

**ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION**  
**Northern Division**  
**65th ANNUAL STATE FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Monday, September 22, 2003**  
**Maria's Restaurant - Morris, IL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The 65th Annual Fall Membership Meeting of the Illinois Grade School Music Association, Northern Division, held at Maria's Restaurant in Morris, was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by President Wesley Russell. President Russell welcomed the membership to the meeting and introduced members of the Executive Committee, the District Chairpersons, including new District Five Chairperson James Weir and new District Six Chairperson Melissa Schoonover, and the Advisor.

The 2003 recipient of the Cloyd Myers Memorial Award was Thomas Goodwin of New Lenox. President Russell presented information about Mr. Goodwin's teaching career, including his awards and memberships. Mr. Goodwin offered words of appreciation upon receiving the award.

The Barbara Buehlman Young Conductor Award was presented to Sam Hankins at the District Three Fall Meeting. Ellen Singer presented the award at the Annual Fall Meeting together with comments relative to Mr. Hankins' many accomplishments and teaching history.

A motion to accept the Minutes of the 2002 Annual Fall State Membership Meeting was made by Ellen Singer.  
Second: Sandra Thompson **Motion Carried**

Vice President Robert Page commented about the smooth change to a single medal, plus the move to the gold color for both Division I and II medals. He is of the opinion that we are in good shape in the medal department. There are very few plaques in inventory. Mr. Page offered thanks to the Board and the membership, stating that he has enjoyed working with all. He feels that it is time to make a change, considering the arrival of a new son, and is resigning his position.

The Audit Report was presented and the records were found to be in order. Ann Marie Markle moved to accept the Audit Report. Second: Lisa Kiener-Barnett **Motion Carried**

Executive Secretary-Treasurer Edward Jones presented the Financial Report, indicating that the Association had a cash balance of \$29,918.15 as of June 30, 2003. The report was filed for audit.

**Report of the Executive Board:**

President Russell announced State Sites for the coming year and indicated that these will be posted on the Web for membership information.

Recommendations presented by members of the Board were in the form of a Motion and required no second.

Michael Brown moved "that all State Sites offer the option of performing in the Festival Format or Rating Format." **Motion Carried**

Joseph Titus moved "that instrumental groups choosing the Festival Format at a State Site have a time limit of 40 minutes. They may perform 2 or 3 selections with a march being optional for bands." **Motion Defeated**

Ellen Singer moved "that choral groups, including Show Choirs, choosing the Festival Format at a State Site have a time limit of 30 minutes." **Motion Carried**

Edward Jones moved "that, in the Constitution, page 5, change Articles XIV and XV to Articles XV and XVI. Add new Article XIV, Barbara Buehlman Young Conductor Award." **Motion Carried**

Joseph Titus moved "that, in the Constitution, page 5, add new Article XVII, Copyright Laws, "The Illinois Grade School Music Association supports and follows the Copyright Laws." **Motion Carried**

Debra Shofner moved "that, in the Constitution, page 10, add sentence two, Item 6, under Rules Governing Soloists, "No student shall accompany their own solo." **Motion Carried**

Cindy Bridges moved that, in the Constitution, page 10, Rules Governing Ensembles, Item 2, to read "All ensembles with a written accompaniment must be performed with an accompanist unless the accompaniment is listed as optional in the score."  
**Motion Carried**

Edward Jones moved that, in the Constitution, add "E-Print Music may be used," as a last sentence to Item 3, page 9, Rules Governing Solo and Ensemble Contests; to Item 3, page 11, Rules Governing the District and State Organization Contests; to Item 13, page 17, Solo and Ensemble Contest Instructions for Adjudicators; to Item 15, page 19, Organization Contest Instructions for Adjudicators.  
**Motion Carried**

### **Report of the Nominating Committee**

The Report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Committee member Joseph Titus, with recommended nominations for Wesley Russell as President, John Armstrong as Vice President, and the appointment of Edward Jones as Executive Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Kent Norris moved to close nominations.  
Second: Phil Hash **Motion Carried**

Thomas Goodwin moved that the recommended officers be elected/appointed. Second: Don Perrilles **Motion Carried**

### **Old Business**

President Russell directed the members to examine the State Jazz Band Comment Sheet, the Rubric, and Supplement sheet contained in their packet. He supplied information relative to the development of these documents and the intent to use them in coming Contests/Festivals, if approved by the Membership. This material will be placed on the Web and will be available for examination at District meetings to stimulate comment and suggestion for any observed need for change. The Membership will be asked to vote on these documents in 2004 for use in 2005, if approved. One comment from the floor was the suggestion to make the "numbers" read in a consistent manner, that is, smallest to largest.

President Russell announced the Chairpersons of the various committees which are to consider comment sheets for the evaluation of performing organizations, as follows: Band-Deborah Shofner, Jazz Band-Cynthia Bridges, Orchestra-Melissa Schoonover, Chorus and Swing Choir-Ellen Singer.

The names of these people will be listed on the Web and the Membership is urged to forward recommendations to them.

A member asked why the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting were not available, and was referred to the Parliamentary Procedure governing the Association.

A question arose regarding the numbers of students allowed in Choral Ensembles. The member was informed of requirements indicated in the Constitution.

Joseph Titus, member of the Nominating Committee, presented the Recommendation that the Executive Secretary-Treasurer be awarded a 5% salary increase for the coming year, and that the President and Vice President be given the percentage increase in salary based on that of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, following the adopted formula. In addition, he recommended that the Clerical Assistant stipend be increased by 5% for the coming year. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Ann Marie Markle. Second: Katherine Janssen **Motion Carried**

### **New Business**

The State Contest/Festival Five-Year Calendar was examined, with no conflicts being noted.

The date for the Annual Fall State Meeting for 2004 was recommended to be the last Monday in September, September 27. After establishing that no major conflicts exist, Robert Page moved that the 2004 Annual Fall State Meeting be held on Monday, September 27, 2004. Second: Ellen Singer **Motion Carried**

Edward Jones recommended that the Membership Fees due date be placed one week earlier than that currently established, indicating the advantages for the operation in his Office. Following discussion which included many indications of problems with such a change, no action or motion ensued.

President Russell explained the various Forms and the Constitution which appear on the Web of the Association. He urged members to utilize the access to these documents.

### **Motions From The Floor**

John Armstrong moved that instrumental groups choosing the Festival Format at the State level have a time limit of 40 minutes. Second: James Shaw **Motion Carried**

Joseph Titus moved that concert bands choosing the Festival Format at the State level may perform either two or three selections, with a march being optional. Second: Michael Lahey **Motion Carried**

Phillip Hash moved that Organizations may perform two or three selections at the State Festivals. However, Organizations electing to perform only two selections will not be eligible for "Honors" status. Second: Robert Page **Motion Defeated**

Sandra Thompson moved that the Executive Board Meeting minutes should be printed and read for the Membership at the Annual Fall Meeting held on the Monday following the Executive Board Meeting. Second: Edward Winkler In discussion following the motion, President Russell reminded the Membership that the Association is governed by *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* by Alice Sturgis, as indicated in current Article XV of the Association *Constitution and By-Laws*. In Sturgis, on page 188, Chapter 23, titled **MINUTES**, under the heading **Responsibility for Minutes**, appears the sentence "Minutes of a board or committee meeting are available only to members of the board or committee." **Motion Defeated**

Phillip Hash moved that Orchestras may choose to perform two or three selections at State Festivals. Second: Victor Pazik **Motion Carried**

### **Other**

President Russell announced to the Membership that Sandy Thompson will be retiring from teaching at the end of the school year. He acknowledged her contributions to the Association as former President and to music education. The Membership responded with applause of appreciation.

Joseph Goble moved to adjourn the 65th Annual Fall State Meeting of IGSMA at 11:50 A.M. Second: Robert Page **Motion Carried**

Edward Jones  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer