler and Karen Blair will once again host a Band and Choir site for 2008 at Minooka JHS. For the 2008 year we are still in need of three Solo & Ensemble sites, two Band and two Choir sites.

The Fall Meeting for District VI has been set for Monday, September 10, 2007, at Cemeno's Pizza and Joe's Dugout in Joliet. It was unanimously approved to have a Pizza menu at 7:00 PM with the meeting to begin at 7:30 PM. The cost per member for the meal will be announced in the fall.

District VI piano maintenance and repair will follow the same procedure as in the past. The Chairman will repair and maintain as he/she sees fit. \$1.00 from each solo event is to be set aside for repairs and replacements.

The Chairman requested several increases for contest host stipends, adjudicator stipends, medals and scheduler's stipend. It was suggested to cover the income increases before taking action on increasing the expenses.

Mr. Allie requested that all contest hosts read and refer to Barbara Beuhlman's book, "Everything You Wanted to Know About Hosting a Contest." The book is on the IGSMA web site and available in hard copy by request.

Chairman Allie also suggested that District VI move towards computer mailings versus postal mailings for a savings. We would need accurate email addresses from all directors. Some schools have filters on email and directors would need to be sure that the filter allows the IGSMA emails.

Directors must take the time to complete the Solo & Ensemble Contest forms accurately. In order to divide those contest sites evenly, it is extremely important to list approximately how many events will be attending. Chairman Allie expressed thanks to Orland Park School District 135 for graciously moving to another site in order to accommodate the contest size.

The Chairman encourages schools to utilize the contest concession area. The concessions are very beneficial to the host school.

Mr. Allie requested an increase in the registration fees from \$35.00 to \$50.00 per school campus, Organization Entry Fees from \$53.00 to \$60.00, Solo Entry Fees from \$7.00 to \$8.00 and Ensemble Entry Fees from \$4.00 per member to \$5.00 per member. Discussion was held with concerns about school budgets already in place for next year.

Bob Page inquired about the \$8314.34 deficit in our cash flow for 2006-07. The Chairman indicated the deficit was a result of the new computer, two new pianos, piano rental and moving, payment of contest officials and high quality cassette tapes. Mr. Allie made note that some tape machines being used were of low quality.

Kim Coughlin suggested that District VI purchase their own tape recorders. After further discussion, Bob Page volunteered to explore other options besides tapes and will report at the District VI Fall Meeting.

Discussion was held about raising the Solo & Ensemble fees from \$7.00 to \$8.00 per solo and from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per ensemble member. Jason Freeland moved to raise the Solo & Ensemble Entry Fees to \$8.00 per solo and \$5.00 per ensemble member. **MOTION CARRIED**

John Armstrong moved to raise District VI Contest Organization Entry Fee from \$53.00 to \$60.00. **MOTION CARRIED**

Kim Coughlin moved to increase medal costs from \$1.00 to \$1.50. Second: Ann Betz. **MOTION FAILED** After further discussion, it was requested to take a revote. **MOTION CARRIED**

Jason Freeland moved to increase registration fees from \$35.00 to \$50.00 per school campus effective in the 2008-09 school year. Second: Cliff Hunt **MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion was held about increasing the Contest Host stipends. It was tabled for a future meeting.

Following discussion concerning an increase for the adjudicators, Bill Rank moved to pay Organization Adjudicators \$25.00 an hour, including lunch and a ½ hour meeting, with a minimum of \$125.00 for the day. Second: Rebecca Wagnon **MOTION CARRIED** Bill Rank moved to pay Solo & Ensemble Adjudicators \$25.00 an hour, including lunch and a ½ hour meeting, with a minimum of \$125.00 per day. Second: John Armstrong **MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion was held concerning the Solo & Ensemble Contest Scheduler's fee. Bob Page moved to raise the stipend for scheduling from \$1.00 per entry to \$1.25 per entry. Second: Kim Coughlin **MOTION CARRIED**

Bill Rank would like to see increased enrollment at the Jazz Contests. After different suggestions were discussed, including date changes for 2008, it was decided to table the matter until the Fall Meeting.

Nicole Henn indicated Kelvin Grove is interested in hosting a contest but there is no parking at the school. Nicole suggested a shuttle system and Chairman Allie indicated that would be a prohibitive expense.

The piano update was given by John Armstrong. He recommends giving our broken pianos to Paul's Organ Service to use for future repairs. John will remain on the piano committee.

Melissa Schoonover reminded everyone to make recommendations for the Cloyd Myers Memorial Award and the Barbara Buehlman Young Conductor's Award. Forms for these awards are available on the IGSMA web site.

Chairman David Allie indicated he will need to be replaced at the September 2007 District VI Meeting.

Bob Page moved to adjourn at 9:20 PM. Second: Jeanette Soebbing **MOTION CARRIED**