

**ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION**  
**Northern Division**  
**66th ANNUAL STATE FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Monday, September 27, 2004**  
**Maria's Restaurant - Morris, IL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The 66th 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 10:02 A.M. by President Wesley Russell. President Russell welcomed the membership in attendance to the meeting and introduced the members of the Executive Board, who were enthusiastically acknowledged by the membership.

Following an introduction and descriptive comments regarding her career accomplishments, John Armstrong, Chairperson of the Cloyd Myers Memorial Award Committee, presented the 2004 Award to Lisa Kiener-Barnett. Mrs. Kiener-Barnett offered thanks to the Committee for the Award and appreciation for the nominations from her peers. She further indicated that working with such dedicated professionals has been a privilege.

The Barbara Buehlman Young Conductor Award was presented by Committee Chairperson, Lisa Kiener-Barnett. Mrs. Kiener-Barnett made introductory comments, indicating that the Award had been presented earlier at a local function, before acknowledging the 2004 designee, Chip De Stefano. Following the reading of his impressive biographical data, Mr. De Stefano expressed appreciation for the Award.

A motion to accept the Minutes of the 2003 Annual Fall State Membership Meeting was made by Cynthia Bridges.  
Second: Peggy Bonner **Motion Carried**

Vice President John Armstrong reported on the status of medals and plaques in inventory at his office, commenting that a revised accounting represents more accurate numbers.

The Audit Report was presented and the records were found to be in order. A motion to accept the Audit report was made by Gerry Romack. Second: Linda Stokowski **Motion Carried**

Executive Secretary-Treasurer Edward Jones presented the Financial Report, a copy of which had been placed in the packets for the members. The detailed report indicated total assets of \$27,154.29. The report was placed on file for audit.

**Report of the Executive Board:**

In preparation for consideration of the Resolutions forthcoming from the Executive Board, each member's packet contained a copy of them. In addition, each member was presented with a copy of the current Constitution and Bylaws for their convenience in considering the Resolutions.

The Resolutions presented by members of the Executive Board were in the form of motions and required no second:

**Presenter** Melissa Schoonover

Constitution: Page 1, Under Article III ó Membership add to the end of second paragraph, **No memberships will be accepted after December 31<sup>st</sup> for the current school year participation. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Wesley Russell

Constitution: Page 1, Under Article III ó Membership Paragraph four, change Music stores to Corporate Membership as follows: **Corporate Membership shall be allowed in IGSMMA, allowing them to receive all mailings. They shall be listed in the membership directory. The membership fee shall be \$75.00. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Wesley Russell

Constitution: Page 4, Article IX ó State Contest Sites, **Eliminate** and renumber Articles accordingly. **Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Michael Brown

Constitution: Page 4, Under Article X ó Communications, Replace Sentence 2 with, **A State Contest/Festival information packet will be presented to the directors of organizations receiving a Division I rating at the District Contest. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Wesley Russell

Bylaws: Incorporate **State Festival throughout the document. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Wesley Russell

Bylaws: Page 6, Under Districts, Item 2 6 Add new sentence 2 **The District Chair shall, in turn, notify the State Office of new memberships. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Wesley Russell

Bylaws: Page 6, Under Districts, Item 7 6 Change sentence 2 to read: **District directors and administrators are encouraged to attend the Annual State Fall Meeting to assist in the forming of policies and business for the current year. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Wesley Russell

Bylaws: Page 6, Under Districts, Item 10, New language: **Immediately upon conclusion of a District Organization Contest, the Contest Host shall fax the results of said contest to the Secretary-Treasurer. The results shall include a full summary sheet of adjudicators' scores and final ratings, using the forms provided. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Wesley Russell

Bylaws: Page 7, Under Contests-General Information, Awards: **Add Festival Awards Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Michael Brown

Bylaws: Page 7, Under Contests-General Information, Eligibility, Change Item 6 to read: **A student may participate in only one concert band, one orchestra and one jazz band. Exception: An instrumental student may participate in two concert bands, two orchestras or two jazz bands provided the student performs on two different instruments. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Ellen Singer

Bylaws: Page 7, Under Contests-General Information, Eligibility, Add new Item 76A **student may participate in 2 choruses provided the choruses are of different types (i.e.: treble, boys, mixed) and one swing/show choir. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Wesley Russell

Bylaws: Page 7, Under Contests-General Information, Eligibility, Add new Item 86 Add new sentences: **Directors shall forward a list of those students participating in two groups indicating instruments played and/or types of choirs. At the District level, the list shall go to the District Chairs. At the State level, the list shall go to the Secretary-Treasurer. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Wesley Russell

Bylaws: Page 7, Under Contests-General Information, Eligibility 6 Add new Item 9- **An organization may elect to perform "For Comment Only" at a District Contest in which case Eligibility items 6, 7 and 8 above do not apply. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Deborah Shofner

Bylaws: Page 8, Under Contests-General Information, ENTRY FORMS (CARDS), **Eliminate all wording after the first paragraph. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Joseph Goble

Bylaws: Page 9, Under Rules Governing Solo and Ensemble Contests, add new rule #9 (renumber remaining rules accordingly) **Unpublished original compositions will be allowed in Contests. A full score is to be presented for the use of the adjudicators. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Joseph Goble

Bylaws: Page 9, Under Rules Governing Solo and Ensemble Contests, add new rule #10 (renumber remaining rules accordingly) **When performing a composition at Solo and Ensemble Contest for which a full score is not available, the director is to prepare a full score for the use of the adjudicator and include a letter from the publisher/music supplier indicating that a score does not exist. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Wesley Russell

Bylaws: Page 9, Under Rules Governing Soloists, Item 1, Sentence 26 Change to read: **The Suggested Solo List is available from the Secretary-Treasurer. Eliminate Sentence 3. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Wesley Russell

Bylaws: Page 11, Under Rules Governing the District and State Organization Contests, All Organizations, Add new Item 4 and renumber accordingly: **No organizations shall warm-up in homerooms or the performance room. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Ellen Singer

Bylaws: Page 12, Under Rules Governing the District and State Organization Contests, Section Band, Jazz Band, and Orchestra, add new rule #7, **The performance of a piano part by an adult in an instrumental organization shall not be allowed at Contests/Festivals. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Ellen Singer

Bylaws: Page 12, Under Rules Governing the District and State Organization Contests, Chorus, Swing/Show Choir, Item 3, Sentence 1 to read: **Choral organizations shall be classified by grade level and must have a minimum of 16 members.** Item 3, Sentence 3 to read: **Voicing of the choir shall be indicated on the choral adjudication sheets as either treble, boys or mixed. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Wesley Russell

Bylaws: Page 13, Under District Contest Procedure, Item 6 change to read: **Immediately upon conclusion of a District Organization Contest, the Contest Host shall fax the results of said contest to the Secretary-Treasurer, using the forms provided. The results shall include a full summary sheet of adjudicators' scores and final ratings. Organizations receiving a First Division rating at the District Contest are eligible to compete in the State level contest. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Wesley Russell

Bylaws: Page 13, Under State Contest Procedure, Item 16 Change Sentence 1 to: **Immediately following the District Contests, all directors receiving a Division I rating will receive a State Contest/Festival packet including a registration form, which must be completed and returned to the State Secretary-Treasurer's Office. Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Joseph Goble

Salaries: The salary of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer be increased by 5% for 2004-05 to \$8750.00, with the President at \$3500.00 and Vice President at \$4375.00. **Motion Carried**

**Presenter** Lisa Kiener-Barnett

Salaries: The clerical stipend be increased by 5% to \$4813.00. **Motion Carried**

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

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Edward Winkler, Chairperson, with the recommendation nominations of Wesley Russell for President, John Armstrong for Vice President and the appointment of Edward Jones as Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Winkler asked if there were nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he moved to cast an unanimous ballot for the persons nominated. **Motion Carried**

### **Old Business**

President Russell asked members present to examine the copies of Rubrics for Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra and Choral which had been prepared by the Executive Board for use by judges at State Contests/Festivals. During discussion, the indication was made that the Rubrics, though intended for State level use, could be used at the District level if desired. Linda Stokowski moved that all Rubrics be accepted as presented. Second: Scott Sampson **Motion Carried**

### **New Business**

The State Contest/Festival Five-Year Calendar was examined. No conflicts were noted.

State Contest/Festival dates for 2005 were announced as April 22/23 for Band, Orchestra and Choral. April 28/30 were set for Jazz Bands.

The Annual Fall State Meeting date of September 26 was announced for 2005.

### **Motions From The Floor**

Chip De Stefano moved that at the State Contest/Festival level, sites be organized as either a dedicated State Contest Site or as a dedicated State Festival Site. Second: Beth Lehner **Motion Defeated**

Bob Siemienkowicz moved that electric instruments be allowed to perform the bass line by bands in contest. Second: Deborah Shofner **Motion Defeated**

John Armstrong moved that on Page 8, Entry Cards, change the heading to "Entries" followed by District Chairpersons shall provide entry information and procedures to all participating members. District Chairpersons shall not accept entries completed improperly or on incorrect forms. Second: Ellen Singer **Motion Carried**

Bob Siemienkowicz moved to allow concert bands to use the electric bass guitar in Organization contests. The band director will secure arrangement permissions if a convertible bass line is not supplied. Judges will be notified of these changes at contest. Second: Deborah Shofner Following discussion regarding the use of electric bass and convertible bass lines, the motion question was called by the President. A ballot vote was declared. Ballots were distributed and 62 voting members were identified. A two-thirds vote is required. Ballot voting resulted in 29 yes, 31 no with three abstaining, not meeting the 42 votes required. **Motion Defeated**

### **Other**

More questions were received asking for clarification regarding types of choral groups and what literature can/should be done. These questions were in reference to Page 12, Item three under Choir/Swing Choir. President Russell shared his interpretation of the rule and suggested that, if a change is desired, this would be an ideal time to do so.

Doug Braa addressed the membership, sharing information about the plight of the Troy School District Music Program. His concern, among others, is how a "night" or non-school sponsored organization can compete in contest. President Russell indicated that the Executive Board will consider this situation and potentially make provisions, if needed.

President Russell urged all in attendance to communicate with those members unable to attend and share information provided while urging them to read the correspondence.

Joseph Goble moved to adjourn the 66th Annual Fall State Meeting of IGSMA at 12:25 P.M. Second: Melissa Schoonover **Motion Carried**

Edward Jones  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer