

ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION
Northern Division
63rd Annual State Fall Membership Meeting
Monday, September 24, 2001
Maria's Restaurant - Morris, Illinois

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 63rd Annual Fall Meeting of the Illinois Grade School Music Association, Northern Division, held at Maria's Restaurant in Morris, Illinois, was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Wesley Russell. President Russell welcomed the membership and introduced the Executive Committee, the District Chairpersons including new District Two Chairperson, Cynthia Bridges, and new District Five Chairperson, Alan Kiser, and the Advisors, including newly appointed Harold Hokenson.

The Tenth Annual Cloyd Myers Memorial Award for Excellence in Music Education was presented by President Wesley Russell to Harold Hokenson from Sterling, IL. Mr. Russell introduced Selection Committee Chairperson Lisa Kiener, and Committee members Joseph Goble, Ann Marie Markle, and John Armstrong. Mr. Russell presented comments regarding the life and accomplishments of Mr. Hokenson. Mr. Hokenson expressed appreciation for the award and the honor bestowed on him. He elaborated on his association with Cloyd Myers and the positive influence Mr. Myers made on his life and teaching.

A motion to accept the Minutes of the 2000 Annual Fall State Meeting was made by John Armstrong. Second: Peggy Bonner
MOTION CARRIED

The Vice President's Report was presented by Robert Page. Mr. Page directed the membership to secure medals from the District and State Contest Hosts in order to reduce postage expenses and administrative details resulting from dealing with individual orders. Mr. Page also explained the advantages to selecting the option to use a single medal color for the Association's awards.

The Audit Report was presented by Committee member, John Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong indicated that the records were in order and recommended that the report be accepted. John Hansen moved to accept the Audit Report. Second: Joseph Goble
MOTION CARRIED

Executive Secretary-Treasurer Edward Jones presented the Financial Reports, stating that the Association had a cash balance of \$33,374.99 as of June 30, 2001. The Report was filed for audit.

Vice President Page presented information relative to the termination of the current medal contract, reasons for a price increase, and the advantages to using a single Bronze colored medal for all awards. Peggy Bonner moved that a three year contract be negotiated to include a single Bronze medal for awards. Second: Jeremy Kramper **MOTION CARRIED**

District Four Chairperson, Joseph Titus, discussed circumstances related to travel to contest sites existing due to the boundaries of District Four and Nine. Mr. Titus moved to extend the boundary of District Nine to include all of Boone County and that part of McHenry County not in District Eight. Second: Ellen Singer In discussion following the motion, a Crystal Lake representative indicated the desire to participate in District Eight due to extended travel. Lisa Kiener, a former member of the Boundary Committee, gave background information regarding the reasons for the original establishment of boundaries at the request of the President. **MOTION CARRIED**

District Two Resolution of Edward Winkler moved to eliminate the two-tiered organization contest structure and move to a single contest. **MOTION DEFEATED**

Edward Winkler presented the report of the Nominating Committee, with the recommendation that the current officers, President Wesley Russell, Vice President Robert Page, and Secretary-Treasurer Edward Jones, be retained for the coming year. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Mr. Winkler moved to close the nominations and elect the slate of officers as presented, seconded by John Hansen. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Winkler continued his report by explaining the spreadsheet used to establish salaries for the coming year, indicating that a 4% increase to the current Secretary-Treasurer's salary of \$7269.00, resulting in \$7560.00, was the basis for taking 40% of that figure for the President's salary, and 50% for the Vice President's salary. Mr. Winkler moved that officers' salaries for the coming year be: President \$3024.00, Vice President \$3780.00, Secretary-Treasurer \$7560.00, and that the Secretarial stipend be set at \$4158.00. Second by John Hansen **MOTION CARRIED**

Old Business

Ellen Singer, Committee Chairperson, gave her report on the Barbara Buehlman Young Conductor's Award. Mrs. Singer gave the criteria for establishing the selection process and referred to the handout indicating the recommended procedures. Mrs. Singer moved that the report of the Committee be implemented and that the first award be given in the next school year, 2002-2003. Second: Art Hildebrand **MOTION CARRIED**

The State Band Comment Sheet Committee Report was tabled for future consideration.

New Business

President Russell elected to next consider the State Contest Format, based on criteria developed by Phillip Hash, with the understanding that considerations be 1) in the best interest of the students, and 2) that all will not totally agree, but that a consensus be established. John Hansen moved that: All eligible requirements for State Contest will remain as printed in the Constitution. The following changes in the State Contest format will be implemented in the school year 2001-2002: 1) All organizations performing at State Contest will change a minimum of one selection from District Contest to State Contest. 2) All organizations performing at State Contest will participate in a Clinic following their performance. Second: Ellen Singer
President Russell elaborated on the proposal, with explanation on numerous facets. Many questions and much discussion followed. President Russell commented concerning the need and basis for change, referring to considerations he had received. Valerie Page requested a show of hands of those desiring a change in the State Contest format. The majority of those present indicated that a change was desired. Mr. Winkler recommended that the title change from District to State be eliminated and proceed with the Clinic proposal. Following further discussion concerning the Clinic proposal, President Russell addressed the Clinic concept, indicating that the intent is to stress musical concepts which can improve performance in general, not restricted to selections just performed. A suggestion was made to develop a "Pilot District." The points were made that Districts Nine and Seven currently do this, and that State Contest is not organized within District boundaries. The motion was tabled temporarily to allow for elaboration on those proposals considered by the Executive Board, which included: "Honor Status" in the two-tiered system, i.e., District and State "special recognition and awards, make changes in the State Contest comment sheets, and required selections at the State Contest.

Following a request by the President for discussion of the proposal items, "Pilot Sites" were again suggested, using the Festival format. In response to the question of how many were in agreement with the Festival format, the majority voiced agreement.

Following a call for the vote on the motion, the motion was read again by the President. **MOTION DEFEATED**

Dates for the State Meeting in the coming year were discussed. The proposal to meet on Saturday or Sunday was not acceptable. President Russell indicated that the dates for the 2002 Executive Board and State General Meeting will be September 22 and 23, both in Morris.

President Russell stated that the members should refer to the Web site for State Contest dates and sites. Several sites are confirmed, with others in negotiation.

Chip DeStefano moved that a pilot site for the IGSM State Contest be organized as a Festival. Second: Phillip Hash
During discussion the point was made that this will not be an "assigned" participation site, rather, an option for those wishing that experience. At President Russell's direction, the "State Contest Proposal" sheet developed by Mr. Russell, based on Phillip Hash's proposal, was distributed. This "State Contest Proposal" sheet had been distributed previously to the membership with the request for comment. Selected comments appear on the sheet. Each of the 15 items in the "Proposal" were considered in turn, with discussion allowed to reach agreement. The result of the consideration and discussion led to consensus as follows: Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 were accepted. Items 7, 8, 9, and 10 were discarded. It was agreed that those wishing to participate at the pilot site are to make requests to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer's office on a "first come, first served" basis. **MOTION CARRIED**

Jeremiah Kramper moved that a new medal be designed for use at the Pilot Site Contest, using the colors red, white, and blue for the ribbon. Second: Nancy Johnsen **MOTION CARRIED**

Vice President Page discussed the plaque to be awarded the "Honor Status" groups at the Pilot Site, recommending that latitude be given in the design of the plaque.

Joseph Goble moved to adjourn the 63rd Annual Fall State Meeting at 12:15 PM. Second: Jeremiah Kramper **MOTION CARRIED**

Edward F. Jones
Executive Secretary-Treasurer